

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2019 in Shorne Village Hall

<u>PRESENT</u>	Mr R Lane (Chairman) Mrs L McCluskey Mrs S Lindley Ms P Clifton Mr J Bugg
<u>APOLOGIES</u>	Mr R Theobald Mr R Hardy Mr C Rea Mrs T Martin (Clerk) Mr R Cooper also did not attend
<u>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</u>	Mr D Parmenter

49 To Record Any Declaration of Interests by Members Regarding the Agenda

None

50 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2018

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

51 Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

52 Lower Thames Crossing (45)

The statutory consultation closed on 20 December 2018. Councillors recorded their appreciation of the excellent and comprehensive response submitted by Mrs Lindley on behalf of the Parish Council. It was noted that the responses submitted by Gravesham Borough Council and Kent County Council incorporated a number of the key concerns raised by Shorne Parish Council.

53 Report by Borough Cllr Robin Theobald (28)

No report from Cllr Theobald who is away at present.

54 To receive any update on Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (18)

Mr Lane said that it is unlikely that there will be further information until after the elections in May. At the Borough Council meeting on 18 December 2018, the Leader claimed that all the Parish Councils are in favour of development on the Green Belt. He also said that the Parish Councils are not happy that their precepts have increased partly as a result of the rate of house building not meeting forecasts.

55 To receive report from Gravesham Joint Transportation Board (30)

Nothing to report. There has been no meeting since 12 September 2018, and the next meeting is scheduled for 16 January 2019.

56 Update on Planning & Highways Committee (31)

Mrs Lindley said that there has been a flurry of applications to review. These will be discussed at the next Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 24 January 2019.

57 To receive any update on the Parish Plan (32)

It was previously agreed that the Lower Thames Crossing should take priority over this at the moment. It was agreed that this should be removed from the Parish Council agenda until such time as there is anything to report.

58 To review any progress on the Emergency Plan (33)

It was agreed that this should be removed from the Parish Council agenda until such time as there is anything to report.

59 Update from Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee, including Crabbles Bottom (44e)

Mr Lane reported that the replacement of the decayed section of fence at Crabbles Bottom is currently in progress. The signs for Crabbles Bottom and Shorne Common Rough have been installed. The repairs to the slide at Mill Hill Lane play area are expected to be carried out next week. Mr Rea has reported that GBC has carried out the remedial work to the play equipment at Michael Gardens. Mrs McCluskey said that they have done a good job, including a new swing and repairs to the slide.

60 Report from County Councillor Bryan Sweetland (35)

No report received.

61 Website (37)

An email was received from a parishioner pointing out that our website information on the mobile library was out of date. KCC have changed this from every Wednesday to every second Tuesday. This has now been updated. It was agreed that the website should be removed from future agendas unless there is anything to report.

62 To review Finance report, including any exceptional items (47)

Mrs Martin had previously circulated a draft report. Other items of expenditure that has since been incurred include £52.80 (printing of Village Hall drawings) and £75.00 plus VAT (power supply for AED cabinet).

(a)	Talk Talk	Account (Jan'19)	£ 42. 67
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	<u>£ 8. 53</u>
			£ 51. 20
			=====
(b)	The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.		
	Gary Hagon Ltd	Wiring of AED Cabinet power supply	£ 75. 00
	Electrical Ltd	VAT	<u>15. 00</u>
			£ 90. 00
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	Shaw & Sons	Receipts & Payments Book Ref PC6G	£ 62. 00
		VAT	<u>12. 40</u>
			£ 74. 40
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	John Vilday	Works at Shorne Common	£ 25. 00
	Norris & Fisher	Insurance to cover AED Unit	£ 9. 45
	Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 26. 89
	Shorne Village Hall	Hire of Hall & Room	£ 48. 00
	Mr R Theobald	Scanning Village Hall Drawings to PDF	£ 52. 85
	(Singlewell Stationery)		
	Mrs T Martin	Salary - Jan' 2019	£832. 98
		Less Tax	<u>-£ 87. 53</u>
			£745. 45
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	Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 87. 53
		PC's Contributions for NI	<u>£ 19. 41</u>
			£106. 94
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63 New NALC Salary Scales for Clerks as from 1 April 2019 – for discussion

Mrs Martin has received the updated salary scales for Clerks and asked for this to be discussed at the meeting. In view of Mrs Martin's absence from the meeting, it was agreed that Mr Lane would discuss this with Mrs Martin.

64 Update on any meetings of Outside Bodies (39)

- (a) Mr Lane reported that the next Parish Council Chairs' meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 January 2019. Any topics that Shorne PC wishes to raise should be advised by 14 January.
- (b) Ms Clifton reported that she had attended meetings with United Charities on 29 November 2018, and KALC on 7 January 2019.
- (c) Ms Clifton reported that Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott has offered to meet with parish councils. Mr Lane agreed to check his availability.
- (d) Ms Clifton asked whether Shorne is covered by the KCC Community Warden scheme. Mr Lane said that it does not appear so and would make enquiries, but we need to establish whether there is a cost and whether it represents value for money.
- (e) There was a discussion regarding the dates of the Dynamic Councillor courses. It was considered that there would be more courses after the local elections in May.
- (f) Mr Bugg is attending the penultimate site meeting with the school roofing contractor on 11 January, and the School Governors Meeting on 23 January.

65 Correspondence

A further letter has been received from Galliford Try / Cornerstone Telecommunications requesting permission to look at land near the Scout Hut with regards to a possible mobile phone mast. It was agreed that Mr Lane would request a meeting to obtain further details before making any commitments.

66 Update on Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) (44d)

The AED has now been installed and commissioned. Mr Lane has circulated a draft Terms of Agreement which provides details of costs incurred, grant obtained, and proposed contribution from Shorne Village Hall. A familiarisation training session has been arranged for 1pm on Thursday 24 January 2019 in the small hall.

67 Matters Raised by Members

- (a) Mrs Lindley raised the subject of the next drop-in session which is due in March. However, last year's session in March was affected by poor weather, and it was agreed that would be better if the drop-in session takes place later in the year.

- (b) The dates for the next litter picks were discussed. It was suggested that Mr Lane arranges the Shorne Litter pick for 16 or 17 March, and Mrs McCluskey arranges the Shorne West litter pick for the following weekend.
- (c) Mrs Clifton raised a query on whether the Parish Council would be interested in arranging volunteer hospital transport. It was felt that this is not something that the Parish Council should cover. There are already volunteer transport schemes in existence, including one advertised at Shorne medical surgery.

68 Matters raised by Parishioners

- (a) Mr Parmenter discussed the Polish HSF Transport HGV which drove through Woodlands Lane on 7 January, damaging his neighbour's water-meter inspection cover. He has written an email to HSF in Poland and received an apology. Mr Lane said that he had also emailed HSF in Poland on behalf of the Parish Council. It is hoped that an 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign will be installed in Brewers Road in due course.
- (b) Mr Parmenter reported that the salt bin at the corner of Woodlands Lane and Tanyard Hill is in danger of toppling over. He has reported this to KCC but without success. Mrs Lindley will follow this up.
- (c) Mr Parmenter reported that the crown of Shorne Ifield Road is coated with soil and debris creating a hazard to road users. He has reported this to KCC but without success. Mrs Lindley has reported issues with the road surface, but lightly used single-track rural lanes are not a priority of KCC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.