

Shorne Parish Council

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THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

November 2021

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Unfortunately Allison Franks has resigned from the Parish Council due to her work commitments. Allison was only with us for a short time and we are sorry to lose her, as her expertise could have proved very useful in the future. As a result of her departure, we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Shorne Village Ward. Gravesham Borough Council has already publicised the vacancy notice and no election was called, so we intend to fill the vacancy by co-option.

As well as the village itself, Shorne Village Ward includes Thong, Shorne Ifield, Shorne Ridgeway, and Lower Shorne. In accordance with the Electoral Commission requirements, the vacancy is open to anyone who meets the necessary residential qualifications or other parameters. Nevertheless, it is important that all communities in Shorne are represented within the Parish Council, and we would particularly welcome applicants from Lower Shorne, Thong, or from ethnic backgrounds not currently represented on the Parish Council.

If you would like to be considered for co-option as a Parish Councillor, please send us a brief resumé, telling us why you are interested and why you think you would be suitable for the role, and outlining any relevant skills or experience you may have. Please send your application by email to vacancy@shorneparishcouncil.org, or by post to: The Clerk, Shorne Parish Council, c/o Shorne Village Hall, The Street, Shorne, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3EA, to reach us no later than Friday 5th November 2021. This date may be extended if necessary.

Shorne Speedwatch Volunteers

Speedwatch is a national initiative where local volunteers support the Police by monitoring vehicle speeds at specified, approved roadside locations, which are assessed by the Police. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit in Shorne are reported to Kent Police, and if a vehicle is reported on more than one occasion, the Police contact the registered keeper, initially by letter, with the aim of educating the drivers to reduce their speeds. Repeat offenders receive a visit from the Police, and in cases where education is ignored or excessive offences are recorded, enforcement and prosecution may follow.

Shorne Speedwatch Group always welcomes volunteers to help support their activities, and is particularly interested in volunteers to assist in monitoring speeds in Thong. If you can spare an hour every so often, then why not volunteer? It's not difficult – volunteers receive appropriate training, and Speedwatch sessions are arranged to suit your availability. If you are interested, please register at <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/WIZ-FRONT-v2-GetInvolved-exist-1.php> and your local co-ordinator will get in touch with you.

Litter Patrol

30 local residents braved the elements to take part in our litter patrol on Saturday 2nd October, plus a number of others who helped to pick litter during the days leading up to and immediately following the event. Over 40 bags of litter were collected, plus a number of miscellaneous items, including a fridge-freezer! Thank you to all those who took part, it really made the village look clean and tidy!

Keep Safe on Dark Nights

Now that British Summer Time has officially ended and the clocks have gone back, residents are reminded to take a torch with them if they venture out late in the day, and where possible to wear something bright or reflective. Drivers are requested to take extra care when driving at night through streets and lanes without pavements, and to be aware that pedestrians may be walking in the roadway.

Parish Council Meetings in November

Thursday 11th November - Planning & Highways Committee
Thursday 25th November - Parish Council Meeting (limited business)

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

Parish Council Website

Residents are encouraged to visit our website at <https://shorneparishcouncil.org> regularly to keep abreast of news affecting the Parish. This is where we publish official notices, announcements, agendas and minutes of meetings, news items, useful contacts, as well as copies of these newsletter articles.

COVID-19 Restrictions

As the level of COVID-19 infections is increasing, particularly in this area, 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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