

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

March 2017

CCTV – Have Your Say

Parishioners may be aware of a number of incidents of criminal damage that have occurred in the village over recent years. In order to try to deter this from happening in the future, the Parish Council is considering the installation of closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras in The Street and other parts of the parish.

Please be assured that any CCTV system installed would be used purely for safety, crime prevention and detection purposes. Its use would be subject to strict procedures to comply with the Data Protection Act, and to ensure that images can only be accessed by authorised personnel and only used for lawful purposes, and would not be retained longer than necessary. Before proceeding, the Council would carry out a privacy assessment and register the system with the Information Commissioner's Office. By law, it would be necessary to display approved "CCTV in Operation" signs in the village.

To assist us in making a decision on whether to proceed, and to help us address any concerns that may be raised, the Council invites parishioners to let us know your views and any comments or concerns you may have. Please write to us at the following address, not later than Friday 28th April 2017:

CCTV Survey
Shorne Parish Council
70 Colyer Road
Northfleet
Kent
DA11 8AY

Alternatively, you can let us know your views by email to shorne.parish@yahoo.co.uk.

Time to Check your Boundaries Please

With Spring approaching, now would be a good time to ensure that trees, bushes, and shrubs on your property are not encroaching or obstructing footpaths and roadways. We would ask everyone whose property is adjacent to roads, pavements, footpaths, etc, to check and trim back any vegetation that may cause difficulties for pedestrians and/or motorists. Please make sure that your trees and shrubs are not obstructing any road and other street signs, or reducing visibility at junctions, etc, and that salt bins, fire hydrants, drains, and other utility manholes are kept clear and easily accessible. If you are concerned about any encroaching vegetation that you see when you are out and about in the parish, please let us know.

Shorne Volunteers Litter Patrol

There is still time to join Shorne Volunteers' Litter Patrol on **Saturday 4th March**. Subject to suitable weather, we will meet up at the Village Hall car park at 09.45 to sort out the teams and equipment, ready for a 10 o'clock start. Litter pickers, black bags, and hi-viz waistcoats will be provided, but please bring your own gloves.

If you would like to join us, please let Bob know at shorne.volunteers@gmx.co.uk or give him a call on 01474 822680.

Speed Watch

Last month, we reported that Shorne Speed Watch team would welcome new volunteers to help monitor and discourage vehicles from speeding through the village, using equipment owned by the Parish Council.

You can register for the Shorne Speed Watch scheme and take the theoretical training and test at: <https://www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk/WIZ-FRONT-GetInvolved-exist-4.php> (Don't worry - repeat attempts are permitted!) After passing the theory test, arrangements are made for volunteers to attend a practical training session run by the Police, before joining the team at the roadside.

Alternatively, if you would just like further information, please email your name and contact details to shorne.volunteers@gmx.co.uk, and the local coordinator will get in touch with you.

Lower Thames Crossing

At the time of writing, the Government has still not yet announced its chosen option for the Lower Thames Crossing, despite it being over a year since the start of the consultation period.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation, and will keep the Parish Council website and Facebook page up to date with any developments. The website can be found at <http://www.shornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk>, and you can visit and leave comments on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/shorneparishcouncil.

Parish Council Meetings in March

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| Thursday 2 nd March | - | Planning & Highways Committee |
| Thursday 16 th March | - | Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee |
| Thursday 30 th March | - | Parish Council Meeting. |

The meetings will start at 7.45pm in the Committee Room in Shorne Village Hall.

Shorne Parish Council Website

On a more personal note, the Shorne Parish Council website is in the process of migrating to a new "WordPress" platform, which should provide greater flexibility and make it easier to access on smart phones and tablets. There will inevitably be a learning period while I get up to speed with the new system, so please bear with me in the meantime!

Bob Lane

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