

Orlestone Parish Council

Planning Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 2nd October 2006

Present: Andrew MacBean (in the Chair), Anita Hollowday, Adam Colton, Mandy Mount, Ian Kirkland, David White and the Clerk.

Apologies: George Sparks, Keith Taylor, Sebastian Barrow and Ward Councillor Peter Davison.

Minutes of meetings held on 4th September: These were approved.

Councillors' Interests: The Chairman declared an interest in the Old School House Takeaway License Appeal as a near neighbour.

Application 06/01734/AS Rosedale, Marsh Road. Proposed first floor extension to single storey bungalow with Velux and dormer windows. It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it would lead to the loss of a smaller affordable property in the village, in agreement with the Aims for Future Development No. 9 on Page 14 of the Village Design Statement. There were also concerns that the resulting building looked top heavy and could benefit from better design, particularly of the frontage which is in a very visible position on the main road entering the village.

06/00834/AS Old School House. To provide a take-away and delivery service. Notice of receipt of appeal to be considered at a hearing. Comments previously could be modified, added to or withdrawn at this stage by writing in triplicate to the Planning Inspectorate. After discussion it was agreed on a vote three to one with two abstentions not to change the response of OPC.

Application 06/01388/AS 5 Bankside. Application for Lawful Development Certificate. – Proposed use – erection of conservatory to rear of property. Planning Permission is not required.

Decisions: 06/01378/AS The Gaer, Ashford Road. New roof over rear extension. Permission is granted.

06/00725/AS Old School House. Conversion of loft space to living accommodation. Granted.

06/01394/AS Costcutter, The Street. Advertisement application for illuminated fascia sign as part of new ATM. Refused.

06/01386/AS Costcutter, The Street. Installation of an automated teller machine. Granted.

06/01419/AS Poplar Farm, Hamstreet Road. New window in bricked up opening. Granted.

New Applications 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; and **Application 06/01769/AS Denshaw, Ashford Road.** Proposed two-storey rear extension and conservatory. It was agreed to postpone consideration of these until a Planning meeting could be arranged within the next week or so.

Meeting closed 8.10pm.

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Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 2nd October 2006 following the Planning Meeting

Present: Andrew MacBean (in the Chair), Anita Hollowday, Adam Colton, Mandy Mount, Ian Kirkland, David White and the Clerk.

Also Present: Two members of the public.

Apologies: George Sparks, Sebastian Barrow, Keith Taylor and Ward Councillor Peter Davison

Councillors' Interests: None declared.

Matters arising

(a) Provision of new allotments: the landowner had decided he did not want to allow OPC to use his land for allotments owing to the potential weed problem. However, there were two further possibilities of acquiring land which could be considered, but would take some time to develop as they depended on other matters beyond OPC's control..

(b) Cotton Hill House: a letter had been received from ABC about the Warden's request to stay on in her accommodation, pointing out the reasons why her case was not justified.

(c) Parking in Bunkley Meadow: ABC had been contacted but no response had yet been received as the officer was on leave. The Community Warden would ask the Fire Service to inspect the area for access problems. Cars persistently blocking access could be impounded. The receipt of anonymous letters by relatives of a parish councillor was a matter of concern.

(d) Parking in Orlestone View: the Fire Service had already inspected this area four times and found problems with large vehicles parked overnight.

(e) Parish Boundary Change: this would need approval by ABC, and would then only be implemented after a consultation with affected residents showed there was majority support.

Finance

Current Account

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| Balance 4th September | 7,264.88 |
| Add | Nil |
| Less | Transfer to Deposit 1000.00 |
| Balance 22nd September | 6,264.88 |

Cheques outstanding: Hamstreet & District Tennis Club (profit from coaching) 18.00;
Doug Cardno 25.00

Cheques to approve: Victory Hall Funds 12.00; Clerk's Pay & expenses 1,168.89;
D. Cardno 25.00

Deposit Account

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| Balance 4th September | 9,075.59 |
| Add | Transfer from Current Account 1,000.00 |
| | Interest 17.55 |
| Balance 21st September | 10093.14 |

Orlestone Parish Council No.2 Account

Balance 2nd October **6,126.78**

No transactions last month

OPC Youth Club Account

Balance 1st June **2,941.63**

Add Cash 335.35; 267.32; 179.00; 331.05; 1037.70; 396.69; 447.82

Less Cheques 50.00; 162.00; 320.00; 94.31; 170.06

Balance 1st September **5,165.14**

Budget Report: spending up to 1st October had been less than expected so there was currently a surplus of over £5,000.

Spending Plan for remainder of 2006-7: ideas for spending the surplus were suggested. It was agreed to repaint the bus shelter, replace the broken plastic on the notice board and clean up the pavilion. The Chairman would organise employing someone to do these jobs.

Other ideas were: a grant to the Victory Hall and/or HDSL A for a specific project of their suggestion; a grant to the school kitchen to enable them to provide meals for disabled people in the village; improvement of the street lighting on Warehorne Road by Orlestone View; a decorative plaque for the Village Sign outlining the history of Orlestone; equipment for the Community Warden; a Christmas tree for the village. These ideas would be discussed further at the next meeting, ideally with prices. Further suggestions could also then be made.

Police Matters: Community Warden: Paul Jarman had been visiting the Chairman regularly and had started working late shifts.

Vandalism: there were a number of new problem children in the village. A number of incidents had been reported to the police.

Public Participation

A resident attended to report an accident that had occurred that day on Warehorne Road involving a bus and a lorry. It appeared to have been associated with bad parking. An ambulance had attended.

Sports and Leisure

AGM: Sid Gittens had been appointed Vice-Chair.

MUGA: independent tennis players had been using the courts regularly. There had been enquiries from users outside the village to set up a 5-a-side football team.

Floodlighting: the installation was in progress.

Drainage of Pound Lees: the Environment Agency would have to approve the works before the final payment would be made. Also, the pile of topsoil would have to be removed. The drainage system had coped very well with the recent heavy rain.

Pavilion: a meeting would be held that week at ABC with an officer to help fill in the application forms for the lottery grant.

Tennis Club: coaching was taking place for adults and juniors, subsidised by the Tennis Club which had received the £500 grant from KCC via County Councillor Mike Angell.

Social play had been less well attended recently so it was decided to suspend it until spring.

Highways and Drainage

Bus Stop on Ashford Road by Bankside: ABC had agreed that OPC should carry out any necessary works;

Hedges: a letter had been sent to the resident with a hedge overhanging the footpath on the Street with no success. It was agreed to forward this to Highways to ask them to do the works and charge the resident;

Drainage: there were ongoing problems with drainage at the bottom of Ashford Road and Bunkley Terrace. This would be reported to Highways;

School Light: this would be reported again;

Tenterden Lorry Signs: this would be followed up;

Southern Water Track: no progress this month;

Bollards on Warehorne Road: the damage to these would be reported.

Administration: the risk assessment was nearly complete.

Communications: Welcome Pack: the amended version was now available for distribution.

Newsletter: this would be produced soon.

Victory Hall: the works on the extension were proceeding well.

Local Needs Housing: it was agreed on a vote to ask ABC to try and find a suitable site to build 10-12 local needs housing units. Any site suggested would have to be approved by OPC.

Fireworks: the display would go ahead on Saturday 4th November on Pound Leas, bonfire 6pm, fireworks 6.30pm. If dry the spectators would be allowed on the field. If wet the spectators would have to stand on the car park like last year. Permission had been applied for from ABC to close the car park from noon. The police would be informed of the event. Soup and jacket potatoes would also be available this year.

Youth Club: with the onset of autumn the children would be kept indoors during the Youth Club from now on.

Village of the Year: Hamstreet was Commended in the Young People, Building Community Life and Older People sections.

MM and AH made their apologies and left at 9.40pm.

Orlestone View Footpath: the construction of this was proving difficult. OPC would monitor the situation.

Surgery Patients' Participation Group: the extension of the surgery had been delayed because the decision to support it now had to be made by the newly formed East Kent Primary Care Trust rather than the Ashford PCT. This meant that the Hamstreet proposal would also be in competition with proposals from Dover and Shepway.

Pub Licensing Hours: a resident had brought concerns to OPC about the plans of the pub to install a marquee with a disco over the Christmas period. The Licensing and Planning Enforcement Officers of ABC had already visited the pub. The publican attended and was asked to encourage his customers to be considerate of the neighbours when leaving the premises late at night.

Correspondence:

Ball Games in Lancaster Close: a resident had registered her continuing concern about this. It was agreed to write to her pointing out that OPC had no powers to control this. Letter from residents supporting Indian Take-away; ACRK funding for new parish plans & Notice of Annual Meeting; Southern Water Drought Update; Housing News; Defra Rural Services review; Parish News; Kent Highways Circular Roads1/2006 "Setting Local Speed Limits"; Letter from Maybourne & Russell re. delay to installation of MUGA floodlighting; Letter from resident re. brown & green glass recycling; Letter from ABC re. Clear-up of waste after parish events (eg fetes, dog shows etc).

Any other Business

Recycling Cardboard: a resident had enquired whether there could be a cardboard recycling bin in the car park. ABC do not currently collect it but supermarkets do, and it can be deposited at the dump. It will also be taken away by the bin men if left out on collection day.

Glass Recycling: clear, brown and green glass can be recycled at Pound Leas. If there is no brown glass container then brown glass should be placed in the green glass bin.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 6th November at 7.30pm Victory Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm