

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th June 2016 in The Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Present: George Sparks (Chairman), Michael Wady (Vice-Chairman), Vicky McKissock and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

Also Present: Peter Davison.

1. **Apologies:** had been received from Steven Shorter (working) Mags Wellsted-Boorman (working) and Andy Othen (away); David Lancaster (working) those present agreed that these apologies be accepted. Apologies had also been received from Kent County Councillor Mike Angell, Borough Councillors Gareth Bradford & Aline Hicks (attending other meetings) and PCSO Andrew Hoodless.
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 AGM: Monday May 9th 2016**

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting Held on Monday 9th May 2016: Vicky McKissock proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman of the meeting; Michael Wady seconded this proposal.
4. **Matters Arising From The Minutes Of The AGM: Monday 9th May 2016:**

Items for discussion only; no decisions can be made under this agenda item

 - Dark Skies – no further updates had been received.
 - There had been no response from the Victory Hall Committee asking if they would like a representative from OPC to sit on it.
 - A representative from FA Bartlett Tree Expert Company had visited Pound Lees and felled the dead tree as requested.
 - A response had been received from the Chairman's letter to Simon Cole concerning the possible inclusion of land opposite Hamstreet Primary Academy in the Local Plan. On behalf of Simon Cole who is on paternity leave, Ian Grundy responded saying *'The council has so far looked at a number of possible site allocations around the Borough for inclusion in the new Local Plan and obviously that has to be based on a number of different factors. At this stage I can only state that the Council will be making final decisions about possible sites to be included in the draft plan at the Cabinet meeting on the 9th June. Following that meeting there will be an eight week consultation period...'*
During a brief discussion concern was expressed about the possible inclusion of the plot of land opposite Hamstreet Primary Academy.
5. **Parish Councillor Vacancies: Co-Option:** No interest had been made in the vacancy to date.
6. **Reports From KCC Community Warden & PCSO Andrew Hoodless:**

PCSO Andrew Hoodless reported via email that:

 - He would be carrying out speed checks in the area on the weekend of 11th June.
 - On 18th May a theft of an iPad was reported by someone who had left it unsupervised.

- On 3rd May an attempted break-in took place at Ruckinge Road/Meadowview Farm. Following an area search a vehicle was stopped and a male was arrested for ‘going equipped to steal’.
- He planned to attend the Festival of Transport on Sunday.

Following the meeting a belated report was received from Community Warden Kathy Carter (attached)

7. **County/Borough Councillors’ Reports:** None provided.

8. **Members Reports including updates From HDSL A, Highways & The Festival of Transport**

Highways: Arrangements were being made for a representative from Highways to do a walk around the parish. Mike Wady reported that various problems had been highlighted to Officer Colin Garnam who unfortunately did not have the authority to authorise any works. Notice had been received that surface treatment work will commence on Saturday 11th June at Bourne Lane. Micro-Asphalt will be used

Festival of Transport & Music on The Marsh: Mike Wady reported that various attractions had been booked with three groups playing on the Saturday evening and bar arrangements had been made. The local Scouts would be helping on Sunday with parking arrangements and attractions booked included the Essex dog display team, a lurcher display and a falconry display. The website www.hamstreetfestivaloftransport.co.uk provided details.

9. **‘Adopt a Kiosk’ – Andy Othen:** It was noted that the consultation period was ongoing.

10. **Defibrillator for Village: Update** No further updates.

11. **Play Areas in Hamstreet – Ref 106 Funding Update:** The Parish Council’s contact with ABC concerning the 106 funding is Michelle Byrne (originally it was Mike Grant who left ABC, then SallyAnne Logan who moved to another position). Due to personal reasons Michelle had taken leave; consequently the consultation leaflet asking for views on the play areas in the village and where funding should be spent had not been drawn up.

In March SallyAnne informed members that funding set aside in the 106 agreement for sport related activities could be used to repair/replace the surface of the MUGA on Pound Lees. It was requested that three quotations be sent to ABC for this work. Two have been received and passed on, another is in the process of being drawn up. An application for 106 funding has now been received, this has been passed to Graham Woodcock.

Funding is also available in the 106 agreement for allotments, ABC have been informed that the site by the railway station is too small. During a brief discussion it was agreed that Michelle be asked if funding for gates and fencing to the existing allotments could be provided.

12. **Correspondence:** The following items had been received:

- An enquiry had been received from a resident regarding Japanese Knotweed that could be seen in the waterways in the village. This information had been sent to ABC and the Environment Agency. ABC had responded saying that this was an Environmental Agency watercourse and that it was neither owned nor maintained by ABC. The Environmental Agency had responded saying that they do not carry out invasive species surveys and it was outside their remit. Following the EA’s response it was highlighted that ABC thought that they were responsible for the waterway and they were invited to send a representative to the village so that the matter could be discussed.
- An invitation to become a member of the Friends of St Mary’s Church had been received; this will cost £25 for the year. Those present agreed that membership continue.
- Notice of the AGM of the Friends of St Mary’s Church being held on Monday 20th June at 6.30pm.
- Notice of St Mary’s Church’s Flower Festival being held on 23rd & 24th July from 10.30am to 4.30pm



15. Any Other Business Approved by the Chairman:

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- It was understood that the drains had been cleared, the ditch by Bournemouth Stores still had to be cleared.
- It was noted that there was a burger van parked on the corner of Ruckinge Road near the junction to Bourne Lane was causing an obstruction: the Clerk is to inform PCSO Hoodless.
- Johnsons Corner: needed trimming, a request would be made to gardener Tom Body

16. Date of Next Meeting: Planning Meeting: Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30pm (if necessary)
Parish Council: Monday 4th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Concluded 8.31pm

Chairman:

Hamstreet - Area Report for June 2016 from Community Warden

Dear Mr Chairman

Coffee morning at Hamstreet – I still attend this event when I can. It is very useful as it does generate a bit of work for me as there are often issues that need solving so is well worth the visit.

School – I have changed my day at the school as they go swimming on a Tuesday so I now go on Friday morning.

Safety in Action – next week there will be 2 weeks of Safety in Action to be held at the Rare Breeds Centre at Woodchurch. I will be attending this event next week and the following week I will be on annual leave.

I try to get to your area at least twice a week usually on a Tuesday and Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues.

Kind regards

Kathy Carter
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