

## **Section 106 Funding raised through the building of the second phase of Lancaster Close**

1. £30,492 would be provided to the NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent
2. £134,291.19 would be provided to County Council for
  - a) £124,744.20: provision of additional secondary school places in the Borough.
  - b) £1,584.87 on the purchase of library books.
  - c) £152.75 on enhancing local community facilities.
  - d) £7,809.38 on youth services
3. £15,000 to Network Rail to be spent on the provision of a train line crossing at Hamstreet Station.
4. £145,695 to spent on informal natural green space, play space, allotment and outdoor sports pitches:
  - a) £37,785 provision of, improvement to and maintenance of informal/natural green space.
  - b) £72,160 on provision of, improvements to and maintenance of children's and young people's play space.
  - c) £17,820 on the provision of, improvements to and maintenance of allotments
  - d) £17,930 on the provision of, improvements to and maintenance of outdoor sports pitches

### **Section 106 Funding for Children's Play Areas in Hamstreet**

History: In May 2014 Orlestone Parish Council contacted Ashford Borough Council wishing to be involved in the discussions concerning 106 expenditure Hamstreet. They were informed that all funding had been allocated except funding under item 4 (above). It was suggested that a working group be formed with representatives from the community so discussion on what item 4 could be spent on could be explored.

Those sitting on the working group consisted of representatives from Orlestone Parish Council, Victory Hall Management Committee, Hamstreet & District Sports and Leisure Association, Ashford Borough Council and a resident who had experience in providing play areas.

During the first meetings a wish list for various areas in the village was drawn up.

Ashford Borough Council then indicated that the funding in 4(a) & 4(b) could only be spent on one area. The committee decided that there should be a survey conducted to ascertain which of the play areas was the most popular in the village so a choice could be made where the funding should go. There then followed a period where surveys were presented and rejected by Ashford Borough Council, however they eventually produced their own simple questionnaire which was circulated in the village.

Since May 2014, personnel dealing with the project at ABC moved on and replacements were appointed, this caused delays and a lack of continuity.

Ashford Borough Council have agreed to hold an exhibition at the Victory Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 2pm to 8pm, they will have staff in attendance who will answer any questions and will provide options on how the funding can be spent.

### **The View of Orlestone Parish Council:**

Lancaster Close Play Area: Ashford Borough Council are responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. If the 106 funding is used here what will happen when the funding has gone? Is there a possibility that ABC will find this play area unsustainable due to a lack of future funding and decommission it? If the 106 funding is to be spent here, ABC need to ensure that they will continue to invest in it and maintain it for the foreseeable future.

Victory Hall Play Area: The Victory Hall Management Committee (VHMC) have looked after this area successfully for nearly 50 years. If funding is provided to the VHMC, it will be used to its full potential and the play area will continue to serve the community for many more generations.