

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 4th July 2016 in The Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Present: George Sparks (Chairman), Michael Wady (Vice-Chairman), David Lancaster, Mags Wellsted-Boorman, Vicky McKissock, Andy Othen, Tony Isted, Steve Shorter and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

Also Present: Borough Councillors Aline Hicks, 'Brad' Bradford and eight members of the public.

The Chairman explained that this was the monthly Parish Council meeting and not a meeting to discuss the Draft Local Plan. It was hoped that a public meeting could be held so proper discussion on the proposals for Hamstreet that were in the Local Plan could be discussed.

1. Apologies: None noted.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (relating to items on this agenda made in order to comply with the Kent Code of Conduct): There were none made at this point from Councillors present.

Declarations of Significant Interest (relating to items on this agenda made in order to comply with the Kent Code of Conduct): There were none made at this point from Councillors present.

Declaration of Members Other Interest (relating to items on this agenda made in order to comply with the Kent Code of Conduct). None were made at this point from Councillors present.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016: *Items for discussion only; no decisions can be made under this agenda item* Andy Othen proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th June 2016 be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman of the meeting; Vicky McKissock seconded this proposal.

4. Matters Arising From The Minutes Of The Meeting Held on Monday 6th June 2016:

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- Michelle Bryne at ABC had provided a draft flyer/questionnaire concerning the 106 funding resulting from phase 2 at Lancaster Close. This has been circulated via email to members; copies were made available to those present. The Chairman asked that comments on the flyer be passed to the Parish Clerk during the next week after which Michelle would be having it printed.

5. Reports From KCC Community Warden & PCSO Andrew Hoodless: None Provided.

6. County/Borough Councillors' Reports:

Borough Councillor Aline Hicks: reported that she had received concerns about the woodland area at Burnt Oak Wood in Malthouse Lane/Birchett Lane. The land was being cleared of trees by the owner and there were concerns that it was dangerous for walkers. During a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would highlight these concerns to Ashford Borough Council.

7. Members Reports including updates From The Festival of Transport, Community Defibrillator, Telephone Kiosk:

Highways: Michael Wady reported that he had recently completed a walk-around the village with a Kent Highways Engineer; the road by Ham Lees Farm had now been repaired. Concern about vegetation growing up onto the footpath leading to the school and the emergency exit at Lancaster Close had been passed on to ABC. Various drains in the village had been cleared however it was noted that during a recent thunderstorm there had been a lot of surface water running through the village.

During a brief discussion it was noted that road lines put in at Bournemouth were different than before – Mike Wady is to check. Borough Councillor Aline Hicks is to investigate the outcome relating to issues around the unplanned drainage pipe from Lancaster Close in to a privately owned field

Festival of Transport & Music on The Marsh: Mags Wellsted-Boorman reported that due to bad weather the show had made a loss. After careful thought it had been agreed that no further shows would take place. This difficult decision has been made due to the lack of new volunteers offering help; the same few people having the responsibility of running it. Discussion would take place on where any remaining funding would go. She thanked everyone for their help and was pleased that funds raised had been put back into the village without which the Sports Pavilion would never had been built.

Telephone Kiosk: Andy Othen explained to those present that with the help of a resident the the unused red telephone kiosk by Bournemouth Stores was to be turned into a small lending library. The process would be completed following the end of a 90 day consultation period.

Community Defibrillator: Andy Othen explained that talks were continuing with the Community Heart Beat Trust concerning the provision of a defibrillator.

8. ABC's Draft Local Plan 2030: Update From Information Session Held by ABC on 29th June in Victory Hall; Review Meeting with Simon Cole, Discuss Response to Consultation:

Update of ABC's Information Session: This had been well attended with no pause in visitors during the whole period. The vast majority of those attending had been negative about the site opposite the primary school (s31) being included in the Local Plan.

Review: The Chairman explained that under the Landmark Housing and Planning Bill the Government's ambition was to deliver one million homes; this being to rectify the shortfall in homes. The Government had said that Borough Councils must produce local plans for new homes in their area by 2017 or they will produce one for them.

Kent had been allocated some 158,500 new homes to be built over the next 20 years. Some 18,560 in Maidstone, 15,600 in Thanet, 16,000 in Canterbury and 29,500 in Medway.

Ashford has been allocated 14,680 new homes to be built between 2011 and 2030. To date some 2,481 have been built, leaving a net target of 12,200 additional dwellings to be completed by 2030.

There is no longer a higher level plan that pre-determines the amount of development each part of the Borough should deliver.

In April 2014, a consultation session was held in Hamstreet to discuss sites put forward for possible development. The outcome of this consultation resulted in two sites being put in the Draft Local Plan – Site 31 opposite the primary school next to St Mary's Close and Site 30 at Parker Farm at the end of Orlestone View. A 100% negative feedback had been received from those who had attended the consultation session in April 2014 for Site 31. At Parker Farm the proposed development of 22 dwellings had been reduced to 10.

Response to Consultation For The Draft Local Plan: The Chairman highlighted that a response to the consultation was being prepared. So that the Parish Council could reflect the views of residents they would circulate a survey seeking opinion on Site 31

KALC Local Plan Presentation Evening: 13th July: An invitation had been received to attend a presentation evening on 13th July at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre. This will go over key issues of the Local Plan; it will not be site specific. During a brief discussion, George Sparks, Mike Wady, Andy Othen, David Lancaster, Tony Isteed and Peter Davidson put their names forward to attend.

Discussion: Members of the public present were invited to make comments. During discussion concern was expressed about the location of Site 31 and the affect this would have on Ashford Road. Existing problems with parking, traffic congestion and access to homes were highlighted.

The Chairman drew attention that until the Draft Local Plan had been released the Parish Council had no idea what sites would be chosen to be in it and following its release had requested information as to why the other sites put forward in Hamstreet had been rejected. This information was made available to those present. It was noted that the Parish Council had not been involved in discussions with the developer who wished to develop the land on Site 31. Instead they had logged their objections to the site being included in the Local Plan. It was noted that although the proposed developer had contacted the Parish Council in January 2015 wishing to discuss their proposals; the Parish Council had not been in correspondence with

them and had not had met them; believing that discussions for the site were speculative until it was agreed whether or not site 31 would be in the Local Plan.

The discussion concluded with the Parish Council agreeing that they would help organize a Public Meeting to discuss Site 31 and they would circulate a survey to obtain the opinion of residents to Site 31. The Clerk was asked to find out when Victory Hall would be available to rent for the proposed public meeting so that a meeting could be organized.

9. **Planning: Update/Applications Received:** *During this agenda item most of the members of public left.*
Application No: 16/00946 11 Bunkley Meadow, TN26 2HQ – Proposed two storey side extension
(revision to approved materials on application no 15/00541).

Comment: None made.

Update

Application No: 16/00662: 5 Bunkley Meadow, TN26 2HQ – Proposed single storey front extension and garage conversion.

Permitted: By Ashford Borough Council

BREAK

A break was taken from the proceedings to allow for informal questions/comment from members of the public present (this break was not minuted)

10. Finance: Update, Authorisation of Cheques:

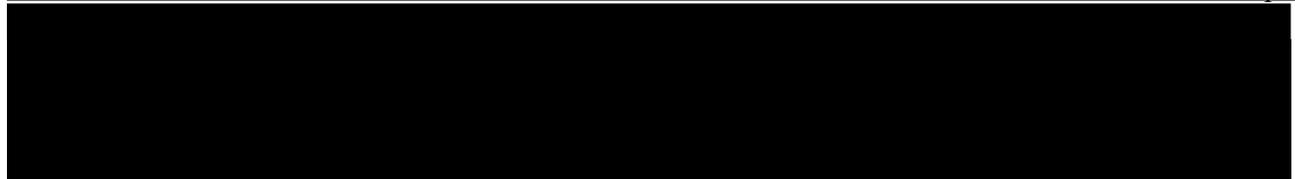
Parish Council's Website: A reminder had been received that the Parish Council's domain is due to expire at the end of July and will need to be renewed. Those present agreed that it be renewed.

Budget Review: was circulated to those present.

Authorisation of Cheques: Andy Othen proposed the following cheques be authorised for signature; Tony Isted seconded this proposal which was agreed by those present. It was agreed that the Chairman could authorise cheques requiring signature before the next meeting. It was highlighted that the gardener (Dave Collins) had been repairing one of the noticeboards in Forge Gardens and that this would soon be available to use.

Computer: Mags Wellsted-Boorman highlighted that the Parish Clerk was working with a laptop that had reached its expiry date and had become extremely slow. During a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed that it be replaced and that a budget of around £600 be allowed for it. Andy Othen is to make arrangements for its purchase.

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11. **Any Other Business Approved by the Chairman:** *Items for discussion only no decisions can be made under this heading.* Items of correspondence had been circulated to members via email prior the meeting, these included details concerning the Electoral Review of Ashford, details concerning a workshop being run in Maidstone concerning Dementia Friendly Organisations and updates regarding Section 106 funding.

12. **Date of Next Meeting:** Planning Meeting: 18th July 2016 at 7.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting: 5th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting Concluded 9.44pm

Chairman: