

Shorne Parish Council

————— Borough of Gravesham —————



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

October 2020

Mobile Phone Mast

With regards to the proposal for a 30 metre communications tower on Parish Council land at Shorne Common, Galliford Try has informed the Parish Council that they are now proposing to install a 15 metre lattice mast on private land. This is instead of their original proposal, but will of course be subject to reaching agreement with the landowner, and subject to any planning considerations and consultations that may be applicable.

Benches in Shorne Common

We are pleased to report that the park bench which disappeared from Shorne Common in early July has been found and kindly put back by a resident.

Coincidentally, the Parish Council had previously decided to obtain another park bench for Shorne Common in memory of our former parish clerk Theresa Martin, who sadly died earlier this year. We reluctantly decided that the new bench would have to replace the missing one. But now we can go ahead as planned and install an additional bench at Shorne Common. At the same time, we intend to repaint the old one and secure it to the ground.

Shorne Litter Patrol, Saturday 3rd October

The next Litter Patrol in Shorne will take place on Saturday 3rd October, weather and COVID-19 restrictions permitting. In order to avoid any unnecessarily large gatherings of volunteers, starting times and locations will be staggered. Our litter patrols are not hard work, in fact they are very rewarding. If you would like to join us, please let Bob know at bob.lane@gmx.co.uk or give him a call on 01474 822680.

Shorne Village Sign

Residents will have noticed that the village sign at post office green has finally been re-erected. The post had decayed and snapped off during high winds back in January, but the contractor unfortunately missed our instruction to proceed until after the coronavirus restrictions were in effect, and the ensuing lockdown resulted in material shortages, leading to the delay.

Community Orchard at Crabbles Bottom – Pick Your Own!

Crabbles Bottom has had its final cut of the season. The park includes a traditional orchard of Bramley apple trees. This year there has been a bumper crop of apples, many of which are going to waste on the ground. Residents are very welcome to come down and pick some

apples for your own personal enjoyment. Access to Crabbles Bottom is from the far end of Bowesden Lane or from Crutches Lane. Limited parking is available in the lay-by in Crutches Lane.

Village Hall Clock

The clock on the outside of the village hall in The Street has been causing problems for some time, stopping for no apparent reason or failing to restart after a power interruption. The result is that it often shows the incorrect time. The mechanism has been upgraded so that in the event of a power failure in the future, or when the clocks go forward or back, it will automatically restart and wait until the actual time catches up before resuming at the correct time.

Parish Council Meetings in October

Thursday 8th October - Full Combined Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd October - Finance and Budget Meeting

The meetings will commence at 7.45pm and will take place by Zoom remote video conferencing. If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@shorneparishcouncil.org for joining instructions.

Parish Council Drop-In Sessions

The biannual drop-in sessions have not taken place this year due to COVID-19 precautions, and we are conscious that parishioners have not had this opportunity to discuss matters with parish councillors. If there are any queries or issues you wish to discuss, please contact the Parish Clerk by email to clerk@shorneparishcouncil.org or leave a message on 01634 243157 between 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and someone will get back to you.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

Residents are strongly advised to stay up to date and continue to follow the latest precautions published at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and the government advice published at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

If you are able to, please support those more vulnerable residents who may be housebound or unable to collect their prescriptions or get to the shops. If you require help, please contact: <https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/home/environmental-health/coronavirus-guidance/help-and-support>. For urgent needs, Kent County Council's helpline is available 24 hours a day for vulnerable people, telephone 03000 41 92 92.

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