

# Shorne Parish Council

Borough of Gravesham



## THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

March 2019

### Shorne Volunteers Litter Patrol Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

The next Litter Patrol in Shorne will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, weather permitting. As usual, we will meet in the Village Hall car park to collect equipment ready for a 10 o'clock start. We expect to be finished by midday. If you intend to join us, please let Bob know at [bob.lane@gmx.co.uk](mailto:bob.lane@gmx.co.uk) or on 01474 822680, so he can organise the teams and areas to be tackled.

Lisa McCluskey is also arranging a Litter Patrol in **Shorne West** on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. If you would like to join this one, please let Lisa know on 01474 332654.

### Tree Work at Shorne Recreation Ground, The Ridgeway.

Shorne Parish Council employs a qualified arboriculturalist to carry out a 3-year rolling programme of surveys on parish council-owned trees in those areas where there is a higher risk of falling trees or limbs affecting highways or areas used by the public. Last year, we carried out work at Shorne Common, this year it is the turn of Shorne Recreation Ground.

The arboriculturist identified four trees which require remedial work, including three adjacent to The Ridgeway. One of these trees will require dead wood to be cut out, a second will require a large limb to be removed and suckering to be cut back, and a third tree is dead and will need to be felled. The fourth tree is near the pavilion.

As this is in a conservation area, planning consent has been obtained, and the Parish Council will shortly place an order to have the work carried out.

### Repairs to Playground Equipment

We are pleased to report that Gravesham Borough Council has installed a new swing and carried out repairs to the children's slide at Michael Gardens play area. Our Shorne West Councillors report that Gravesham Borough Council has done a very good job.

Shorne Parish Council has carried out repairs to the children's slide at Shorne Common off Mill Hill Lane. Repainting of the slide will take place this spring, when our annual maintenance is carried out.

### Speed Indicator

The Parish Council has agreed to apply for a grant towards the purchase of a community Speed Indicator Device (SID), similar to the type operated in Cobham and Sole Street. It is

proposed to install 3 posts in suitable locations in Thong, Tanyard Hill, and Pear Tree Lane. Volunteers will periodically move the SID between these locations, with the aim of educating drivers and reducing speed. The unit will also provide the Parish Council with valuable analytical data on traffic volumes and speeds, and can be used by our local Speedwatch volunteers.

### **Annual Parish Assembly**

This is advanced notice that this year's Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. This is your opportunity to hear about the Parish Council's activities over the previous year, and to ask questions. It is also an opportunity for local societies and organisations to give a report on their activities.

If any club, society, or organisation would like to have their written report included in the Parish Council Annual Report, it is essential that this is received by the Parish Council not later than Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. For further information, contact [susan.lindley@shorneparishcouncil.org](mailto:susan.lindley@shorneparishcouncil.org).

### **Website**

Do you know that you can read copies of this and previous newsletters on Shorne Parish Council's website, as well as agendas and minutes of meetings, and useful links? Recent posts are listed on the right hand side of the home page, and residents are encouraged to check the website frequently for the latest information and important notices. Please keep in touch with our website at <https://www.shornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>.

### **Parish Council Meetings in March**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Planning & Highways Committee
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

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

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