

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 July 2015 in Shorne Village Hall

PRESENT Mr R Theobald (Chairman)
Mr J Bugg,
Mr D Hart
Mr G Dent
Mr R Lane
Mrs S Lindley

ALSO IN Miss P Clifton, Parishioner
ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr R Cooper

10 Co-Options

Four applications were received for the two vacancies on the Parish Council to be filled by co-option. Following a discussion, Mr Lane proposed Miss P Clifton and was seconded by Mr Bugg for co-option onto the Parish Council for the Village Ward. This was unanimously agreed.

Mr Theobald proposed Mr M Redfern for the other vacancy and was seconded by Mr Dent for co-option onto the Parish Council for the Shorne West Ward. This was agreed by Council.

Miss Clifton and Mr Redfern are to be advised of their appointments and also to ask them to attend the full Council meeting on 24 September 2015 when they will be sworn in.

Sarah Kilkie, Assistant Director (Communities), Gravesham Borough Council is to be advised of the two new co-opted members to Shorne Parish Council.

Mr R Goodman and Mr K Gozzet are to be advised that Council was impressed by the applicants. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful for co-option on this occasion and hope that they will apply again in future if there are vacancies.

11 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2015**

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record, except for the last page, Minute 9(i), last line delete “not”.

12 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- (a) Minute 9(a) - Mr Theobald reported that he is to revisit the site with Kevin Law regarding the footway in Forge Lane where the farmer has trimmed back the hedge but at the base of the hedge, the bank is being eroded onto the footway. This is a recurring problem. The surplus soil needs to be removed.
- (b) Minute 9(c) - Miss Clifton has collected the speed watch equipment from Boughton under Blean Parish Council and has agreed to store this for the Parish Council. KCC has advised that £800.00 has been transferred into the Parish Council’s Barclays Bank Account from Cllr Sweetland’s Grant Fund for the speed watch equipment.
- (c) Minute 9(d) - Mr Theobald reported that he showed Lisa Gillham, the Highways Manager when she paid a visit to Shorne, the problems at the top end of Butchers Hill at Shorne Common where huge puddles occur when it rains which is causing an unpleasant smell.
- (d) Minute 9(h) - Mrs Lindley had referred to the difficulties drivers have, getting off the A2, coast bound at the at the T-junction. It was agreed to keep the matter under review as it is suspected that this only occurs at certain times of the day. The matter needs to be established.

Mr Lane reported that the permanent replacement 'Give Way' sign at the Shorne/Cobham exit from the A2 coastbound carriageway where the slip road meets Brewers Road in Shorne, which was knocked down, has been re-erected.

13 **Crabbles Bottom (88)**

(a) Proposed Works

Mr Lane gave a brief report on the works at Crabbles Bottom as reported to the last Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee meeting.

14 **Shornemead Crossing (89)**

Mr Theobald reported that a letter had been received from the Planning Inspectorate, advising that the exchange of correspondence has now closed. The file has been sent to one of the Inspectors to review the evidence and to make a decision.

15 Lower Thames Crossing (90)

Mr Theobald reported that at the last GROWC meeting, an officer from GBC advised that the new organisation which has taken over the Highways Agency is called Highways England. It is anticipated that another consultation will take place in 2017.

16 Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (formerly the LDF) (91)

The letter on the Green Belt Boundary Review has been sent to Kevin Burbidge, Director of Housing & Regeneration at Gravesham Borough Council and a reply is awaited.

17 Park Pale (92)

Mr Lane gave an update on the situation at Park Pale. He reported that the disturbances at Park Pale have increased but it is nothing as bad as last year. He has also written to PS Dave Crompton about the matter.

18 Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Lane will raise this at the next Council meeting. He reported that Cobham, Meopham and Higham Parish Councils are considering a Neighbourhood Plan.

19 Boundary Review

Mr Theobald reported that the Parish Council has written to the Boundary Commission with the Parish Council's views. Mrs Lindley will circulate this to members.

20 Website (93)

Mr Hart reported that there are some minutes that need to go on the website.

21 Report by Cllr B Sweetland

No report.

22 Planning & Highways Committee

(a) Mrs Lindley reported on planning applications dealt with by members of the Committee under Standing Orders.

(b) Events at Warren Farm

A discussion took place on the Open Farm Event at Warren Farm Barn on Sunday 7 June 2015 regarding the noise nuisance, traffic and parking issues. Several complaints

had been received including one from Mr C Chatten to whom Mr Theobald has sent a reply. A letter had been sent to Mr Gozzet about the issues and a reply is awaited.

A Barn Dance has been scheduled to take place on Friday, 17 July 2015 which is by ticket only. Mr Theobald reported that he had had discussions with the Environmental Health Officer with particular reference to the possible noise nuisance on 17 July 2015. His position is that he received no complaints last year (neither did the Parish Council) and in the absence of complaints there are no grounds for taking any action in advance of the event. Mr Theobald also spoke to the Licensing Officer.

The noise experience of members regarding last year's Barn Dance varied. On balance it was considered, with the exception of certain properties, the noise level was no worse than a neighbour's barbeque.

As such, the Parish Council is not in a position to be able to take any advance action. It was agreed that members of the Council living in the centre of the village would monitor the situation on the 17 July 2015 noting noise levels and parking in particular and if it is considered necessary as a result, the Council will submit a report to Gravesham Borough Council.

(c) Gullies & Potholes

Mr Theobald reported that Lisa Gillham had a look at the blocked gully outside 21 Warren View. Mr Bugg reported that the two gullies in Mill Hill Lane had been marked up awaiting clearing. Mr Lane reported that the gully in Tanyard Hill is blocked

Mr Theobald also showed Lisa Gillham Shorne Crossroads where there is flooding when it rains due to the gully being blocked.

Potholes were also reported at Shorne Common Rough and Woodlands Lane. It was suggested that a feasibility exercise needs to be carried out.

(d) Meeting with Kent Highways

Mr Theobald reported that a meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 30 July 2015, with Kent Highways, with Tony Atherton, Operations Engineer, Gravesham Highways, Transportation and Waste, Kent County Council in attendance, to visit various sites with members. Matters to be drawn to his attention are, amongst others, the lack of "Stop" lines outside the Country Park and flooding in Marling Way due to land form, where some houses are lower than others.

23 Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

(a) Shorne Village Hall Car Park

Mr Lane reported that he has asked John Vilday to cut back the shrubs behind the kerb line, clear the ivy and clean the debris along the kerb line at the car park at a cost of £54.00.

(b) Shorne Common Play Area

Mr Lane reported that he has asked John Vilday to clean the play equipment, strim the vegetation in the play area, cut back the nettles and apply weed killer to the area at a cost of £70.00. This was agreed by Council.

(c) New Notice Board in Thong (96a)

Mr Lane reported that he has asked John Vilday for a quotation to erect the new notice board (as supplied by the Parish Council) in Thong and to cut back the vegetation around it.

(d) Bus Shelter in Tanyard Hill - Refelting of Roof

Mr Lane reported that he has asked John Vilday to go ahead with the works on the bus shelter roof with removing the old and renewing the felt using a bitumen sealer on edges and joints and fit new fascia board over the felt edge at a cost of £152.00. This had been agreed by Council with Chairman's delegated authority.

24 Outside Bodies

There were no meetings of Outside Bodies attended by anyone.

25 Finance

(a)	Kent County Council	Cllr Sweetland's grant for	
	(Paid direct to Barclays)	Speed watch equipment	£800. 00
(b)	Talk Talk	Account (June' 15)	£ 35. 15
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	<u>£ 7. 03</u>
			£ 42. 18
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(c)	Talk Talk	Account (July' 15)	£ 31. 40
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	<u>£ 6. 28</u>
			£ 37. 68
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(d)	Talk Talk	Account (August' 15)	£ 34. 43
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	<u>£ 6. 89</u>
			£ 41. 32
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(e)	H & P Conservation-	First cut of annual vegetation	
	works Ltd	clearance at Crabbles Bottom	£175. 00
	(Paid from Nationwide	VAT	<u>£ 35. 00</u>
	Crabbles Bottom A/C)		£210. 00
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(f)	Landscape Services (Commercial Services Trading Ltd) (Paid from Nationwide Crabbles Bottom A/C)	Initial cut of meadow area - 600m sq at Crabbles Bottom VAT	£2000. 00 <u>£ 400. 00</u> £2400. 00 =====
(g)	Mr R Lane	Received for 2 Litter-pickers @ £8.00	£ 16. 00
(h)	Mrs T Martin	Received Ex-Cash from Mr R Cooper for 1 Litter-picker	£ 8. 00
(i)	The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.		
	Geerings	Photocopier (April, May 2015) VAT	£ 10. 96 <u>£ 2. 19</u> £ 13. 15 =====
	Boughton Under Blean P C	Speed Watch Equipment (ex - Cllr Sweetland's Grant)	£ 800. 00
	Shorne Village Hall	Hire of Hall & Room	£104. 00
	Gravesham B C	12 Litterpickers @ £8.00	£ 96. 00
	Ashby Caterers	Refreshments for Civic Service 28 June 2015	£ 80. 00
	Louise Lawrence	Flowers for Civic Service 28 June 2015	£ 20. 00
	Shorne Parish Council	VAT Paid Back - H & P Conservationworks Work carried out at Crabbles Bottom	£ 35. 00
	Shorne Parish Council	VAT Paid Back - Commercial Services Work carried out at Crabbles Bottom	£ 400. 00
	Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 31. 36
	Mrs T Martin	Salary - July' 2015 Less Tax	£ 800. 60 <u>- 92. 95</u> £ 707. 65 =====

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 T Martin	Salary - August' 2015	£ 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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26 Correspondence

- (a) From Mrs L Hornby re: Village Hall Car Park, drawing the Parish Council's attention to the weeds and the encroaching ivy on the pathway and wall in the area where the eucalyptus tree was cut down on the west side of the Car Park. This has been dealt with under Minute 23(a).

27 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Mr Theobald had raised the matter of a proposed footway at The Ridgeway (similar to Forge Lane) which it was hoped assistance could be obtained from Cllr Sweetland's Grant Fund. It was agreed that residents should be consulted on this. Mr Theobald will draft a letter to be sent to them.
- (b) Mr Theobald had previously reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner in Racefield Close who owns a caravan, about the kerb-line which needs to be realigned. The grass beyond the kerb is being damaged and it is clear that the kerb is being mounted by large vehicles including the refuse freighter. The residents have requested a lay bye. Mr Theobald will produce a drawing of the area. Kent Highways will be requested to see if the works can be put in hand.
- (c) Mr Lane had obtained a quotation from John Vilday for £54.00 to carry out the works at the Village Hall Car Park. Council agreed to go ahead with the works as the price was reasonable. It was noted that the telegraph wires were not within the village hall boundary. Mr Hart reported that he would be unable to attend the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting and asked if Mr Bugg could report to the Committee that the Parish Council has arranged for the vegetation works to be carried out at the Car Park. See Minute 23(a).
- (d) Mr Lane suggested that for identification purposes, the Parish Council should purchase some high viz vests for volunteers and members of the Parish Council. He

had researched prices for this at a cost of £4.30 + .86 (VAT) = £5.16 each. He thought 12 should be purchased with the logo “Shorne Parish Volunteers” and 9 with “Shorne Parish Council”. Council agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

- (e) Mr Theobald reported that the Appeal Hearing for the Land Adjacent to the See Ho Public House will take place at the Civic Centre. He will notify members when a date is received.

26 Matters Raised by Parishioners

- (a) Miss Clifton reported that the speed watch equipment had been used that day, Thursday, 9 July 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.