

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 7th November 2016 in The Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

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

Also Present: Kent County Councillor Mike Angell, Borough Councillor Aline Hicks and five members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** None received.

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). It was noted that Mags Wellsted-Boorman was the secretary for the HDSL A and the Chairman is Vice-Chair of the Hamstreet Branch of the Royal British Legion.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October 2016: Andy Othen proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman; Steve Shorter seconded this proposal.

Planning Meeting held on 17th October 2016: Mags Wellsted-Boorman proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman of the meeting; Mike Wady seconded this proposal.

4. **Matters Arising From The Minutes Of The Meetings Held on 3rd and 17th October 2016:**

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

Section 106 Funding: It was reported that there had seemed to be a steady stream of visitors during the open session held in Victory Hall on Wednesday 2nd November. Results from the survey are due in from Ashford Borough Council this week.

During a short discussion disappointment was expressed about how the session had been organized by Ashford Borough Council. It was thought that the vision/draft plans showing how Victory Hall could one day look, confused those who had attended and questions that had been previously raised had not been addressed. It was also highlighted that one representative from ABC attending was new and the other had only been in the 'loop' for a couple of months.

8. **Reports From Representatives of the Community:**

Kent County Councillor Mike Angell: began by expressing disappointment that feedback from ABC's open session concerning the 106 funding had not yet been received. He reported that KCC's autumn budget revealed that £53 million of savings had to be found. Concern had been raised about speeding in villages and the effects that various developments in Ashford in particular at Chilmington, were going to have. A committee had been formed to discuss these issues and would be reporting to the Joint Transportation Board.

Borough Councillor Aline Hicks: reported that she too felt that the session held by ABC to discuss the Section 106 funding had been confused with the display of suggested plans for the future of Victory Hall. Cllr Hicks highlighted that the improvements at the South Water Sewage Works in Warehorne Road were being undertaken due to expected growth of 187 dwellings between 2015 to 2025 in the area. Cllr Hicks concluded by highlighting ABC's purge on waste recycling.

During a brief discussion following Cllr Hicks report it was agreed that a note be put on the Parish Council's website highlighting waste recycling rules.

PCSO Dan Smith: An email has been received from the new PCSO whose name is Dan Smith; he and his colleague; PCSO Chanell Howe will be covering Hamstreet and will attend meetings when they can.

- 9. Issues with Street Lighting:** The Clerk had contacted ABC concerning the necked street lights in Hamstreet asking for an update. The following information has been received from Chris Miller, Parking, Highways and Transportation Team Leader at ABC.

'A short while back ABC conducted a safety audit on all of the lamp columns we are responsible for. As a result some were found to be in a condition that either required immediate repair. Many of these columns were but others were cut down or 'necked' due to their state.

You are most likely aware that KCC are currently upgrading all of their light stock to L.E.D. across the county and started with Ashford Borough. In addition to this ABC have secured funding to replace many of our footways and amenities light to the same specification and the work will in time be conducted by KCC. In addition any lights not deemed necessary for safety or movement reasons will be offered to parish councils to maintain should they wish to keep them in situ. Full details of this can be found on the ABC website in the cabinet report for June 2016.

We realise it is something that is causing questions to be asked as it is taking time to sort out, but as I'm sure you understand with over 40 parishes the works programme will need to be spot on before it commences in order to ensure each and every parish receives the same level of recognition.

The project is currently sat with Jo Fox, Health Parking and Community Safety Manager who is currently in the throes of identifying an officer to manage the project from start to finish. Meetings with KCC are planned in the very near future.'

During discussion it was noted that Mike Wady had met with representatives from ABC to discuss this issue and it had been highlighted to him that it was unlikely that the 'necked' lamp posts would be replaced this winter as priority was to be given to LED lighting. The Clerk was requested to contact Jo Fox at ABC highlighting the issues with the 'necked' street lights. Cllr Angell agreed to bring these issues to the attention of Jo Fox. *Peter Davison Arrived.*

10. Members Reports:

Firework Display: Mags Wellsted-Boorman: Thanked everyone for all their help. The evening had been a great success but committee members were concerned about how large the event had become and the safety issues that related to this. These concerns will be discussed at their next meeting and a way forward will be agreed.

Highway Issues: Mike Wady: Reported that all drains had been cleared for the time being. The sign located in the garden by the old bakery had been cleaned and could be seen more easily but it was not lit up and there were plans to have it moved. It was noted that there were overgrown trees from a house in Ashford Road that were blocking the path. It was agreed that the owner be requested to trim them back.

Twinning: David Lancaster: Had been in contact with Therouanne via email but had to date not received a reply.

Christmas Tree: It was reported that a village Christmas Tree will be placed by Victory Hall.

- 11. Planning:** There had been no new applications or updates.

Future Planning in the Village: ABC's Draft Local Plan 2030

Update – Omission Sites: Following the planning meeting held on 17th October a letter was sent to Geoffrey Crabtree thanking him for attending and noting that the Parish Council were favourable of the scheme for the omission site ALP/1834 (land behind Ashford Road/Warehorne Road) and consider it as an alternative to developing Site 31 (land opposite Hamstreet Primary Academy).

In Geoffrey Crabtree he noted:

- They will be objecting to Site 31; he had met with Simon Cole and raised concerns.
- He is taking advice as to how the affordable housing could be made available for local needs and the Government help to buy scheme.
- They are actively looking into the possibility of direct access for the Academy to the new playing field facility should the Academy wish to take up the offer of it and the public footpath will be re-routed.

- The existing screening along Warehorne Road frontage will remain and their highway consultants have been asked to re-align the access to prevent light intrusion on Prospect Cottages.
- They are happy to meet to discuss funding towards a new village hall and will be in touch to discuss possible dates for a public presentation of their plans.

During discussion it was agreed that any future public presentation should be held in Victory Hall. It was highlighted that Peter Davison (OPC Planning Adviser) thought members should meet with Hallam to discuss their scheme for Site 31; there were questions about its affordability that needed to be raised and how the school traffic would be accommodated. It was agreed that the Clerk contact them and invite them to a Parish Council meeting.

Correspondence: The following items had been received:

- Various emails had been received concerning the planning application for the lifts/bridge over the railway line. These had highlighted issues with lighting, noise and design of the lift towers. These had been replied to and a copy of the Parish Council’s response to ABC had been provided; this supported the application but concerns regarding the design, noise and lighting were highlighted along with the concern about the lack of disabled access via Lancaster Close.
- Romney Marsh & The Romney Marsh Partnership: In July a letter had been received from Roger Wilkins the Chairman asking that he or his representative attend a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss plans and their work. Unfortunately to date he has not been able to attend a meeting due to previous engagements. During a brief discussion it was agreed that he or a representative be invited to the Parish Council’s meeting in February or if unable to attend their Annual Assembly in April.
- Briefing Notes had been received from the Leader of ABC concerning recycling in the borough and details of ‘Aspire’ the Borough Council’s Landscape Management Company.
- A leaflet concerning ‘Transforming Health and Social Care’ in Kent and Medway
- An invitation to attend the CPRE’s AGM being held on Friday 18th November at 2pm at the Lenham Community Centre. A list of outings which are being organized by the CPRE had been received; Clerks and Councils Direct magazine was made available to those present.
- Feedback from the recently held Parish Forum (7th September): presentations held during it included information on ‘Aspire’; Lorry Parking/Highways; Broadband; Challock Village Boundaries; Better Health & Care in East Kent;

12. Finance: Update, Authorisation of Cheques:

Budget Review: was circulated to those present.

Authorisation of Cheques: Andy Othen proposed that the following cheques be authorized. David Lancaster seconded this proposal.

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13. Any Other Business Approved by the Chairman:

Items for discussion only, no decisions can be made under this heading.

Johnsons Corner: It was highlighted that the flag post was handing sideways. The Chairman is to correct this and inspect the area – he will let the Clerk know if the gardener needs to tidy the area up for Remembrance Sunday.

Village Defibrillator: Andy Othen highlighted that he had been in touch with the Community Heart Beat Trust and learnt that the funding available had gone; he now exploring alternative funding solutions.

Armistice Day: The Chairman highlighted that there would be a 2 minutes silence on Friday 11th November at 11am by the village flag pole.

Questions to the Parish Council. The Chairman reminded the members of public present that asked that any questions that members of the public wished to raise be given to the Parish Clerk seventy two hours, prior the meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Planning Meeting: Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.30pm (if necessary)
Parish Council: Monday 5th December 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting Concluded 9pm

Chairman: