

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee
Meeting held on 7 February 2019 in Shorne Village Hall**

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

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr R Lane
and Mr R Cooper

45 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2018

The minutes were AGREED as a true record.

46 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 40. Miss Clifton reported that the fingerpost which is down, is scheduled to be dealt with by KCC in ten weeks' time the latest.

47 Update on Crabbles Bottom

(a) Update on repairs to the bridleway fencing (32a)

Email received from Andrew Jackson from AGS Hoarding who is doing the fence repairs to say that they have progressed so far with the fencing but owing to the wet weather, it has not proved possible to get the trucks up the bridleway without getting stuck. They have therefore come away from site and will return just as soon as conditions are more suitable.

(b) Update on Meadow maintenance (32b)

Mrs McCluskey will be contacting Tom Gozzett to arrange for the 3 cuts at Crabbles Bottom for this year (April, June, September).

(c) Update on footpath & bridleway maintenance (32c)

Mrs McCluskey will contact H&P Conservation Works to discuss this year's cutting arrangements to include Bowesden Lane as discussed and agreed at the last Footpaths meeting.

(d) **Update on signposts for Crabbles Bottom (32d)**

The signposts are now in place. Mrs McCluskey made a visit to Crabbles Bottom this week to check on the signposts and found that two of the signs had moved to the bottom of the posts. She contacted John Vilday and he went up and put them back up. He advised that they had not slipped down as he had made the fixings tight and person or persons had pushed them down. Need to keep an eye on these. Mrs Lindley advised that HE had been in touch to advise that they were carrying out a badger survey and needed to access Crabbles Bottom. She advised that they had permission to enter.

48 Litter Patrols (33)

Mr Lane has arranged his next litter patrol is Saturday 16th March 2019

Mrs McCluskey has arranged her next litter patrol for Shorne West on Sunday 10th March 2019

49 Court Wood - Update on pathways (34)

Mr Theobald reported that a cyclist at GBC has offered to trace the paths in Court Wood but is waiting for better weather. Susan Lindley also advised that her information request to Land Registry had been rejected.

50 Update on verges at Forge Lane and Malthouse Lane (35)

KCC had previously reported that they will arrange to have both sites levelled, top soiled and seeded in the Summer, but was delayed due to wet ground conditions. Mr Theobald will ask the KCC area manager for an update.

51 Update on signposts in Shorne Common Rough (36)

Signposts are now in place

52 Telecom Mast Enquiry (38)

An email has been received by Mr Lane from Galliford Try regarding having a site visit to carry out a design survey. He will respond in due course.

53 Update on repairs to Mill Hill Lane Play Area (39)

The latest report has not brought up any urgent remedial action required.

Lisa McCluskey will be contacting John Vilday to do his regular annual maintenance in early spring. This will consist of cutting back and weed-treating the vegetation, cleaning the play equipment and spreading new bark around the equipment.

John Vilday has completed the repairs and will do the repainting when the weather improves (or when he does the annual maintenance).

54 Shorne Recreation Ground – Drainage, Padlock and Key Holder issues

Mr Lane has asked John Vilday to look at the drainage problem just inside Shorne Recreation Ground.

Miss Clifton has reported that the padlock had broken and she took it to Blakes who provided a much better padlock but using the same key. Miss Clifton has provided a new list of keyholders dated 2019.

55 Tree Survey results from Shorne Recreation Ground (42)

The tree survey which took place in November 2018 in Shorne Recreation Ground has shown that some remedial work is needed.

Mr Lane has contacted Cobham/NPC Tree Surgeons for a quotation to carry out the work and a response is awaited. Further quotations may have to be sought if it is a significant amount.

56 Rights of way Improvement Plan – Update

Mrs McCluskey was pleased to inform members that KCC has adopted the revised Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). This was contributed to by Mrs McCluskey. The ROWIP is effective from 15th December 2018 until the end of 2028.

The final version is now available to view on their website,

www.kent.gov.uk/rightsofwayimprovementplan

57 Update on AED at the Village Hall

AED training took place at the village hall on 24th January 2019 and was well attended. This item to be removed from future agendas.

58 Michael Gardens play area (43)

The refurbishment of the baby slide and replacement of the baby swing has now been completed.

An excellent job done by GBC and thanks has been sent by Clive Rea on behalf of the Parish Council.

59 Pop up café enquiry

Mrs McCluskey received an email from Paul Hassell asking if she could call Steve Taylor; he is the team leader for the Dartford and Gravesham community wardens and is regarding a request from an agency for something in our area.

After calling him he advised that a lady called Kathy Bugden was trying to contact us with regards to her 'Rural Kent Coffee and Information Project.' The idea would be to visit Shorne for two hours, once every four weeks, from April through to October (7 visits).

The service is free of charge. They just need a suitable venue (outdoors).
They have made a short (4 minute) film about it.
www.ruralkent.org.uk/coffeeproject

She would like to be able to come and see someone who is very familiar with the parish and how it works, and chat about this in more detail.

Mr Theobald agreed to take this forward.

60 Any other business

- (b) Miss Clifton reported that one of the chestnut butts on Shorne Common Rough is still missing.
- (c) Miss Clifton drew attention to the apples at Crabbles Bottom and advised members that someone is willing to pick them but storage would be a problem. It needs to be advertised on the website that people can go and help themselves to the apples.
- (d) Mr Theobald reported that Harlex Haulage have moved some concrete blocks for security purposes following a break-in.

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