

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee Meeting held on 3rd October 2019 in Shorne Village Hall

PRESENT

Mrs L McCluskey (Chairman)
Miss P Clifton
Mr R Theobald
Mr C Rea
Mr R Lane

APOLOGIES

Mr S White
Mr R Hardy
Mrs S Lindley
Mr J Bugg
Mrs S Poole (Parish Clerk)

19. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2019

The minutes were AGREED as a true record.

20. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the Minutes

21. Update on Crabbles Bottom (3)

(a) Update on bridleway fencing

Mrs McCluskey visited Crabbles Bottom on the 21st September with the Parish Council clerk Mrs Poole. Mrs McCluskey is pleased to report that all sections of the fencing were intact and no repairs needed.

(b) Update on Meadow maintenance

Tom Gozzett has been instructed to carry out a fourth and final cut of the orchard area this week. On the visit to Crabbles Bottom, Mrs McCluskey checked the meadow and that did not need cutting at this point. Mrs McCluskey brought up the overgrown state of the trees in the orchard and suggested that we get someone to look and give us some advice on what needs to be done. It is thought that a tree surgeon is not deemed necessary at this stage but someone who knows about trees would suffice for the time being. Miss Clifton said she would contact someone at Luddesdown Parish Council to see if they could help.

(c) Update on footpath & bridleway maintenance

On Mrs McCluskey's visit to Crabbles Bottom she checked the length of the grass and it did not need a further cut at this time.

22. Shorne Common Rough (7)

Mr Lane has requested a quote for a timber bollard from AGS Hoarding to stop unauthorised vehicle access to Sandpit Lane (NS162). We need to leave 2 metre clearance for GBC's mower to access the green. The Parish Council will need to give further consideration to determine whether a bollard is necessary or not. Mr Lane, Miss Clifton and Mrs McCluskey will arrange a site visit to check on other missing chestnut butts in the area.

23 Update on verges at Forge Lane and Malthouse Lane

Miss Clifton advised that no response had been received from KCC regarding the cutting schedule for Malthouse Lane. There has also been no further update on the verge at Forge Lane, however the verge appears to have re-established itself. Mrs McCluskey proposed that this item be removed from future agendas as no further action is required.

24 Footpaths (8)

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

The finger post for NS168 in Shorne Ifield Road has been repaired. Miss Clifton advised that the finger post at the other end in The Ridgeway has also been repaired.

(b) Footpath NS165 (9)

Mr Theobald reported that he has been unable to report the overgrown vegetation on footpath NS165 at Muggins Lane.

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

The ground investigation works have now been completed around the footpath and Claylane Woods. There have been no more vehicles driving up and down the footpath.

(d) Footpath NS157

Mr White has provided an update regarding Footpath NS157 adjacent to Kia-ora in Green Farm Lane, however it did not establish ownership. Miss Clifton will investigate further.

25. Any other business

(a) Miss Clifton reported that she had inspected footpath NS156 from Pear Tree Lane to Swillers Lane and it has been cut back. However, she reported that some footpaths do not appear to be regularly used. Mr Lane was requested to report on Facebook that the footpath was now open, but to encourage residents to make use of them to help keep vegetation down. Mr Lane was requested to report that the footpath was open in the Parish Magazine as well as Facebook.

(b) Shorne Common, Mill Hill Lane. During the recent litter pick, Mrs Lindley had noticed that the sign on the piece of common land adjacent to Briars Cottage had been knocked down and was lying in the undergrowth. This will need checking to make sure the sign is not damaged and re erecting possibly with a new wooden post. Mr Lane, Miss Clifton and Mrs McCluskey will check on this during their site visit for chestnut butts. This will be a job for one of our contractors and Mrs McCluskey will contact them once it is known what is required to be done.

- (c) Mr Lane advised that GBC had recently cut back some more trees in Shorne Recreation Ground without informing us. In future, Mr Lane suggested that we try reporting damaged, dead or overgrown trees to them instead of applying for planning consent and paying for it ourselves.
- (d) Miss Clifton has advised that the new padlock for the gate at Shorne Recreation Ground is defective. As it is relatively new she will obtain the original receipt and return it to the shop.
- (e) Miss Clifton reported that the ‘abandoned’ car in Shorne recreation ground has now been removed.
- (f) On the 1st October Miss Clifton reported that a large limb (branch) had fallen off a chestnut tree at Chestnut Green, partially obstructing the roadway. It was reported and KCC attended to it the same day.
- (g) Mr Lane has asked Mr Sephton (Invicta Arboriculture) to confirm his rates for the next three year tree survey programme. Since the increase in fees was not substantial, it was agreed to instruct Mr Sephton to continue for the next 3 year programme. Shorne Common Rough is due this year.
- (h) Mr Lane reported that KCC require Shorne Parish Council to use the £1400 underspent on the traffic surveys to go towards the cost of the Speed Indicator Device, as part of the £3,000 grant requested.
- (i) Mr Rea advised that he had reported more fly tipping in Shorne Ifield Road.

Meeting finished at 20:40

Signed Mrs McCluskey:.....

Dated:.....