

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee
Meeting held on 24 April 2014 in Shorne Village Hall**

PRESENT Mr R Theobald (Chairman)
 Mr M Brett
 Mr J Bugg
 Mr D Hart
 Mr R Cooper

48 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2014

The minutes were AGREED as a true record.

**49 PLANNING MATTERS
Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications.

**50 Report of Action taken under Standing Order 4(a)(ii)
Schedule of Planning Applications dealt with by the
Chairman in Consultation with Members**

No action taken.

51 Decisions of the Borough Council

- (a) GR/2013/450 - Starwood, Pear Tree Lane - PERMITTED
- (b) GR/2014/026 - Crabblers, Bowesden Lane - PERMITTED
- (c) GR/2014/048 - 2 Wykeham Close - REFUSED
- (d) GR/2014/071 - 15 Calderwood - PERMITTED
- (e) GR/2014/090 - St Katherines, Forge Lane - PERMITTED
- (f) GR/2014/096 - 43 Marling Way - PERMITTED
- (g) GR/2014/144 - Potters Heron, Manor Field - PERMITTED

- (h) GR/2014/179 - 42 Racefield Close - PERMITTED
- (i) GR/2014/186 - Harlex Haulage Services, Park Pale Farm - PERMITTED

52 Notices of Appeal

There were no Notices of Appeal.

53 Lower Thames Crossing (37)

Nothing further to report.

54 Memorial Park in Chalk (38)

It was reported that this is to go ahead.

55 Local Development Framework (39)

A further examination in public was re-opened but has since closed and is now awaiting the Inspector's decision.

56 Airport Strategy (40)

Nothing further to report.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

57 Accident Reports

- (a) No accidents reported.
- (b) Post Office Green/Hayes Terrace - Damaged Railings (41b)

Gravesend Fencing has carried out the works but members were not happy with the standard of the work. A site meeting is to be arranged with Glen Handley at Gravesend Fencing, Mr Theobald and Mr Bugg.

58 The Ridgeway - Interactive Sign (42)

The interactive sign was installed on Thursday, 27 February 2014 and is operational. The invoice for the works has been received and will be settled shortly. With a contribution from Cllr Sweetland's MHF grant fund for half the costs for the works, the Parish Council's contribution is £3,500.00.

59 The Ridgeway - Footway Extension (43)

It was agreed that the footway extension should be put on hold and that priority should be given to the interactive sign. As the sign has now been installed, the matter will be pursued in due course.

60 Condition of Roads in the Parish (44)

The works have now been completed though it was noted that the works in Woodlands Lane were still outstanding. It was reported that Forge Lane at the Crossroads is bad.

61 Mill Hill Lane/Warren View/Other Locations - Blocked Gullies (45)

(a) Blocked gullies have been reported to Kent Highways as follows:-

- (i) Mill Hill Lane - both gullies east and west of junction - **Ref: 17438451**
- (ii) Forge Lane - east side of junction with Crown Lane - **Ref: 17438453**
- (iii) Tanyard Hill - east side, adjacent to property known as “Ines Coillte”
- **Ref: 17438354**
- (iv) Warren View - east side at junction with Swillers Lane - **Ref: 17438355**

It was reported that none of the works have been carried out. It was agreed to chase this up.

(b) It was reported that the drain is blocked in Crown Lane by the traffic barrier. This has been reported to Kent Highways. **Ref: 17439090.**

It was reported that the works have not been carried out. It was agreed to chase this up.

62 Footway - Forge Lane (46)

The invoice for the works has been received and will be settled shortly. With a contribution from the late Cllr Snelling’s MHF grant fund of £20,000.00 for the costs for the works, the Parish Council’s contribution is £4757.00.

63 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Mr Theobald had 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. No decision has been made on the matter. The matter is to be kept under review. Mr Theobald will write to Mr Miller about this.
- (b) It was reported that the tree is still there in Shorne Ifield Road, by the entrance to Randall Bottom which is being held up by another tree and is unsafe. This was reported to Kent Highways and the matter has been dealt with.
- (c) With regard to Marling Way and a “width restriction” sign, Mr Theobald suggested that a chicane would be more effective. It was reported that the traffic problems have increased due to the opening of the new Tesco store. The matter is to be raised with Cllr Sweetland.
- (d) Mr Bugg and Mr Theobald visited the site in Mill Hill Lane and saw Mark Riddick regarding his request to go straight across the footpath, over the green in order to make his exit from his residence less hazardous. It was reported that Mr Riddick has decided not to pursue the matter further.

- (e) Mr Hart asked about the Local Development Framework which takes in the core strategy which was opened for examination. Mr Theobald reported that further work was carried out on the Census statistics. The number of dwellings was 6,300. Now awaiting the Inspector's Report to see if this has been accepted. due to the opening of the new Tesco store. The matter is to be raised with Cllr Sweetland.
- (f) Mr Bugg asked if members had examined the Shorne Housing Needs Survey carried out in November 2013 as he felt that there were several inaccuracies in the document.
- (g) Mr Bugg stated that he was disappointed with the repairs on the potholes in The Street.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.