

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

May 2016

Lower Thames Crossing

The Parish Council has engaged a barrister to provide an initial legal opinion on whether there is a case for mounting a legal challenge on the consultation process under the judicial review procedure. Depending on the legal opinion received, we will then make a decision, along with other local organisations, on the most appropriate way of taking the issue forward.

Parish Council Vacancy

It is with regret that we have to announce the resignation of George Dent owing to ill health. As a consequence, a casual vacancy in the office of Councillor has arisen in the Shorne West Ward of Shorne Parish Council, which will be filled by co-option.

Shorne West Ward includes the following streets:

Astra Drive (odd nos only), Calderwood, Davis Place, Fairfields, Gabriel Gardens, Gazelle Glade, Genesta Glade, Glenrosa Gardens, Judeth Gardens, Marling Way (up to Astra Drive), Michael Gardens, Mollison Rise, Ryecroft, Thong Lane (344 - 356), Vigilant Way (1 – 15 odd nos), and Wykeham Close.

If you would like further information or to be considered for co-option, please write in the first instance to:

The Clerk
70 Colyer Road
Northfleet
Kent
DA11 8AY

Crabbles Bottom

Did you know that the Parish owns about 27 acres of woodland and open meadow between Crutches Lane and the end of Bowesden Lane, bounded by Footpath NS321 and the bridleway beside the Wainscott Bypass? It includes some ancient but rather neglected Bramley apple trees, some mixed hazel coppice, and some meadow areas.

The whole area has a footpath running through it, and the Parish Council has already cleared the path and the area beneath the apple trees. Recently, a small team of volunteers, led by Martin Redfern from Shorne Parish Council, rolled up their sleeves and cut back trees and bushes to provide access to 3 inset meadow areas previously not visible from the main pathway. The area is well worth a visit to explore the woodland and inset meadows.

Martin has plans to develop the area as an amenity for the Parish, perhaps pruning the old apple trees and planting a range of new ones, and would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to help out. Martin can be contacted at meredfern@btinternet.com.

Annual Parish Assembly

Parishioners are invited to attend the forthcoming Annual Parish Assembly at Shorne Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to hear from the Chairman of Shorne Parish Council and other Councillors about what has happened during the previous year, and what is planned for the coming year. It is your opportunity to ask questions and to raise issues of importance to the parish.

We will also hear reports from Bryan Sweetland, Kent County Councillor for Gravesham Rural Division, and from representatives of all the principal local organisations.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th May in the small hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bob Lane
Shorne Parish Council