

**SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee  
Meeting held on 22 March 2018 in Shorne Village Hall**

PRESENT                      Mr R Lane (Chairman)  
   Mr J Bugg  
   Mr C Rea  
   Mrs S Lindley  
   Miss P Clifton  
   Mrs L McCluskey

APOLOGIES                      for absence were received from Mr R Theobald,  
   Mr R Cooper and Mr R Hardy

**62      Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 February 2018**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**63      Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**64      Update on Footpath NS167 (51)**

Following a meeting between John Pelham, KCC Rights of Way Officer, and parishioner Andrew Watson, the fence has been repaired and the steps have been reinstated. Mr Watson is pleased with the result and has conveyed his thanks to John Pelham and to Shorne Parish Council for our assistance in this matter.

**65      CCTV Report (52)**

The CCTV and ANPR cameras were used to identify a foreign HGV which came through the village on 12 March 2018 and had to turn around at Post Office Green, causing damage to the green.

**66      Shorne Recreational Ground Report (53)**

Packhams of Perry Street were finally able to obtain suitable key blanks, and Miss Clifton has purchased 4 new keys at £8 each for the security padlock on the main gate. One of these was sold to the residents of 3 Hanbury Cottages who had requested an extra key. Another was sold to the residents of 4 Hanbury Cottages who had damaged their original key. Miss Clifton now

holds the 2 remaining spare keys which will be claimed for at the Council meeting on 5th April.

#### **67 Update on Maintenance at Crabbles Bottom (54)**

(a) Repairs to Bridleway Fence

Mr Lane has instructed AGS Hoarding & Fencing Ltd to carry out the repairs to the decayed sections of fence alongside the bridleway at a date to be agreed.

(b) Footpath and Bridleway Vegetation Maintenance for 2018

Mr Lane has instructed H&P Conservation Works Ltd to carry out two cut backs of the vegetation on the footpaths and bridleway this season, with extra cutting back at the Bowesden Lane end of the bridleway following comments from a horse rider last year.

Mr Lane has reviewed the Deeds and reported that the sum KCC paid when the Parish Council took ownership of Crabbles Bottom was intended to compensate for taking on responsibility for maintaining the land and he does not consider it would be appropriate to seek maintenance support or additional funding from KCC. Since the Parish Council is obliged to keep the land open for public use, there would be no advantage to the Parish Council in establishing the bridleway as a PROW. Similarly for the footpath as there is a registered public footpath just to the north.

Mrs Lindley suggested that it might be necessary to have signs stating that it is private land and concerning public liability for users, and she asked if Miss Clifton could kindly clarify that at GROWC. Mr Lane queried that if it was necessary for Crabbles Bottom, it may apply to other Parish Council land.

(c) Meadow Maintenance for 2018

Mr Lane has verified Tom Gozzett's public liability insurance, and informed him of his intention to instruct him to carry out the work later in the season.

#### **68 Update on Maintenance at Shorne Common (Mill Hill Lane) (55)**

(a) Trees Remedial Work

Mr Lane instructed NPC Tree Surgery (formerly Cobham Tree Surgeons) to proceed with the work, which was carried out during the early part of week commencing 12 March 2018 at a cost of £300 plus VAT. Mr Lane has inspected the area. There may be a need to install a single chestnut butt near the entrance, but it is proposed to wait and see whether this is necessary after the vegetation has grown back.

(b) Play Equipment Maintenance

Mr Lane has instructed Mr Vilday of All Seasons Garden & Landscaping to carry out the annual weed clearance, cleaning of the play equipment, and the spreading of bark or chippings, to be carried out in late April/early May. NPC Tree Surgery has indicated that they would be able to provide suitable soft wood chippings.

**69 Litter Patrol (57)**

The Litter Patrol was delayed until 10<sup>th</sup> March due to the snow (not 17<sup>th</sup> as incorrectly reported in the meeting). A total of 33 volunteers participated, collecting approximately 50 bags of litter plus associated fly-tipping. The next event will be scheduled for late September 2018.

**70 Court Wood - To receive any update on Pathways (58)**

Mr Theobald previously reported that the person who has enclosed part of the land in the central area has been advised that a planning application is required for continued use. The Parish Council had sent in representations to the planning application. The application relates to permission for retention of a shed already in place but also retention of fencing. The problem is that since the previous application, an additional piece of land has been purchased and the fencing extended across one of the tracks. We are requesting that conditions be imposed that the tracks have to be maintained open.

Mr Theobald will be arranging a date to walk the pathways when the weather improves. It is also hoped to investigate and walk the track from Court Wood to Pear Tree Lane between Shorne Mead and Springhill as it has been reported that it may be blocked at present. There are conditions in the Deeds of Shorne Mead about responsibility for maintenance of the track.

Mrs Lindley has contacted Land Registry again about reapplying for information about overall land ownership in Court Wood.

**71 To receive an update on Swillers Lane Pathway Extension (59)**

At the previous meeting, Mr Theobald reported that he would contact the farmer to obtain the agent's details. Awaiting to hear from Mr Theobald.

**72 Supplementary Cutting of Greens & Verges (60)**

Mr Lane has instructed Colin Lawrence to carry out 4 supplementary spring cuts to the greens and verges where bulbs are planted.

**73 Any Other Business**

- (a) Mr Lane has spoken to David South about the staggered gate to NS167 on Mill Hill Lane/Shorne Ifield Road at the Scammells, who has agreed to get the gate altered to meet the required 100cm standard. He also sent him a link to the KCC standards.
- (b) Mr Bugg reported that the team drilling in Swillers Lane were carrying out a survey for Southern Water. Mrs Lindley had obtained additional information which she will circulate. Southern Water are interested in groundwater resources and where the water goes to after it sinks from Swillers stream.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm