

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

April 2017

Parish Precept

At the Council Meeting on 21st February 2017, Gravesham Borough Council approved the parish precept for 2017/18. The property charges are as follows.

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Total Precept
Shorne	£15.43	£18.00	£20.57	£23.14	£28.28	£33.42	£38.57	£46.28	£26,740
Cobham	£10.49	£12.24	£13.99	£15.72	£19.24	£22.74	£26.23	£31.48	£10,590
Higham	£33.18	£38.71	£44.24	£49.77	£60.83	£71.89	£82.95	£99.54	£77,541
Luddesdown	£34.28	£39.99	£45.71	£51.42	£62.85	£74.27	£85.70	£102.84	£5,350
Meopham	£17.79	£20.76	£23.72	£26.14	£32.62	£38.55	£44.48	£53.38	£81,688
Vigo	£89.94	£104.93	£119.92	£134.91	£164.89	£194.87	£224.85	£269.82	£96,646

It should be noted that parish precepts vary according to the services and facilities provided by the parish, and the mix and number of properties in each band in the parish.

Chestnut Green Conservation Area

Also at the Council Meeting on 21st February 2017, Gravesham Borough Council formally approved the Rural Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plan, which were the subject of recent consultations. One of the key aspects of this is that Chestnut Green Conservation Area has been extended to include the whole of Shorne Common Rough. This will now be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.

Lorry Watch

In order to try to deter large HGVs from using Shorne as a short cut, the parish council is launching a Lorry Watch scheme. Residents are invited to let us know details of any oversized vehicles seen passing through the village, and we will in turn report these to the Police under the KCC Lorry Watch scheme. Where company details are provided, we will also write to the offending company to remind them of the restrictions and to ask them to speak to their drivers.

Further details of the scheme, and the information required, can be found on our website at <http://www.shornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk>.

Litter Patrol

33 local residents participated in the fifth of our 6-monthly volunteers' litter patrol, timed to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean. Between Friday 3rd March and Sunday 5th March, virtually every street between Shorne Ifield Road in the west, Green Farm Lane in the north, Pear Tree Lane in the east, and Brewers Road in the south were picked clean of litter. On the following Monday, Shorne Beavers joined in by cleaning up Shorne Common at Mill Hill Lane. Around 90 sacks of litter were collected from around the village, as well as a large quantity of fly-tipped material in Shorne Ifield Road. Once again our volunteers did us proud.

Our next litter patrol will take place in late September or early October. If you would like to join us, let Bob know by email to shorne.volunteers@gmx.co.uk, or give him a call on 01474 822680.

New Bench Seats Installed at Shorne Common

The parish council has replaced the old, decayed wooden bench seats at Mill Hill Lane play area with two new eco-friendly benches made from recycled plastic. The benches are almost indistinguishable from real wood, and should provide many years of maintenance-free service.

Weekly Rubbish Collection

During June, GBC will be issuing wheelie bins for general waste to all properties that currently have a recycling bin, to replace the black sacks. Collection days will not change, but the frequency will. Gravesham will move to alternate weekly collections from June. This means recycling will be collected one week, and general waste the next. Please note that any black bags left next to the wheelie bin will not be collected. Food waste will still be collected weekly.

Lower Thames Crossing

At the time of writing (24th March), there has still been no Government announcement of the chosen route. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and will endeavour to make sure that any new information is posted on our website and facebook page.

CCTV – Have Your Say

Don't forget there is still time to let the parish council know your views regarding the proposal to have a CCTV system in the village. Some concerns have been voiced about whether this will need street lighting. The answer is no, modern CCTV cameras can operate in darkness. If you have any views, comments or concerns, please let us know by Friday 28th April 2017.

Parish Council Meetings in March

Thursday 13th April - Planning & Highways Committee
Thursday 27th April - Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

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

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