

# Shorne Parish Council

————— Borough of Gravesham —————



## **PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**October 2017**

### **Parish Council Drop-In Session**

The Parish Council is holding a drop-in session from 10.00am to 12 noon on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to meet parish councillors, to raise any issues you wish to discuss, and to let us know what you think is important to help maintain and improve the environment and quality of life in our parish. The Parish Council is considering producing a Parish Plan, and any topics discussed will help to inform us in this task.

Even if there are no pressing issues that you wish to discuss, please feel free to drop in to say hello, and to meet fellow parishioners in the area.

We look forward to meeting you.

### **Volunteers' Litter Patrol**

The next Volunteers' Litter Patrol will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, weather permitting.

As with previous Litter Patrols, we will meet at 09.45am at the Village Hall car park, to sort out the teams and streets, hand out hi-viz waistcoats, plastic sacks, and litter pickers, ready for a 10 o'clock start. We aim to finish around midday.

Working in small teams in your own locality, our litter patrols are not hard work, and participants find it quite enjoyable and satisfying.

If you would like to join us in helping to keep our environment looking clean and tidy, please let us know by calling Bob on 01474 822680 or by email to [shorne.volunteers@gmx.co.uk](mailto:shorne.volunteers@gmx.co.uk). This is to enable us to sort out the teams in advance as far as possible, and to keep volunteers informed of any changes to the schedule.

### **Parish Survey 2017**

This year's Annual Parish Report includes a survey sheet inviting parishioners to let us know about your opinions about Shorne Parish (good or bad!) and any other issues or priorities you may have. The survey is also available to download from the Parish Council website at:

<http://www.shornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/parish-survey-2017/>

We would be very grateful if parishioners would take the time to fill this in and send it back to us, so that the Parish Council can take your views into account when determining our plans

and priorities. Please be aware that the Parish Council's powers and resources are limited, however.

If you would like more information about the survey, or have not received your copy of the Annual Parish Report, please contact Susan Lindley on 01474 823179 or by email to [susan.bragman@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.bragman@btinternet.com).

### **Shrubbery Check**

As the growing season draws to a close, residents are respectfully reminded to check to ensure that any garden shrubs, bushes, or other vegetation does not encroach upon highways or footpaths. Any overhanging vegetation should be cut back to avoid obstruction or damage to passing vehicles and pedestrians.

### **Mobile Phone Antennae in the Church Tower**

The Parochial Church Council is in the final stages of negotiations about the installation of an internal mobile telephone antenna in the tower of Shorne church. This will improve reception in the centre of the village for customers of O2 and associated providers. There are three other sites in Shorne where telecom masts are located. The Parochial Church Council has settled details of the installation with the operators' agent and the diocesan authorities subject to making a final decision and the grant of a faculty (formal permission from the diocesan consistory court). No planning permission or listed building consent is needed.

The Parish Council has previously raised a number of queries about the proposal, and councillors attended a drop-in session in the church on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, to further question representatives of the operators' agent, and also attended a residents' meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the Village Hall. The Parish Council will use information and parishioners' opinions from both meetings to inform our consultation response.

### **Parish Council Meetings in October**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45pm - Planning & Highways Committee  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am to 12 noon - Parish Council Drop-In Session

### **British Summertime Ends 29<sup>th</sup> October**

British Summertime ends at 02.00am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, when the clocks go back by one hour. As the evenings will be darker earlier, please make sure you can be seen when walking in roads without pavements.

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