

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 April 2017 in Shorne Village Hall

PRESENT

Mr R Theobald (Chairman)
Mr J Bugg
Mr R Cooper
Mr M Redfern
Mr C Rea
Mr R Hardy
Mrs S Lindley
Miss P Clifton

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Lane

74 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 February 2017

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

75 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

76 Crabbles Bottom (59)

Awaiting the invoice for the Wildlife Survey from Kent Wildlife Trust.

77 Lower Thames Crossing (60)

An account had been opened by the Council to hold monies on behalf of Lower Thames Crossing Association. The Parish Council had received a tax form from the bank referring to trading from the account. The Parish Council is entitled to reclaim the VAT on anything purchased a third party would not. Mr Bugg visited Lloyds Bank with a view to transferring the account to the Lower Thames Crossing Association. He was advised that the account will need to be closed, ~~and~~ a new account opened in the name of Lower Thames Crossing Association and the monies then transferred.

Mr Theobald reported that the Leader of GBC and the local MP were asked to go to the House of Commons on 22 March 2017 to meet the Secretary of State for Transport. This was the day of the terrorist attack in Westminster and the meeting did not take place. It was thought that there is now unlikely to be an announcement on the crossing until after the KCC Elections.

78 Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (61)

Mr Theobald reported that there was a meeting the previous week which he attended but there was nothing on the agenda. Figures are still being put together. GBC has to have a new Local Plan in 2019 based on the housing requirements at that time.

79 Park Pale (62)

Nothing further to report.

80 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan (63)

Nothing further to report.

81 Boundary Review (64)

Mrs Lindley reported that this is in another stage.

82 Website (65)

Mr Lane had reported to members that the change to a new WordPress platform by EIS (part of KCC) was not easily accessible. The Parish Council needs to look into the possibility of having a new website built that is more user friendly.

83 Report by County Cllr B Sweetland

No report.

84 Planning & Highways Committee

Mrs Lindley reported that:-

- (a) Four planning applications have been received to be dealt with.
- (b) She had produced a paper on “Protocol on Management of Vegetation encroaching on and Overhanging Highways (including road signs and streetlights) and Footways”. Two parishioners have dealt with the overhanging vegetation but one is still a problem.

- (c) Mr Theobald reported that he had reported the dumped hardcore on agricultural land at Barratts Folly to the enforcement officer. The matter is being investigated by GBC.
- (d) Mr Theobald reported that he had spoken to the enforcement officer at GBC about Nuralite, which is in the parish but the access is via Canal Road through Lower Higham about the number of lorries spreading hardcore where they have no permission. The enforcement officer was visiting the site that week.
- (e) Mrs Lindley reported an accident at Shorne Crossroads on 2 April 2017, involving three cars, with two people injured.
- (f) Mr Bugg reported that the hairdressers in The Street had been broken into on Sunday, 2 April 2017.

85 Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

In Mr Lane's absence, the following was reported.

(a) Pathway Obstruction in Court Wood

Mr Theobald reported that he now has the PDFs and is working on this.

(b) Shorne Common Rough - Chestnut Butts

The chestnut butts have been replaced at Shorne Common Rough by Ian Germaney.

(c) CCTV

There has been some response from parishioners regarding the proposal for CCTV cameras in The Street.

(d) Michael Gardens Landscaping Screen Strip

There has been further information sent to GBC on this. Mr Rea is organising a litter-pick at Michael Gardens from the play area to the field.

(e) Defibrillators

Mr Lane has discussed the possibility of a Defibrillator with the Village Hall Management Committee.

(f) Horses & Off-Road Motorcycles in Fields Between Claylane Wood and Thong Lane

The situation is being monitored and incidents are being reported to the police.

(g) Shorne Common Play Area

Mr Cooper reported that the benches have been installed by Mr Lane, Mr Cooper and Mr Redfern and the work inspected by Mr Bugg.

86 Meetings of Outside Bodies

No members attended meetings.

87 Finance

(a) Talk Talk	Account (March'17)	£ 23. 14
(Paid by DD)	VAT	<u>£ 4. 63</u>
		£ 27. 77
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(a) Public Works Loans Board (PWLB)	12th Repayment on Loan - 24 March 2017 (Paid by Direct Debit)	£1623. 48
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(c) The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.

Geerings	Photocopier - Feb 2017	£ 4. 24
	VAT	<u>£ . 85</u>
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Rory Clarke	Legal Advice re: Lower Thames Crossing	£555. 00
	VAT	<u>£111. 00</u>
		£666. 00
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Earth Anchors Ltd	2 Benches, Fittings & Delivery	£601. 00
	VAT	<u>£120. 20</u>
		£721. 20
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Mrs T Martin	Renewal – Paid Online	£ 41. 66
(Norton Anti-Virus)	VAT	<u>£ 8. 33</u>
		£ 49. 99
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KALC	Subscription	£747. 88
	VAT	<u>£149. 58</u>
		£897. 46

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Ian Germaney (Landscape Services)	Install 7 Chestnut Butts at Shorne Common Rough	£450. 00
Open Spaces Society	Subscription	£ 45. 00
Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 19. 01
Shorne Village Hall	Hire of Hall & Room	£ 84. 00
Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance	Donation	£ 50. 00
Mrs T Martin	Salary - March 2017	£816. 66
	Less Tax	<u>£- 92. 33</u>
		£724. 33
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 92. 33
	PC's Contributions for NI	<u>£ 19. 41</u>
		£111. 74
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Mrs T Martin	Salary - April 2017	£816. 66
	Less Tax	<u>£- 86. 83</u>
		£729. 83
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 86. 83
	PC's Contributions for NI	<u>£ 19. 41</u>
		£106. 24
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88 Correspondence

- (a) From the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance re: the work carried out by them and seeking a £250.00 grant from the Parish Council. Following a discussion, Mr Cooper moved that a donation of £50 be made, which was seconded by Mr Bugg. This was agreed unanimously by members.
- (b) From the Gravesham Citizens Advice Bureau seeking financial support. This is to be discussed at the next full Council meeting.

89 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Mr Theobald reported that the manure from the stables that had been left alongside the roadway at The Ridgeway had disappeared after the last meeting and as a result he had not written to the owner of the stables. The situation would be kept under review.
- (b) Miss Clifton reported that there was someone changing an engine to a car on Chestnut Green. She has checked on this and everything is fine now.
- (c) Mr Rea reported that there was more fly-tipping in Shorne Ifield Road. He will report this.

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