

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

April 2018

Parish Precept

At the Council Meeting on 6th March 2018, Gravesham Borough Council approved the parish precept for 2018/19. The property charges are as follows.

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	*Total Precept
Shorne	£15.77	£18.39	£21.02	£23.65	£28.91	£34.16	£39.42	£47.30	£27,450
Cobham	£16.31	£19.03	£21.75	£24.47	£29.91	£35.35	£40.78	£48.94	£16,520
Higham	£36.50	£42.58	£48.67	£54.75	£66.92	£79.08	£91.25	£109.50	£86,030
Luddesdown	£36.61	£42.71	£48.81	£54.91	£67.11	£79.31	£91.52	£109.82	£5,750
Meopham	£19.24	£22.45	£25.65	£28.86	£35.27	£41.69	£48.10	£57.72	£88,758
Vigo	£91.40	£106.63	£121.87	£137.10	£167.57	£198.03	£228.50	£274.20	£98,610

(*The total precept amount is shown net of a government contribution to each Parish in the form of a localised support for council tax grant, £1,040 in total.)

It should be noted that parish precepts vary according to the services and facilities provided by the parish councils, and the mix and number of properties in each band in the parish.

In addition, the following Council Tax applies to all properties in Gravesham:

Council Tax	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£1,119.75	£1,306.37	£1,493.00	£1,679.62	£2,052.87	£2,426.12	£2,799.37	£3,359.24

Drop-In Session

Attendance at the Parish Council's drop-in session held at the Village Hall on Saturday 17th March was unfortunately affected by snow, which fell consistently throughout the morning. A further drop-in session will be arranged for later in the year when hopefully the weather will be better.

Litter Patrol

The Shorne Volunteers Litter Patrol was delayed from 3rd March to 10th March because of the heavy snow, but was a resounding success. A total of 33 people took part, 28 on the day plus at least 5 other volunteers who did their bit earlier during the week. On this occasion, a group

of volunteers tackled Shorne Common Rough, collecting 20 large sacks of litter plus a collection of dumped rubbish.

As usual, Russell Cooper and his neighbours, assisted by Susan Lindley and her team, tackled the rubbish in Shorne Ifield Road, clearing numerous tyres and miscellaneous fly-tipped rubbish, including a set of garden chairs and a fridge freezer.

In total, we collected around 50 sacks of litter, including literally hundreds of drinks cans and plastic bottles that some people think it's acceptable to drop at the roadside or throw out of their vehicle windows.

Our next 'official' litter patrol will be in late September or early October, so if you want to get involved, contact Bob at bob.lane@gmx.co.uk.

New Shorne West Councillor

We welcome the appointment of Lisa McCluskey as our new Councillor in Shorne West. With Lisa's appointment, the Parish Council is now back to full strength.

Forge Lane Drainage Works

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during the protracted drainage works carried out by KCC in Forge Lane. The workers experienced a serious accident during the course of the work, and encountered a great deal more problems than was originally envisaged, as well as losing a week due to the heavy snow. Hopefully the extensive work carried out will mean an end to the flooding which frequently occurs at the bottom of Forge Lane.

Parish Council Meetings in April

- Thursday 5th April - Parish Council Meeting
- Thursday 19th April - Planning & Highways Committee

Meetings will start at 7.45pm in the Committee Room in Shorne Village Hall.

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Shorne Parish Council