

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 July 2014 in Shorne Village Hall

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

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr B Wilkinson
 and Mr J Pooley

9 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 May 2014

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

10 Crabbles Bottom (107)

Mr Dinnis tabled "A Plan for the Future Management of Crabbles Bottom". This was referred to the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee for discussion and agreement.

11 Shornemead Crossing (108)

Nothing further to report.

12 Lower Thames Crossing (109)

It was reported that The Secretary of State for Transport had on the 15 July 2014 announced the Government's response to consultation on options for a new Lower Thames Crossing.

The response sets out the decisions Government has reached taking into account the numerous and diverse points raised during consultation. Namely, it

- confirms there is a need for a new crossing,

- advises that, as there is as yet no clear preference, Government will develop and appraise route options for both location options A and C before choosing where to site a new crossing. (Option A is at the existing crossing and Option C is a new link connecting the A2/M2 with the A13 and M25), and
- advises that government expects to consult on a proposed solution in late 2015 or early 2016.

13 Gravesham Local Development Framework (Local Plan) (110)

Mr Theobald reported that the Inspector's Report on the Inquiry has come in and that he has approved this. The recommendation of 6170 homes has been accepted by the Inspector.

14 Wall at Village Hall, Adjacent to 14 The Street (111)

The matter is being monitored by Mr Bugg.

15 Shorne Football Club - Lease (112)

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 Commissioner of Oaths. Mr Ron Pryor has been suggested. Mr Theobald will contact Mr Pryor to see if he could do this for the Parish Council. The Officers of the Football Club will be invited to attend a Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee meeting.

16 Planning & Highways Committee

A meeting is to follow the full Council meeting.

17 Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

Nothing to report.

18 Meetings of Outside Bodies

(a) GROWC

Mr Theobald and Mr Brett attended the last meeting when the re-opening of the level crossing at Shornemead was discussed. This was reported to the last meeting of the Footpaths, Properties & Green Committee.

(b) Community Services Committee

Mr Hart attended the meeting on 29 May 2014. Matters discussed were:-

Most topics Performance related or Updates.

Corporate Business Plan 2011-15

Family Health Club Courses to combat Obesity.

Street Scene and recycling mainly clearing dumped rubbish.

Waste Recycled -missed target by 1%.

Cleanliness-missed target by 1%.

Young People Health - worse than last year.

Presentation by Environmental Health - 92% of businesses broadly compliant achieving rating of 3 on National Ratings Scheme.

List of businesses on GBC website.

Discussions on Licensing Applications, Private Water Supplies, Skin Piercing, Safety Advisory Group, Corporate Health and Safety and Service improvements.

19 Finance

(a)	Talk Talk (Paid by DD)	Account (June 2014) VAT	£ 35. 16 <u>£ 7. 03</u> £ 42. 19 =====
	Talk Talk (Paid by DD)	Account (July 2014) VAT	£ 37. 29 <u>£ 7. 46</u> £ 44. 75 =====
	Miss P Clifton (Paid into BB)	Key to Recreation Ground Gate	£ 11. 40
	Mr T Nelson Paid into BB)	Damage to fencing at Rec on 22.6.2014 VAT	£377. 00 <u>£ 75. 40</u> £452. 40 =====

(c) The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.

	Geerings	Photocopier (May 2014) VAT	£ 12. 96 <u>£ 2. 59</u> £ 15. 55 =====
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Mr B Wilkinson	Two keys for Recreation Ground Gate	£ 19. 00
	VAT	<u>£ 3. 80</u>
		£ 22. 80
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Kevin Law	Cleaning Play Equipment at Mill Hill Lane	£ 50. 00
Ashby Caterers	Refreshments for Civic Service on 29 June 2014	£ 70. 00
Louise Lawrence	Flowers for Civic Service on 29 June 2014	£ 20. 00
Shorne Village Hall	Hire of Hall & Room	£126. 00
Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 23. 79
Mrs T Martin	Salary - July 2014	£ 783. 38
	Less Tax	<u>- 88. 68</u>
		£ 694. 70
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 88. 68
	PC's Contributions for NI	<u>£ 16. 61</u>
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23 Correspondence

- (a) From Medway Council re: Consultation on Review of Medway Statement of Community Involvement.
- (b) From the Air Ambulance enclosing details of the work carried out by them.
- (c) From The Milestone Society re: Membership.

24 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Mr Theobald reported that he had learned that a number of properties in the village had lost their landline telephone connection. Some of the properties did however have

e-mail access. Mr Theobald had contacted a number of householders, all of whom had reported the loss of service. It was noted that work had been carried out between the new feeder pillar at Swillers Lane and the exchange at the Crossroads. A number of joint box covers had been replaced and it appeared that fibre optic cable was being installed. The loss of connection may be connected with these works or it may be as a result of a recent thunderstorm. Some of those affected have been told that the service may not be re-instated until the 4 August 2014.

He also reported that Mr Pooley was in hospital. No details were available. Mr Brett agreed to call on Mrs Pooley. It was agreed to send Mr & Mrs Pooley some flowers which is to be organised by the Clerk.

- (b) Mr Theobald reported that a lady had written to Alex Moore, Borough Councillor, who has passed the letter onto Mr Theobald. The lady was complaining about the state of the bus shelter on the southern side of the Gravesend Road/A226 at Shorne Crossroads. The shelter had been covered in graffiti and it is understood that it is dirty and has been misused. It has also been alleged that a vagrant has from time to time been sleeping in it. It was suggested that a window is put in at the eastern end of the bus shelter to make it difficult for someone to be in the shelter unobserved. The matter was referred to the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee for further consideration.
- (c) Mr Dinnis had circulated by e-mail a list of future activities arranged at Warren Farm. Mr Theobald reported that he had tried to speak to Clive Gilbert about this but that he was on holiday. Mr Theobald suggested that the Council needed to wait until the next Event in order to assess the severity of the parking problems. Mr Theobald and Dinnis are to keep the matter under review.
- (d) Mr Hart reported that he had undertaken to put the Council's notices on the notice boards in Shorne West but had difficulty doing the one at Shorne Crossroads. Mr Cooper offered to do this in future.
- (e) Mr Hart asked on the Local Development Framework, whether anyone knew how many developments there would be in the Green Belt. Mr Brett reported that Boris Johnson had been at the Clarendon Hotel in Gravesend for five days as he had called a meeting with the Port of London Authority and the Police. Mr Brett attended the meeting when it was reported with future expansion the Police would be unable to cover this. The Police have not been properly consulted on the Local Development Framework. Mr Theobald reported that all they had was a long list of sites which had previously come from the Planning Dept at GBC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.