

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
8 January 2015 in Shorne Village Hall**

<u>PRESENT</u>	Mr R Theobald (Acting Chairman) Mr J Bugg (for part of the meeting) Mr D Hart Mr R Dinnis Mr R Cooper Mr G Dent Mr R Lane Mrs S Lindley
<u>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</u>	Miss P Clifton, Parishioner Mrs A Jeffries, Parishioner Mr Lee Boyson, Shorne Football Club (to sign Lease) Mr David Cater, Shorne Football Club (to sign Lease)
<u>APOLOGIES</u>	for absence were received from Mr M Brett

53 Swearing-In of Parish Councillor

Mr R Lane was sworn in, in the presence of the Clerk.

54 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2014

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

55 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) **Shorne Football Club - Lease (47c)**

The new Shorne Football Club's lease of the Recreation Ground for fifteen years was signed by Mr Lee Boyson and Mr David Cater on behalf of the Football Club and Mr R Theobald and Mr R Dinnis on behalf of the Parish Council and witnessed by Miss P Clifton, parishioner. Council also received the £1.00 peppercorn rent for the year.

Lee Boyson reported that the Football Club wanted to improve the facilities at the pitch as the changing rooms are very small. They had asked the Parish Council previously for permission to increase the size of the changing rooms very slightly.

They have had a very competitive quote of £6,260 to carry out the main construction work and an additional £1500 to tile the complete interior of the building. They believe that once this project is complete they will probably have the best facilities in the whole of the North Kent Sunday League (NKSL), something that they can all feel very proud of and a legacy to be left for adults and children for many years to come.

They have been working closely with Councillor David Turner, regarding a Gravesham CAN Community Grant and on the 12th December 2014 at Shorne FC, he also met with Councillor Dhesi and Jackie Denton, Customer Services Manager at GBC. They were very impressed with the Club's intentions and aspirations for the future of the Clubhouse and they indicated that the Club would receive approximately £3,000 grant money.

The Club is constantly fund raising and seeking grants. Cllr Turner has agreed to a grant of £2,000 and they are seeking grants with other Councillors as well. Mr Theobald reported that he had a very small amount of grant left in his grant allocation.

(b) New Siting of Notice Boards in Thong (48b)

A drawing has been produced by Mr Theobald, showing the site location for the notice board.

56 Crabbles Bottom

Mr Dinnis will provide at the next Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee meeting the estimates and costs for the intended works along the main road at Crabbles Bottom. He hopes to be able to advise parishioners by the end of March as to the areas that have been cleared.

57 Shornemead Crossing

Melanie McNeir at KCC has been in contact with the Parish Council as she is trying to obtain further information regarding the Parish Council's request in 1969 to have the route added to the Definitive Map at bridleway status as it would be helpful to know the basis of this request.

Mr Theobald reported that in the late 1960s Shorne was part of the former Strood Rural District. The Strood archive for the five parishes, including Shorne, was passed to Gravesham following reorganisation after the 1972 Local Government Act. Gravesham has been contacted and Gravesham has now lodged their archive with County Archives (including any material inherited from Strood Rural District). The Parish Council does not know if copies of the minutes were sent to

Strood in the late 1960s and if they became part of the Strood archive. The Parish Council will undertake some research in this area in the hope of recovering any information. This information has been passed to Melanie McNeir.

Further contact from Melanie McNeir advises that she has contacted the Kent Library and History Centre to see whether they have the necessary records and await their response.

Mr Theobald mentioned that many years ago, the Parish Council had a set of minutes bound into a book. He thought that the Parish Council should think about having this done so that the minutes can be archived.

58 Lower Thames Crossing

Mr Theobald reported that he had been contacted by Meridian TV that day. They wished to do an interview with the Parish Council. Mr Theobald will show them the area on Monday, 12 January 2015. Mr Theobald was shown a list of attendees but GBC is not represented.

59 Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (formerly the LDF) (47b)

Nothing further to report. There was a period when there may have been a legal challenge, but this is no longer the case.

60 Report by Cllr B Sweetland

No report.

61 Planning & Highways Committee

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

62 Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

63 Finance

- (a) It was agreed that Mr Hart would check the Parish Council's accounts at the end of the financial year before being handed over to the accountant.
- (b) The 2014 - 2016 National Pay Scales for Parish Clerks have been received from the NALC, which are to be implemented from 1 January 2015. It had been agreed at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 30 October 2014 to pay the Clerk the increase when the new Pay Scales are received.

(c)	Talk Talk	Account (Jan'15)	£ 35. 03
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	<u>£ 7. 00</u>
			£ 42. 03
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(d) The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.

Viking Direct	Cartridge for Printer	£ 60. 49
	VAT	<u>12. 10</u>
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Shorne Village Hall	Hire of Hall & Room	£ 36. 00
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Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 23. 30
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Mrs T Martin	Salary - January 2015	£ 800. 60
	Less Tax	<u>- 92. 12</u>
		£708. 48
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 92. 12
	PC's Contributions for NI	<u>£ 18. 99</u>
		£111. 11
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64 Correspondence

- (a) From the Office of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Kent re: The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Viscount De L'Isle MBE who will be holding his Annual Civic Service at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 11.00 am.
- (b) From KALC enclosing various items of literature re: The Local Government Boundary Commission and Electoral Review of Kent.

65 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Park Pale (47a)

Mr Lane tabled two comprehensive reports on "Motorbike & Car Disturbances in Park Pale" and "Litter on the Verges on the Shorne Approaches and A2/M2 Junctions, which were discussed.

- (d) Mr Lane reported that with regard to the problems in Woodlands Lane, he has spoken to PCSO Dil Gosal about trying to get the CCTV camera re-installed in Woodlands Lane.
- (e) The Clerk wrote to Lisa Gillham, the Highways Manager at KCC about the gullies that are blocked in Mill Hill Lane and also about the flooding at Shorne Crossroads. In order to assist in identifying the gullies, Mr Theobald produced a location plan and photographs which have been sent to her. She has also been advised that there are properties in Crown Lane on the north side of the road opposite Mill Hill Lane which are significantly lower than the road which could potentially be affected by the blockage of the gullies in Mill Hill Lane. The gully blocked in Forge Lane is causing water to flow past it along the gutter and could create a hazard in frosty conditions.

Lisa Gillham has replied that as the Parish Council keeps reporting the problem in the same location, it would appear that there is a drainage defect. She is not aware of the frequency of intervention but it sounds like it is in need of a longer term treatment. She will report the matter to their drainage team and encourage them to tackle the root cause of the issue to reduce future maintenance needs. She will let the Parish Council know the outcome. She will also report the surface water at Shorne Crossroads, get an engineer to inspect and see what can be done.

- (f) With regard to the website, Mr Hart was hoping to start in the New Year. The matter is in hand.

66 Matters Raised by Parishioners

Miss Clifton reported that the Agenda for that evening's meeting was not on the notice board at Chestnut Corner. The Clerk is to check on this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.