

Parish Council Matters for May

Shorne Parish Council opposes Gravesham Borough Council's Green Belt Review

Shorne Parish Council has written to Gravesham Borough Council urging them to abandon their plan to carry out a Review of Green Belt boundaries in the Borough. The Parish Council regards this Review as totally unjustified and potentially damaging to our parish.

The Parish Council believes that the Review is likely to lead to land within our parish being removed from the protected Green Belt in order to meet possible future housing demand. This will ease the way for developers to obtain planning permission for building wherever they can identify opportunities.

The Council is concerned that the outcome of this Review has already been determined, in view of Gravesham BC's statement that "the Green Belt has been identified as a broad location for future growth and that its boundaries will be subject to review" and that the Review will "provide land for existing and future development".

The Council believes that Gravesham BC should heed the latest national planning guidance and Ministerial statements where a high priority is attached to maintaining and protecting the Green Belt. Government Ministers have made it clear that it is solely a matter for Gravesham BC to decide whether or not it carries out this Review.

The Council has therefore requested that Gravesham BC reviews its future housing needs with a view to reducing their estimate of future requirements if possible and in any event examining alternative options such as the potential for using brownfield sites within the Borough.

The Parish Council intends now to work closely with other local parishes and organisations who have already declared their opposition to this plan in order to press Gravesham BC to reconsider their flawed decision.

Election of Parish Councillors for Shorne

The Gravesham Borough Council returning officer has certified that the following persons have been duly elected Parish Councillors for Shorne without contest.

Shorne Village Ward

John Ronald Bugg
Russell Graham Cooper
Robert Ernest Lane
Susan Geraldine Lorraine Lindley
Robin Neville Theobald

Shorne West Ward

George Dent
David Arthur Hart

Parish Council vacancies

Resulting from the Parish Council Election, two seats remain to be filled on Shorne Parish Council, one in Shorne Village Ward and the other in Shorne West Ward, which need now to be filled by co-option.

The Parish Council will look to co-opt suitable applicants at its meeting on 9 July 2015.

Those persons interested in putting their names forward for consideration should do so by:-

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015

Please apply in writing to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Theresa Martin, at 70 Colyer Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AY, or by email on shorne.parish@yahoo.co.uk, giving details of address, age, local interest and experience relating to local council work.

Shorne Parish Annual Assembly

This year's Assembly will be held on Thursday 14 May 2015 in Shorne Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Roy Dinnis