

# Orlestone Parish Council

## Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006

**Present:** Andrew MacBean (in the Chair), Anita Hollowday, Adam Colton, Mandy Mount, Ian Kirkland (who arrived during Planning), Keith Taylor, and the Clerk.  
**Apologies:** George Sparks, Sebastian Barrow, David White and Ward Councillor Peter Davison.  
**Also present:** Aileen Hicks.

**Minutes of meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** These were approved. The notes of the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October about Local Needs Housing were filed with the minutes, with one amendment.

**Councillors' Interests:** None were declared.

Matters arising

- (a) **Provision of new allotments:** no progress this month.
- (b) **Parking in Bunkley Meadow:** it was agreed that there was nothing OPC could do as they had already raised their concerns with the relevant authorities, and ABC had no funds to implement a residents' parking scheme.
- (c) **Parking in Orlestone View:** no further complaints had been received.

### Finance

<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Balance 22nd September</b>	<b>6,264.88</b>
<b>Add</b>	Second half of Precept & Concurrent Functions grant 6,697.60	
<b>Less</b>	Victory Hall Funds 12.00; Clerk's Pay & Expenses 1,168.89; D. Cardno 25.00; Hamstreet & District Tennis Club (profit from coaching) 18.00; Doug Cardno 25.00	
	<b>Balance 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>11,713.59</b>

**Cheques to approve:** Current Account: Doug Cardno 25.00; Victory Hall Funds 12.00; No 2 Account: I.G Pilcher (drainage works final payment) amount to be finalised; Maybourne & Russell (floodlighting) amount to be finalised.

<b>Deposit Account</b>	<b>Balance 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>10,093.14</b>
	<b>Add</b>	Interest 19.91
	<b>Balance 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10,113.05</b>

<b>Orlestone Parish Council No.2 Account</b>	<b>Balance 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>6,126.78</b>
		No transactions last month

<b>OPC Youth Club Account</b>	<b>Balance 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>5,165.14</b>
		Statements every three months

### Spending for remainder of 2006-7

Several requests had come in from good causes in the village and it was agreed to offer £1,128 to the Victory Hall for a new floor in the alcove of the hall; £600 for the Friends of St Mary's for mowing the churchyard; £600 for Ducklings playgroup for play

equipment; £150 for Xscape the newly created drop-in centre for young people in the Church Hall; £200 for a plaque giving a brief history of Hamstreet to go on the bottom of the Village Sign. It was also agreed to provide a new seat by the village sign – estimates would be obtained. Two new rubbish bins would be requested from ABC at OPC's expense – one by the bench in Bunkley Meadow and the other by the Military Canal on the road where there were litter problems.

### **Budget 2007-8**

The Clerk would circulate a draft budget to be approved at the next meeting.

### **Planning**

Two planning meetings had been held since the last meeting at which the following applications had been discussed.

**Application 06/01844/AS. Eastwell, Hamstreet Road.** Extension and alterations to form first floor accommodation with dormer windows and balconette, and the erection of a double garage. It was agreed to support this application.

**Application 06/01769/AS Denshaw, Ashford Road.** Proposed two-storey rear extension and conservatory. It was agreed to support this application.

**Application 06/0254/AS 46 Bournemouth.** Loft conversion to provide one room in existing roof space. It was agreed that it would not to support or object due to heavy precedent.

**Application 06/01853/AS Falstead House, The Street.** Erection of two dwellings. It was agreed to object to the application very strongly, to ask ABC to consider the application at committee and to ask one of the Ward Members to support OPC's request.

### **Regular Planning Meeting**

It was agreed to hold regular planning meetings on the second Wednesday of every month in the Church Hall, unless there were no applications to consider. The first one would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

### **Statement by Adam Colton**

AC made a statement outlining his reasons for having considered resigning after the previous council meeting. He apologised if his article in the parish magazine had cause offence to any councillors; that had not been his intention. He expressed his intention to stay on the council for the time being.

**Police Matters: Community Warden:** he had been active in the village.

**Vandalism:** there had been a few incidents this month which had been brought to the attention of the warden and police.

### **Sports and Leisure**

**Floodlighting:** this was now complete and being used most evenings. The cost to hire the MUGA was £10 per hour, £15 with floodlighting.

**Drainage of Pound Lees:** the approval of the Environment Agency was awaited before the final payment could be made.

**Pavilion:** a survey was being conducted to establish demand for a new pavilion in the village.

**Tennis Club:** coaching was still taking place for adults and juniors.

## **Highways and Drainage**

**Bus Stop on Ashford Road by Bankside:** efforts would be made to resolve this matter.

**Hedges:** Highways had been informed of the problem hedge overhanging the pavement. It would be followed up with a complaint about the weeping willow on the same property.

**Drainage problems:** works were being done by Highways to resolve this.

**School Light:** this had finally been fixed.

**Tenterden Lorry Signs:** Highways would be asked for a progress report.

**Southern Water Track:** the Clerk would contact Southern Water;

**Leak on allotment site:** this had been reported.

**New lights on Warehorne Road:** this would be raised with Highways again.

**School Parking:** the promised improved signage works would be chased up.

**Administration:** the Risk Assessment was complete. Works to the notice board and the bus shelter were needed and should be completed soon.

**Village Map:** the progress of this would be established by the Clerk.

**Local Needs Housing:** after a meeting with Charlotte Lonsdale of ABC Housing it had been agreed to ask English Rural Housing Association to make a presentation to the councillors. This had been fixed for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall.

**Fireworks:** the display had been very successful. MM asked that her thanks to Kevin Miller, Jason, the landlord of the Duke's Head, Dick Travers and Clifford Baldock in particular be recorded, but also the many other villagers who had been so helpful in putting together the display. Over £1400 had been raised for the next display.

## **Public Participation**

The landlord of the pub attended briefly to answer any queries from members of the public about the changes to his licensing hours. None had attended.

**Pub Licensing Hours:** the landlord had applied for an extension to 1am on Fridays and Saturdays. Anyone who wished to object should contact James Haan, the licensing officer of ABC before 20<sup>th</sup> November. OPC had not been consulted and chose not to send in an objection.

MM and AH made their apologies and left at 9.30pm.

## **Correspondence:**

KAPC mailing; Minutes of Parish Forum; NALC journal; Kent Highways information leaflets; Play Strategy for ABC; Towards 2010: how does it affect you?; Minutes of KAPC Ashford Area Committee; Promoting Kentcarshare in your parish; ABC Youth strategy; ERHA Report & Review; Natural England (name change from English Nature); KCC Guide to Development Contributions and the Provision of Community Infrastructure – consultation document; Wickstead Mailing; Interaction; CPRE Mailing;

Countryside Alliance Love your Post Office; Letter from Friends of St Mary's; Letter from Victory Hall Committee.

**Any other Business**

**Allotments**

An allotment holder had made a request for a financial contribution to be made to move soil from Pound Leas to the allotment site. It was agreed not to do this.

**Hedge on Pound Leas**

KT reported that since the hedge had been reduced in height the car park had been better used.

**Date of next Meetings:** Planning: 7.30pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Church Hall;  
Local Needs Housing: 7.30pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November Victory Hall; Full Council:  
7.30pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Victory Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.40 pm**