

**SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee  
Meeting held on 6 February 2014 in Shorne Village Hall**

**PRESENT**                      Mr B Wilkinson (Chairman)  
                                         Mr R Theobald  
                                         Mr D Hart  
                                         Mr R Cooper  
                                         Mrs H Shove

**APOLOGIES**                      for absence were received from Mr R Dinnis  
                                         and Mr M Brett

**23      Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2013**

The minutes were AGREED as a true record.

**24      New Siting of Notice Board in Thong Lane (9)**

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. Mr Brett will approach Mr Turnbull to see if the parishioner will allow the Parish Council to have a notice board on his property.

**25      Wall at Village Hall, Adjacent to 14 The Street (10)**

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.

**26      Shorne Village Hall – Drain in Car Park**

An order has been placed with Cleansing Services Group to remove the silt to the manhole and gully in the car park at the Village Hall.

**27      Footway in Forge Lane - Fencing (11)**

The remedial works on the fencing have been carried out.

**28      Football Club - Lease**

The current lease with the Football Club was examined by members and

various changes and amendments were made. The draft lease is to be recommended to the full Council before a new lease is issued to the Football Club.

### **29 Crabbles Bottom - Clearance of Vegetation on Bridlepath**

A quotation has been received from Kevin Law to clear 2m wide pathway of vegetation on bridlepath about a third of the way down and to trim the rest of the way down to the wooden five bar gate at crutches lane end. Also to clear pathway 1m wide for pedestrian access from Crutches Lane alongside of fencing to the Bowesden Lane kissing gate. The total cost of labour and petrol tools would be between £2,200.00 and £2,500.00, depending on the number of days.

Kevin Law has carried out the works at a cost of £1860.00. He has also trimmed and cut back the bushes along the footpath at a cost of £350.00.

### **30 Rights of Way (13)**

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

Mr Theobald reported that a reply has been received from KCC and that this matter is now 7th in the queue on their list. Cllr Sweetland will do what he can to assist. The matter is to be kept under review. Mr Brett is to raise the matter at the next meeting of GROWC in March 2014.

### **31 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) Kevin Law was asked to quote for clearing the footpath on The Ridgeway which runs parallel to Woodlands Lane, just behind the tree screen. He had advised the Parish Council that it would be unviable to clear the vegetation due to the exorbitant costs involved. Mr Theobald reported that this is an access to the perimeter footpath around Shorne Common Rough. The Parish Council had decided that the matter should be looked at in the future.

Mrs Shove reported that a burnt out car had been removed from the area. Mr Wilkinson also reported that he had contacted Stuart Alford to ask for various lengths of stolen sheathing to be removed, which was reported by the resident at "Venesta" in Woodlands Lane. Claire Croucher, PCSO, is to be advised of this.

- (c) 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.

Mrs Shove enquired as to who maintained the bus shelter on the A226, adjacent to Pear Tree Lane as it is in a bad state. This is not one of the Parish Council's bus shelters. Mrs Shove will ask Pat Oakshott, Chairman of Higham Parish Council to see if she knows.

- (d) Mr Wilkinson reported that from the weekly inspection sheets, 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 will top this up. Awaiting for the bark to be topped up.
- (e) Mr Wilkinson reported that Mrs Hornby has advised that the cherry tree on the left hand side in Tanyard Hill has died and she has recommended that this is not replaced. Mrs Hornby has reported further that there appears to be signs of life in the cherry tree.
- (f) Mr Wilkinson reported that a few chestnut butts are missing on Shorne Common Rough. He will arrange for this to be done by Kevin Law. Mrs Shove reported that the tank traps there need to be repositioned.

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