

## SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2016 in Shorne Village Hall**

PRESENT Mr J Bugg (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr D Hart  
Mr R Cooper  
Mr G Dent  
Mr R Lane  
Mr M Redfern  
Mrs S Lindley  
Miss P Clifton  
Mr R Theobald (for latter part of meeting)

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr B Sweetland

ALSO IN Mr R Gagg, Harlex Haulage Services  
ATTENDANCE

#### **73 Report by Mr R Gagg on the Lower Thames Crossing**

Mr Gagg had been invited to attend the meeting to give Council the benefit of his previous experience with the protest in 1989 against the High Speed Link. He tabled several press cuttings, leaflets etc related to this. He talked about the action taken at that time by Longfield Action Group, which was set up. The action taken became a community exercise and a social occasion with fund raising events.

Mr Gagg gave a brief history of his company, Harlex Haulage Services, where they have thirty-six employees and twenty-two lorries. The High Speed Link was to run straight through the quarry. At the time, the Sunday Times contacted him and the issue was publicised. The line was diverted from the quarry.

Although the deadline for responses to the Option C Lower Thames Crossing is 24 March 2016, nothing will be done until 2018/2019. Mr Gagg asked Steve Davies from the Lower Thames Crossing for a diagram of the properties that will be affected by Option C, which he has received but was not very clear so he is going to try to get a larger more detailed map. He suggested a trailer down in Park Pale on the way to the golf club in the flat area, for advertising. He offered a car trailer with a frame on it about 8ft by 4ft which the Parish Council could borrow. This will be delivered to Mr

Bugg's residence. He thought of putting one on the footpath at Park Pale but did not pursue this as he was advised that this could be a traffic hazard.

Mr Gagg reported that his son, Richard, would be quite happy to show Parish Councillors around the site at Harlex.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gagg for attending the meeting.

**74 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2016**

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

**75 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**76 Crabbles Bottom (56)**

Mr Lane had nothing further to report on this. Mr Redfern reported that volunteers had cleared part of the meadow. Another day is planned for clearance. He is also delaying the planting of apple trees. He is proposing to talk to the Kent Trust for their advice and expertise.

**77 Shorne Mead Level Crossing (57)**

Mr Theobald will email KCC to remind them to modify the Definitive Map and will keep this under review.

**78 Lower Thames Crossing (58)**

As reported under Minute 91(a), Mr Theobald has sought the Council's authority to take information further with Environmental Lawyers and Consultant Road Engineers. Mr Theobald reported that three solicitors were recommended for the scoping exercise and one is situated in Maidstone. Following a discussion, the Chairman asked members if they knew of anyone, to come forward with names within the next seven days. Mr Redfern will also ask the CPRE if they have any recommendations.

It was agreed that a Steering Committee, consisting of Mr Theobald, Mr Bugg, Mrs Lindley and Mr Lane, should be formed to consolidate matters in relation to the protest to Option C of the Lower Thames Crossing for the organisation and delivery of letters etc. Other members are also to be invited to their meetings.

Mr Theobald reported that he spoke to two Borough Councillors for Meopham regarding holding a public meeting at the church in Meopham.

It was also agreed to ask Mrs B Pooley if she would co-ordinate the delivery of leaflets in the village and Shorne West Wards, leaving Mr Lane to organise the printing of letters etc.

**79 Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (59)**

A report from Mr Theobald is awaited.

**80 Park Pale (60)**

Mr Lane reported that it has been quiet since Christmas. Mrs Lindley reported that the previous Friday, there had been some noise in the village from motorcycles.

**81 Neighbourhood Plan (61)**

Nothing further to report.

**82 Boundary Review (62)**

Documentation has been received from the Boundary Commission. The Parish Council's comments were noted. Higham Lane, Shorne and Shorne Ridgeway will still be part of Shorne Rural and Shorne West will become part of Gravesend East. Cllr B Sweetland will still be Shorne's County Councillor. The boundaries are purely for County Council elections only.

**83 Website (63)**

Mr Redfern reported that he would like to place videos on U-Tube and could audios be put up. Mr Lane will look into this.

**84 Report by County Cllr B Sweetland**

No report.

**85 Planning & Highways Committee**

Mrs Lindley reported that:-

- (a) The white lining has been carried out outside the Country Park.
- (b) A letter has been sent to the Head at Shorne C of E School regarding the inconsiderate parking by parents. The school will be sending this out to parents.
- (c) She raised the issue at Ringland with the Planning Dept and was advised that this fell within committed development.

- (d) The Planning Dept will in March 2016 no longer be circulating hard copies of planning applications to Parish Councils. She had written to Mr Clive Gilbert expressing the Parish Council's disapproval and reasons for this. A reply has been received from Mr Gilbert. Mr Bugg reported that all the other parishes were also against this change in procedure.
- (e) There has been a notice displayed by the Caravan Club to site up to five caravans at Warren Farm. Mr Theobald has had a look at this. Council agreed to oppose this in the absence of further details.

## **86 Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee**

- (a) Clean for Queen (66g)

The Parish Council will be holding this on Saturday, 5 March 2016 in the parish. Everyone to meet at 10am in the Village Hall Car Park.

- (b) Trees at Chestnut Green (66d)

Following KCC's tree surgeons having severely cut back one of the chestnut trees, Mr Lane sent an e-mail requesting an explanation from KCC. A reply has been received.

- (c) Tree at Shorne Common Rough (66e)

The tree is still being investigated by members. Mr Redfern reported that the tree may be more substantial than first thought as it is an oak tree. Morgans Timber is to be asked if they could remove the tree free of charge so that they can have the wood.

- (d) Recreation Ground (66h)

Council has received an e-mail from Aaron McCall, manager and joint owner of Saturday Rochester & District League men's side Rochester City Football Club, seeking use of the Recreation Ground. Mr Theobald will draft a reply, advising that the Parish Council, as landlords would decline the request.

## **87 Meetings of Outside Bodies**

- (a) Local KALC Meetings

Mr Dent reported that the meeting arranged for the previous Tuesday was cancelled and will now take place in early March.

## **88 Purchasing a New Computer**

This is to be placed on the Agenda of the next Council meeting.

**89 Finance**

(a)	Talk Talk (Paid by DD)	Account (Feb'16) VAT	£ 33. 23 <u>£ 6. 65</u> £ 39. 88 =====
(b)	Talk Talk (Paid by DD)	Account (March'16) VAT	£ 33. 29 <u>£ 6. 66</u> £ 39. 95 =====
(c)	Shorne Scouts (Paid into Barclays)	Peppercorn Rent	. 05
(d)	Shorne Football Club (Paid into Barclays)	Peppercorn Rent	£ 1. 00
(e)	The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.		
	Viking Direct	Paper & Pens VAT	£ 44. 44 <u>£ 8. 89</u> £ 53. 33 =====
	Viking Direct	Cartridge for Printer VAT	£ 36. 99 <u>£ 7. 40</u> £ 44. 39 =====
	Geerings	Photocopier (Nov/Dec/Jan) VAT	£ 12. 80 <u>£ 2. 56</u> £ 15. 36 =====
	Smith of Derby	Servicing of Church Clock on 11.1.2016 VAT	£190. 00 <u>£ 38. 00</u> £228. 00 =====
	Mr B Lane (Harris Screen Print)	1000 Window Cling Stickers re: LTC VAT	£160. 00 <u>£ 32. 00</u> £192. 00 =====

Mr B Lane (Singlewell Stat)	1500 Leaflets re: LTC	£153. 00
Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 18. 09
Mrs T Martin	Salary - Feb' 2016	£800. 60
	Less Tax	<u>- 92. 95</u>
		£707. 65
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 92. 95
	PC's Contributions for NI	<u>£ 18. 99</u>
		£111. 94
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Mrs L Brown	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£ 61. 00
Mrs T Martin	Salary - March' 2016	£800. 60
	Less Tax	<u>- 92. 95</u>
		£707. 65
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 92. 95
	PC's Contributions for NI	<u>£ 18. 99</u>
		£111. 94
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## **90 Correspondence**

- (a) From the Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a donation.
- (b) From Mrs V Martin, at The Outlook, Crown Lane re; Regarding the Need for Another Thames Crossing.

## **91 Matters Raised by Members**

- (a) Mrs Lindley reported that Mr Theobald was seeking Council's authority to take information further with Environmental Lawyers and Consultant Road Engineers on the Lower Thames Crossing. Council agreed to a figure of up to £2,000.00 for Mr Theobald to go ahead with this.
- (b) Attention was drawn to "Wishing Well" which has been installed at the front of Sandpit Cottage at The Ridgeway. Adverse comments have been made by parishioners who think that it is unsuitable.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.