

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th February 2017 in The Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Present: George Sparks (Chairman), Michael Wady (Vice-Chairman), Andy Othen, Mags Wellsted-Boorman and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

Also Present: Kent County Councillor Mike Angell, PCSO Daniel Smith, Peter Davison (Parish Council's Planning Adviser).

1. Apologies: had been received from Steve Shorter (working away), Tony Isted (unwell), Vicky McKissock (working), it was agreed that these apologies be accepted. Apologies were also received from Borough Councillors Aline Hicks and Gareth Bradford who were attending a meeting at ABC.

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 HDSLAs and the Chairman (George Sparks) is Vice-Chair of the Hamstreet Branch of the Royal British Legion.

It was agreed that agenda item 5 be brought forward to enable PCSO Daniel Smith to give his report as he had to leave early to attend another meeting.

5. Report From PCSO Daniel Smith: Daniel reported that over the Christmas and New Year period there had been break-ins and problems with youths; details were made available on the Neighbourhood Watch page on Facebook. He had been doing speed checks in Hamstreet and parking issues around the primary school and in Lancaster Close had been brought to his attention. Daniel asked that any problems be logged via the non-emergency number 101.

Following PCSO Smith's report, Cllr Angell highlighted that there was a campaign taking place to have the speed limit reduced along Warehorne Road. The Chairman highlighted his concern about the lifts that were to be put in at Hamstreet Train Station and requested that when they were in place they be included in regular patrols. Mags highlighted that there had been an issue with a dog attacking another and questioned if this dog should be muzzled in public; Daniel highlighted that this issue was one concerning the dog warden. *PCSO Daniel Smith left the meeting.*

3. Minutes of the Last Meetings:

Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 2016: Mags Wellsted-Boorman proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman; Mike Wady seconded this proposal.

Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2017: Andy Othen proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman; Mags Wellsted-Boorman seconded this proposal.

Firework Committee Meeting held on 28th November 2016: Andy Othen 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.

Festival of Transport Meeting held on 28th November 2016: Mike Wady proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman of the meeting; Andy Othen seconded this proposal.

4. **Matters Arising From The Minutes Of The Meetings Held on 7th & 16th November 2016:**

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

Street Lighting: Borough Councillor Aline Hick reported (via email) that the issue of the 'necked' street lights in Hamstreet was being pursued by ABC officers. *'They are in contact with "Designs for Lighting" who are carrying out the inventory validation and survey work and have confirmed they are fast tracking the analysis of the necked lights. They have a certain methodology to go through to ascertain whether or not these lights fit the criteria for KCC adoption. If they don't then a discussion will need to be had about parish adoption or permanent removal.'*

Funding to Victory Hall Play Area: It was noted that a meeting was to be held on Friday 24th February at 1.30pm in Victory Hall for initial discussion concerning the 106 funding for the play area at Victory Hall.

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

Kent County Councillor Mike Angell: reported that Bethersden Parish Council had raised concerns about the traffic speed along the A28 and the impact that the building at Chilmington would have on the road. He understood that these issues were being investigated and others concerning traffic speed in other areas; he was involved in discussions to try and find a way that funding could be made available. During discussion it was highlighted that the flashing speed signs were sometimes more effective than speed restrictions. Cllr Angell concluded by highlighting that the KCC budget would be taking place later that week.

Following Cllr Angell's report, Peter Davison highlighted that there was an online petition to have the speed reduced on single track rural roads, it was agreed that this be circulated to members. *Cllr Mike Angell left the meeting.*

6. **Members Reports:**

Highway Issues: Mike Wady highlighted that a missing gully drain had been reported. The Chairman had meet with Borough Councillor Aline Hicks who had reported that ABC had agreed that they were responsible for the ditch by Bournewood Stores.

It was highlighted that an email had been received from Richard Highgate (Drainage Engineer); he was happy to attend a site meeting regarding the ditch that run alongside Bournewood Stores. He had reported that KCC had dug the head wall out before Christmas and that KCC were not in a position to upgrade the pipe as it would increase the water flowing back up towards the houses. The Clerk was asked to organise a site meeting with him.

HDSLAs: Mags reported that the stair lift in the pavilion had been repaired and was now fully functioning. The group had secured a grant from Comic Relief which would go towards a new pump. A new digital lock had been put on the bar room door to make it secure.

Twinning: is to take place on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July. A small information note had been placed in the Parish Magazine and two residents had already put their names down as wishing to attend. The Chairman asked that thought be given to a gift. Mags is to make enquiries into transport provision.

Community Award: During a short discussion a notable community spirited resident was agreed as being an ideal recipient. Mags is to make arrangements for this person to attend the Annual Assembly being held on 3rd April. The Chairman is to make enquiries about the provision of a presentation board so that the names of all those who had received the community award could be noted on it.

Festival of Transport: The Committee had now ceased and their only obligation being to use the funds that had been raised. These will be spent for the benefit of the community. The show was being taken over and would be run as a limited company who had promised that their contribution to Hamstreet would be that they would fund the OAP Christmas Meal.

7. **Planning: Updates:**

Planning Application No 17/00081: The Gables, Birchett Lane, TN26 2ED – Proposed first floor rear extension.

Planning Application No 17/00101: St Thomas Cottage, Birchett Lane, TN26 2ED: Proposed first floor rear extension

10. Any Other Business Approved by the Chairman: *Items for discussion only, no decisions can be made under this heading.*

- Mike Wady: Highlighted that the flag pole at Johnsons Corner needed replacing. The Chairman is to investigate the provision of a new pole.
- Mags: Highlighted that the road by the train station was dangerous, with various vehicles parked along it. She suggested that the train station's car park be used, the Clerk is to contact Costdan who were doing the work and put this suggestion to them.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Planning Meeting: 20th February 2017 at 7.30pm
Parish Council: Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting Concluded 9.41pm

Chairman: