

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

October 2021

Traffic Concerns in The Street

A number of residents attended the Parish Council meeting on 9th September to raise concerns about traffic in The Street and Forge Lane. Issues raised mainly concerned traffic speeds, but also included concerns about lack of pavements and vehicles having to brake near the brow of the hill where cars are often parked.

PCSO Middleton reported on the incident on 7th August when a car hit parked cars and walls in The Street, before the driver left the car in the middle of the road and walked away. The car was reported as stolen, and a suspect has since been arrested.

Cllr Bryan Sweetland explained how KCC have to prioritise their limited highways budget across the county, including 319 other parishes. He reported that traffic calming measures in Coxheath had to be removed as they caused more accidents than they prevented, and commented that despite there being extensive traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit in The Street in Cobham, they still experience vehicles speeding through the village.

Parish Council Chairman Bob Lane outlined how KCC and the Parish Council prioritise those areas where accident rates in the parish are highest, and gave an overview of the actions that we have taken, including a request to KCC to consider a 20mph zone through the village centre. Further details of the meeting can be found when the draft minutes are published on our website at <https://shorneparishcouncil.org/category/agendas-and-minutes/>

Litter Patrol Saturday 2nd October

The next volunteers' litter patrol will take place on Saturday 2nd October, weather permitting. We will meet at 09.45 in Shorne Village Hall car park for a safety briefing and to collect bags, hi-visibility waistcoats, and litter pickers, ready for a 10.00 start. We aim to finish around midday. 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.

Encroaching Shrubs and Vegetation

It's been a somewhat cool, damp summer, but it's done wonders for the growth of our shrubs and hedges. But we need to make sure they do not encroach on footpaths alongside the roads, making it difficult for pedestrians. Please take a moment to check the vegetation in your garden, and if it's encroaching on footpaths, please trim it back as soon as you can.

Friends of Shorne Play Area (FOSPA)

We are pleased to report that a small team of volunteers met on 11th September and agreed to coordinate and undertake routine maintenance of the children's play area at Shorne Common. This will include keeping the slide surfaces clean, controlling weeds and vegetation, and occasional litter picking. Users can help by making use of the litter bin and dog bin so that the area is kept clean and safe for children. If you are interested in joining the team to help out, please email playarea@shorneparishcouncil.org.

Community Orchard at Crabbles Bottom – Pick Your Own!

If you are quick, there should still be some apples left at Crabbles Bottom, and blackberries. Residents are welcome to pick some for your own personal enjoyment. Pedestrian access is from the far end of Bowesden Lane, alternatively parking is available in the lay-by in Crutches Lane.

Lower Thames Crossing Community Impacts Consultation

Shorne Parish Council's response to the consultation was submitted on 8th September 2021, and can be found on our website at <https://shorneparishcouncil.org/lower-thames-crossing-community-impacts-consultation-response/>. We would like to thank Cllr Susan Lindley for her excellent response on behalf of the Parish Council. The consultation is now closed.

Parish Council Meetings in October

Thursday 14th October - Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

Thursday 28th October - Finance & Budget Meeting

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

COVID-19 Restrictions

Residents are 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>.

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