

# **SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2018 in Shorne Village Hall**

**PRESENT**                      Mr R Theobald (Chairman)  
   Mr J Bugg  
   Mr R Cooper  
   Mr R Lane  
   Mr R Hardy  
   Mrs S Lindley  
   Miss P Clifton

**APOLOGIES**                      for absence were received from Mr C Rea

### **54      Co-Options**

There had been two applications, one from a current Shorne resident and one from someone living outside the parish boundary. Both candidates were considered good and potentially appointable. There was a discussion about comparative depth and breadth of previous experience (including local government and managerial/Organisational positions) the transferrable skills that would bring most to the Parish Council at this time, and also about particular interests and expertise. A unanimous selection was made and the Clerk would write offering the position. Assuming the offer was accepted, Gravesham Borough Council would be informed accordingly. The appointment would then be confirmed and publicly announced.

### **55      Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 December 2017**

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

### **56      Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- (a) Minute 53(b) - In response to member queries, Mrs Lindley explained that there had been two planning applications for "Perrydene", in Pear Tree Lane and the one for a garage at the front had been refused. The one for the extension was approved and that showed an extended area of hardstanding. It had been reported that an area had been cleared in front of the property including trees on the south side. There was some uncertainty whether or not this area was within the residential curtilage. It was agreed that the matter should be further investigated.

**57 Crabbles Bottom**

Mr Lane reported that quotations have been obtained for the fencing works at Crabbles Bottom. These will be discussed at the next Footpaths Committee.

**58 Lower Thames Crossing**

Mrs Lindley reported that a meeting was held with Highways England on 21 December 2017 where various comments and representations were made. Despite previous input, the plans of the A2 junction that were tabled were unchanged from those seen previously. There will be at LTCA meeting with HE on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Mr Theobald reported that HE had objected to the Tollgate garage plans. This led to some conjecture as to the reason, Mrs Lindley will check the situation.

**59 Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (formerly LDF)**

Mr Theobald reported that the housing site allocations policy will be reviewed at the GBC Cabinet in January before issuing for public consultation.

**60 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan**

Mrs Lindley reported that she will produce a report of the Parish Survey following receipt of the responses from parishioners. A reminder will be published in the parish magazine and on the website, informing parishioners that the closing date for comments will be the end of February.

**61 Website**

Mr Lane reported that he had added Mrs Lindley and Mr Rea as website administrators, as well as Miss Clifton.

**62 Report by County Cllr B Sweetland**

No report.

**63 Planning & Highways Committee****(a) Planning Applications**

Mrs Lindley reported on the planning applications dealt with under Standing Orders.

- (b) Warren Farm. An application has been submitted for determination for change of use of the existing barn into a three-bed dwelling. GBC will determine whether planning approval is required.

- (c) Mill House: There has been an application to turn the garage into an annexe.
- (d) Next to Shornemead Crossing: Network Rail has erected an electricity sub-station. They have applied for a bridge for access. We have asked for the bridge to be made higher to facilitate future recreational use of the canal.
- (e) Cob Drive near the school. An application has been submitted to erect an extension at the front of the property.
- (f) Hoo Junction: Storage facilities have been created without there being a planning application by Uralite.

#### **64 Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee**

- (a) Mr Lane reported that GBC had given consent for the works on the trees at Shorne Common. He has requested quotations from three contractors.
- (b) Mr Rea wished to report that the benches in Michael Gardens open space have been installed and that he has e-mailed GBC to thank them.
- (c) The next litter patrol will take place on 3 March 2018.

#### **65 Meetings of Outside Bodies**

- (a) Shorne United Charities

The Clerk has advised Mrs Theresa Davies, the new secretary, that the Parish Council has elected Mr Lane as the trustee on the charity, to replace Mr Redfern.

#### **66 Finance**

(a)	HMRC (Paid into Barclays)	Refund on Tax	£161. 17
(b)	Talk Talk (Paid by DD)	Account (Jan'18) VAT	£ 41. 45 <u>£ 8. 29</u> £ 49. 74 =====

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.

Mr J Bugg	Materials for Notice Board Repairs	£ 95. 84
Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 11. 70

Mrs T Martin	Salary – Jan’ 2018	£ 816. 66
	Less Tax	<u>- 86. 33</u>
		£ 729. 83
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk’s Salary	£ 86. 33
	PC’s Contributions for NI	<u>£ 19. 41</u>
		£106. 24
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## 67 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

## 68 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Mrs Lindley raised about PCSO’s knowing that they can attend meetings, and Mr Lane reported that he will let the PCSOs know of the Parish Council’s meeting dates.
- (b) Mr Theobald reported the works on the drains at Shorne Crossroads by Kent Highways which will now start on 12 February 2018 and be in progress for two weeks. The missing lamp post light has been reported by Mrs Lindley on 14 January 2018.
- (c) Mrs Lindley reported on the drop-in session held in October 2017. Mrs Lindley will arrange the date for the next session.
- (d) Mr Theobald reported on the petition raised by residents regarding the speed limits in Pear Tree Lane which had been sent direct to KCC. The de-restricted part should be 30 mph all the way to the Crossroads. Council was in favour of this and Mr Theobald had already previously submitted representations to KCC. Mrs Lindley reminded members that this has previously been covered extensively at the Planning and Highways Committee and raised at the Joint Transport Board. She is having ongoing discussions with KCC Highways and considered that the petition should have been discussed with the Parish Council and particularly the Planning and Highways Committee before sending.

- (e) Mr Lane reported that about four weeks ago, car windows were broken on The Ridgeway. One of the local residents has since installed CCTV cameras
- (f) Mr Lane reported that at the last meeting of the Shorne Village Hall Management Committee, it was reported that the surface of the car park is deteriorating.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.