

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 February 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
Mrs L McCluskey

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr C Rea
and Miss P Clifton

69 Co-Options

Mrs L McCluskey was sworn in before the Clerk.

70 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2018

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

71 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

72 Crabbles Bottom

Mr Lane reported that he has placed an order with AGS Hoarding & Fencing Ltd to carry out the fencing works. He has also checked with Tom Gozzett about his Public Liability Insurance.

73 Lower Thames Crossing

Mrs Lindley reported on the meeting LTCA had held with Highways England (HE) on 18 January 2018. The same information (including A2 junction design) was presented as for the Shorne PC meeting on 21 December 2017 and much the same points were made to HE. There is still no traffic data available from the Autumn 2016 survey. We

should think about Legacy ideas and let them know. It was also reported that GBC are intending to form a Cross-Party Working Group concerning the Lower Thames Crossing.

Mrs Lindley also commented that it had been mentioned at a previous meeting that HE had objected to the Tollgate garage proposal. She had investigated this and had found that the information proved inaccurate.

74 Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (formerly LDF)

Mr Theobald reported that a new report is going to the GBC Cabinet on Monday 26th February 2018.

75 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan

Mrs Lindley reported that the Parish Survey is still open for comments until the end of February, then the responses will be analysed.

76 Website

Nothing further to report.

77 GDPR – Appointment of DP Officer

Mr Lane will write a paper on this for the Parish Council.

78 Report by County Cllr B Sweetland

No report.

79 Planning & Highways Committee

(a) Planning Applications

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

- (b) Ringland, Pear Tree Lane: This property has had multiple different planning applications of various types in recent years, some permitted by GBC. The latest two make changes to a previously permitted attic conversion with dormers, and extends the ground floor further to the north, right to the property boundary. The Parish Council is objecting to this aspect.

- (c) Windsong, Pear Tree Lane: Neighbourhood Consultation. An 8m deep extension at the rear with the height more than 4m which does not come into permitted

development rights. Mrs Lindley had a discussion with GBC as they had apparently received more detailed plans but would not make them available electronically.

- (d) Warren Farm, Barn conversion: This has been refused.
- (e) Meeting with Kent Highways Officers:- Mrs Lindley and Mr Theobald, and later Mr Lane met with Earl Bournier (District Manager) and Thomas Williams (Schemes Manager) from Kent Highways on 9 February 2018. They were taken on a driven tour of some of our particular problem areas (Country Park, Park Pale, Woodlands Lane, Brewers Road, The Ridgeway and Pear Tree Lane) and gave very helpful advice about how to progress some of the matters previously raised including via the Resident's Petition.

KCC can pay for simple Village entry signs, painted speed reminders and some speed limit reductions. Speed monitoring and traffic count surveys must be done prior. Mrs Lindley has asked Mr Sweetland to fund these (approximately £2000) and he has very kindly agreed. KCC will not pay for traffic calming and advised that regulations now require high level streetlighting for chicanes. Fuller feedback will be provided to the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting on 8 March 2018.

- (f) Shorne Wood Country Park:-Mrs Lindley had written to Tim Bell about parking problems and road safety concerns outside the Country Park. Their view is that they cannot control what happens outside but Mrs Lindley considered that they should be taking responsibility for visitors they attract to the area. This was also discussed with KCC Highways who, as with all highway problems now, requested photographic evidence be collected.

80 Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee

- (a) Mr Lane reported that following the last Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee meeting, he spoke to Mr Watson and also Tim Bell and John Pelham and they have met up.
- (b) Miss Clifton has managed to get four keys cut at Packhams for the recreation ground gate at a cost of £8 each. Two of these have been sold to residents at 3 and 4 Hanbury Cottages (not as incorrectly reported at the meeting).
- (c) An order has been placed with Cobham Tree Surgery for the tree remedial work at Shorne Common.
- (d) The next litter patrol will take place on 3 March 2018.

81 Meetings of Outside Bodies

- (a) Shorne United Charities

Further to the previous minutes, the Parish Council decided to nominate Mr R Hardy

as trustee to on the charity instead of Mr Lane. The Clerk is to advise Mrs Theresa Davies, the new secretary, of this.

(b) Shorne C of E School – Board of Governors

A request has been received from the Board of Governors for a grant. It was agreed to place this as an item on the agenda of the next full Council meeting for discussion.

82 Finance

(a) Refund from HMRC on overpayment of Tax (Paid into Barcalys Bank)		£ 161.17
(b) Shorne Football Club (Paid into Barclays)	Peppercorn Rent	£ 1.00
(c) Shorne Scouts (Paid into Barclays)	Peppercorn Rent	£ .05
(d) Talk Talk (Paid by DD)	Account (Feb'18) VAT	£ 42.42 <u>£ 8.48</u> £ 50.90 =====
(e) Talk Talk (Paid by DD)	Account (March'18) VAT	£ 41.53 <u>£ 8.31</u> £ 49.84 =====
(f) Public Works Loans Board (PWLB)	14th Repayment on Loan - 26 March 2018 (Paid by Direct Debit)	£1623.48

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.

Smith of Derby	Servicing of Church Clock VAT	£ 202.00 <u>40.40</u> £ 242.40 =====
NPC Tree Surgery	Tree Surgery at Shorne Common VAT	£ 300.00 <u>60.00</u> £ 360.00 =====

Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 14. 30
Mrs L Brown	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£ 63. 00
Mrs T Martin	Salary – March’ 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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83 Correspondence

A letter of appreciation has been received from the resident at “The Old Vicarage”, thanking the Parish Council for the works carried out by Kent Highways in replacing the kerb around the property.

84 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Mr Bugg considered that the new kerbing that had been installed outside “The Old Vicarage” had been tapered off incorrectly at the northern end and may still allow water to get into the front garden. He will take this up with KCC.
- (b) Mrs Lindley reported that there have been several complaints about the road works closing Forge Lane. The road signs were causing confusion. There had also been problems when KCC Highways also wanted to close Thong Lane for ironwork repairs at the same time, which would have closed the bus diversion route. Mrs Lindley had liaised with KCC via numerous phone calls to get that work rescheduled and also additional “Road closed ahead” signs provided.
- (c) Mrs Lindley tabled a photograph showing two mini buses which had been stolen and then burnt out at the corner of Lower Higham Road and Queens Farm Road.
- (d) Mrs Lindley reported that there will be an Exhibition for the Ebbsfleet/Bean junction improvement proposals, e.g. at Bluewater on 3 March 2018 also other venues, details available on-line.
- (e) Mr Lane will reply to Louise Coogan’s e-mail from the Job Centre, seeking to provide a link to JobCentreNearMe on Shorne Parish Council's website.

- (f) Mr Lane and Mrs Lindley referred to the letter received from Dr I Craig regarding the verge outside “Silverdene” in Tanyard Hill. Mr Theobald had already responded and Mrs Lindley requested a copy for the Planning and Highways Committee. Various opinions were put forward as to the possible cause but KCC need to dig up the verge to investigate.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.