

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee
Meeting held on 20 March 2014 in Shorne Village Hall**

PRESENT Mr B Wilkinson (Chairman)
Mr M Brett
Mr R Theobald
Mr R Dinnis
Mrs H Shove

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr R Cooper
and Mr D Hart

- 32 Mr Wilkinson announced that after the Parish Assembly, he would be standing down from office, as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and as Chairman of the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee. He wished to remain on the Parish Council as a Councillor.

33 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2014**

The minutes were AGREED as a true record.

34 **New Siting of Notice Board in Thong Lane (24)**

The Parish Council would like to re-site the notice board in Thong Lane as the present location is a hazard to get to, due to the speed of traffic. An alternate location is proposed in Thong Lane. It was agreed to write to Mr Turnbull to see if he will allow the Parish Council to have a notice board on his property.

35 **New Notice Boards for Shorne West**

Mr Wilkinson, the Chairman of the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee, reported that Mr Ron Bardoe, a parishioner who lives in Hollands Close, had offered to make two new notice boards for the Parish Council. The Chairman thought that such an offer should not be missed and asked Mr Bardoe to go ahead with the works. The Committee endorsed this action. The Parish Council paid for the cost of the wood from Morgan Timber (Strood) Ltd which came to £112.03 + £22.41 (VAT) = £134.44. Mr Bardoe's bill for materials only came to £558.44. The total cost for the two new notice boards is £670.47.

36 **Wall at Village Hall, Adjacent to 14 The Street (25)**

Miss Newton had reported having water in her garage. The slight dampness

that is present is being monitored by Mr Bugg in conjunction with the builder who carried out the works.

37 Shorne Village Hall – Drain in Car Park (26)

Cleansing Services Group (CSG) has removed the silt to the manhole in the car park at the Village Hall at a cost of £257.50 + £51.50 (VAT) = £309.00. Mr Theobald is seeking someone to take up the cover to the gully before CSG can go ahead with the works as they did not want to have the frame breaking. The matter is in hand.

38 Football Club - Lease (28)

Mr Theobald reported that the new lease for the football club is just about ready, which will be for fifteen years. In order for “**exclusion of security of tenure**”, with regard to automatic renewal of the lease, it is necessary to get the certificates signed by both parties in front of a Notary Public. Members agreed to make enquiries to see if there was anybody locally who could perform this.

39 Crabbles Bottom - Clearance of Vegetation on Bridlepath (29)

Mrs Shove reported that more bark chippings is needed on the bridlepath. Mr Wilkinson reported that he had contacted Tim Bell at the Country Park about bark but theirs is too fine, so an alternative source is to be found.

Mr Brett, Chairman of the Parish Council, reported that he and Mr Wilkinson as Chairman of the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee, had asked Mr Dinnis to take the lead on the Schedule of Works for Crabbles Bottom. Mr Dinnis reported that a one-off project is to bring the site up to scratch. The other is the on-going maintenance and to look at the budget for the future.

40 Rights of Way (30)

Shornemead - Re-Opening of the Level Crossing (13a)

Mr Theobald reported that he attended the meeting of GROWC in March 2014 but that there was no one from KCC in attendance. He said that the matter should take two years and that the time was now up. It was suggested that a petition should be raised. The Parish Council needs to find out from Cllr Sweetland about the current position with this matter.

41 Any Other Business

- (a) Mr Theobald had previously reported that with regard to the landscaping strip off Michael Gardens, he had contacted Mr Miller who in turn has raised the matter twice with the officers at the Borough Council. The screening is an issue and the Parish Council does not want more licences being issued to residents. Still awaiting a reply from the Borough Council. Mr Theobald will contact Mr Miller again.

- (b) Mr Theobald reported that he had been contacted by one of the Borough Councillors for Higham, whose brother has advised that at Court Wood (at the junction of Pear Tree Lane and the Gravesend Road), the footpaths have been obstructed by barbed wire. The footpaths are walked by residents in Higham. Mr Theobald will carry out an investigation and report back to the Parish Council.
- (c) Mrs Shove had enquired as to who maintained the bus shelter on the A226, adjacent to Pear Tree Lane as it is in a bad state. Mrs Shove will ask Pat Oakshott, Chairman of Higham Parish Council to see if she knows. It was thought that the Parish Council may be responsible for this.
- (d) Mr Wilkinson had reported that it would appear that the bark is very low under the play equipment in Mill Hill Lane. He has contacted Graham Marchant at Gravesham Services who is awaiting a bulk delivery of bark.
- (e) Mr Wilkinson reported that Kevin Law had erected three chestnut butts on Shorne Common Rough at a cost of £140.00.
- (f) Mrs Shove drew attention to some potholes in Forge Lane. There were also other potholes reported in Shorne Ifield Road (opposite the Doctors' Surgery) and Mill Hill Lane at the junction with Crown Lane. Mr Theobald will draw up a list to be reported to Kent Highways.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.