

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee Meeting held on 25th July 2019 in Shorne Village Hall

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

APOLOGIES Mr S White

10. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2019

The minutes were AGREED as a true record.

11. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the Minutes

12. Update on Crabbles Bottom (3)

(a) Update on Meadow maintenance

Tom Gozzett has been instructed to carry out the third cut at Crabbles Bottom for this year. It is normally three cuts a year (April, June, September), but the second cut was on the 25th May and the third cut was carried out on the 20th July, after Mrs McCluskey visited Crabbles Bottom and instructed Mr Gozzett. It is therefore possible that a further cut will be needed. Mr Gozzett will monitor the situation and let Mrs McCluskey know if and when further cuts need to be carried out.

(b) Update on footpath & bridleway maintenance

On Mrs McCluskey's visit to Crabbles Bottom, she also noted that the footpaths and bridleway were overgrown. Mrs McCluskey has instructed H&P Conservation Works to carry out the work. This will happen the week after next. Normally we only have 2 cuts but it may need a third cut later in the season.

(c) Vehicular Access from Bowesden Lane

Mrs McCluskey has not had an opportunity to check this out as yet, but will wait until the vegetation has died back before looking at this. Miss Clifton would like to accompany Mrs McCluskey.

Mr Rea asked if people can pick the apples in Crabbles Bottom. Mr Lane will include a paragraph in the Parish Magazine advising parishioners that they are permitted to pick them for their own use.

13. Mill Hill Play Area, Shorne Common (5)

An enquiry was received from a parishioner asking if it was possible to use Shorne Common at Mill Hill Lane for parking for their friends and relatives attending a birthday party for their child in September. Mr Lane advised the parishioner that parking on the green for private events is not permitted, but that the Parish Council had no objections to using the car park area, provided space was left for visitors to Shorne Common. Mr Lane also provided her the contact details for the Scouts.

14. Shorne Common Rough (7)

Shorne Common Rough will need approximately three new chestnut butts in Woodlands Lane/Sandpit Lane. Mr Lane will show Miss Clifton where he considers they are needed to stop unauthorised vehicle access, but still allow access for GBC grass cutting to take place. Mr Bugg is concerned that they don't seem to be lasting. Mr Lane pointed out that these are additional butts, and butts to replace others that have been removed. A discussion took place on how we can preserve these, or to consider manufactured wooden bollards similar to those at Higham.

15. Footpaths (8)

(a) Broken fingerposts at Footpath NS168 (8a)

The KCC report states that the work has been put on forward maintenance.

(b) Footpath NS165 (9)

Mr Theobald has yet to report the overgrown vegetation on footpath NS165 at Muggins Lane.

(c) Footpath NS169 Michael Gardens to Thong Lane LTC ground works

The preparation works for drilling the bore holes in the land adjacent to footpath NS169 & Claylane Woods started last week. Mrs McCluskey spoke to workers on the project and asked how long they were going to be there, but they couldn't say. She raised with them the fact that there were no warning signs along the footpath advising people of any dangers, particularly as the schools are due to break up. They then erected signs to say Vehicular Access Only, but that is not what is needed. She was given a card with a telephone number for HE to call with any questions. Mrs McCluskey tried calling it but received no answer, so she has now found an email address and has emailed them, advising them that they need to put up warning signs. Signage and fencing has now been put up around the construction sites.

Mrs Lindley has contacted Eva Simunovic, who said she would get someone down to discuss it in August as no signs were visible. This is dangerous as it is a footpath which lorries are now using which could cause accidents, as the lorries are stopping suddenly on the road to turn onto the footpath.

16. Michael Gardens play area

Mr Hardy contacted GBC regarding the hedges around the fencing and foliage around the notice board, and they attended to this within two days.

17. Malthouse Lane cutting schedule

Miss Clifton has emailed KCC and is awaiting information from them.

17. Any other business

- (a) Mr Lane reported on progress regarding the SID. The public consultation has commenced and will be reported on at the Parish Council meeting on 4th September 2019.
- (b) Miss Clifton reported that KCC has reported that N156 will be cleared within 10 weeks, from the 12th July.
- (c) Miss Clifton reported that in the Finance section of the minutes of the AGM, it incorrectly stated that we incurred £850.00 on remedial tree work at Shorne Common Rough. The work was actually carried out at Shorne Recreation Ground. Amendments will be made to the minutes and updated.

Meeting finished at

Signed Mrs McCluskey:.....

Dated:.....