

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee
Meeting held on 10th June 2021 on zoom.**

PRESENT

Miss P Clifton (Chairman)
Mrs L McCluskey (Vice Chair)
Mrs S Poole (Parish Clerk)
Mr R Theobald
Mrs S Lindley
Mr R Lane
Mr R Hardy
Mr C Rea

Apologies

Ms A Franks

27. **Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2021:** These minutes were discussed but will be formally agreed on the 24th June at Full Council as this is just an advisory meeting in line with the current Government Covid guidance.

28. Any Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered in the Agenda.

No matters arising from the Minutes

29. Update on Shorne Common - Play Equipment to receive and note a report on progress with the proposed upgrade of the play area at Shorne Common.

Mr Lane reported that he has written to Redlynch this week, as we have heard nothing since placing the order with them in April. They have said it will be installed week after next (W/C 21st June 2021). Mr Lane then asked them about the drawing as nothing has been formally approved for installation purposes. Mr Lane is going to write to them again stating we must have a drawing and a Health and Safety Plan. Mr Rea said they should be providing a Method Statement and Risk Assessment as well. Ms Clifton also said that we must tell them what colour surfacing we want as nothing is in writing regarding the colour. We had decided on the texture/type which looks like wood chippings etc and is about 50mm thick. The Autumn colour had been agreed verbally.

Weather permitting, it will take around a week to install. This is different to what was originally agreed which was two weeks.

After the last playground inspection (which is by a new company so more comprehensive) it was reported that a holly bush needed removing. Tom Gozzett has since carried out a hard cut back to the holly. He has done this free of charge.

The new fence has been erected between the car park and the Common. There is a gate in the fence, for vehicles which need access to the Common, which has a combination lock.

30. Update on Crabbles Bottom

Tom Gozzett has done 2 cuts now in the Orchard one on the 8th April and 21st May 2021. Mr Rea asked do we specify when we want the cuts done, Ms Clifton said not necessarily but we have contracted him for only 4 cuts for this year. Mr Rea asked that maybe we should have tried to do No Mow May for the insect and bird life, Ms Clifton said the only cuts has been to the Orchard, not the Meadows which won't be cut until late September.

30.1 Footpath and Bridleway

Mr Lane sent out an email regarding the new contract which needs to be ratified at the meeting on 24th June. Ms Clifton said that we have engaged Tom Gozzett to cut the Bridleway and Footpath twice a year. The first cut was done on the 29th May and included a thorough strimming to the Bridleway. Ms Clifton commented that a lot of people on Social Media have said how pleased they are with the Bridleway.

31. Shorne Common Rough

31.1 Bollard update – John Vilday

Mr Vilday has purchased 2 telegraph poles which were delivered at the end of May. On 15th April Ms Clifton and Mr Lane met with him to discuss where the poles needed to go. Ms Clifton is going to chase Mr Vilday as they have still not been put in, and we are having reports of cars gaining access to the Rough from Woodlands Lane.

32. Chestnut Corner Notice Board

Ms Clifton has now got the prices for the options of the noticeboard which need to be ratified on the 24th June. If we need new posts the total including noticeboard, heading, text and shipping is £1,192.00 plus VAT. If we can use the existing posts the cost is £946.00 plus VAT. Ms Clifton reported that a fixing kit can also be provided, but it was agreed that this was not suitable for the existing posts and is more suitable for street furniture. When we need to cut the hedge back for the new sign, the owner of the adjoining property would like to be present. It was agreed that we would use the existing posts as they seem to be very secure. Mr Lane asked if the noticeboard was on public land, Mrs Lindley is going to look into this on the deeds.

It was agreed that Ms Clifton would order the new noticeboard without posts and then ask Mr Vilday to fix it to the original posts. It was agreed that Ms Clifton could choose the font for the heading.

33. New Signs at Shorne Common

Mr Lane has said the stipulation from Veolia is that they must have their logo on it so, along with Gravesham Borough Council and our logo, he has produced some samples. Mr Theobald asked if Mr Lane can send what he has done so far, and he will put something into CAD. Mr Lane will also send a couple of versions to Mrs McCluskey for her friend to look at producing the sign. Ms Clifton said we are going to wait until the new equipment is installed before purchasing the signs that are needed. Once

installed a photograph must be taken and sent to Veolia to comply with the grant funding.

34. Update on reported sink hole

Mr Hardy reported that this has now been filled in.

35. Recreation Ground Gate

The new hook to keep the gate is now fixed on and is working well. AGS still have not treated the gate. Mr Lane commented from the previous meeting when it was reported that someone had tried to steal the gate. A solution to this could be to put another chain and padlock around the other end of the gate.

36. NS 164 Crown Lane

Regarding off road bikes getting onto the field through a gap in the fence next to the footpath gate, Mrs McCluskey reported that she has been in contact with Mr Shove. He has confirmed that no horses are allowed to use the field and he will put a metal post in to close the gap. Two PCSOs have also met Mr Pelham on site regarding the bikes. Ms Clifton will contact Mr Pelham to find out the outcome.

37. NS 167 Stile

Mrs McCluskey reported that the stile gate has been broken down and an electric fence has been erected around the paddock including the stile. She has been in contact with Robert Shove who was not aware of this but told Mrs McCluskey that Mr Rossi, the landowner, has rented out the paddock to a local resident who had put his horse in it and erected the electric fence. Ms Clifton will take it up with John Pelham regarding the footpath and stile.

38. NS 171 Green Farm Lane

Ms Clifton reported that the footpath had been blocked by irrigation pipes which had been laid across the path. This was reported to John Pelham who had contacted the Estate Manager and this has now been dealt with. Ms Clifton will keep an eye on the path to ensure the growing apples trees do not encroach on the footpath.

39. Swillers Lane Green

Ms Clifton reported that Mrs Poole had received an email regarding maintenance of the wooden border around the green in Swillers Lane. Mrs Poole advised the resident to contact Martin Wates at Gravesham Borough Council.

40. Litter Bin Request

Ms Clifton has checked if there are litter bins around the exit to the Country Park after Ms Franks reported at the last meeting on the litter problem at Park Pale. Ms Clifton reported that there are no bins near the exit but there is an area that she believes could be suitable just inside the gate to the Country Park. Ms Clifton emailed Tim Bell on 18th May regarding this. She has not received a reply and will send another email.

41. Bus Shelters

Ms Clifton said that Kent County Council have sent us a bus shelter grant form. We are not able to apply this year but and will look at applying for a grant next year. There is quite a bit of work to be done making sure we have the correct specifications. We will need to do a local consultation as well as consulting with the bus company and GBC. We will start putting the consultation together around September/October.

Any other business:

42. Matters raised by Members

Mr Lane asked when the Annual Report will be delivered, as he has had a good response from volunteers to deliver it but is lacking a little help in Shorne West. Mrs Poole said the print company are hoping to delivery these to her on the 15th June, and she will drop them around to Mr Lane when they arrive.

Mrs McCluskey reported that the first bench in Michael Gardens play area has been installed. She has sent an email to Martin Wates, asking when they will install the second one. She has also asked them to install another waste bin in the park.

43. Matters from other Committees being discussed for convenience

Nothing reported.

44. Matters raised by attending Parishioners

No parishioners in attendance.

Date of next Footpaths, Properties and Greens Council meeting. 22nd July 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.37

Signed Ms Clifton:..... Dated:.....