

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

April 2022

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be marked by a four day bank holiday weekend lasting from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June. The Parish Council is planning a series of events to celebrate the Jubilee throughout the four day period.

On Thursday 2nd June, we will be having a special **Jubilee Beacon** on Shorne Common in Mill Hill Lane. The beacon will be lit at 9.45pm, but residents are invited to gather on the Common from 8pm to join in the festivities.

On Friday 3rd June, we will be hosting a **Charity Dinner & Dance** at the Village Hall, from 7pm until 11pm. This will be a 3 course meal, with dancing to music from Shorne's very own band "Gold". Tickets are £50.00 per person, with all profits going to local charities. To reserve your tickets, please email jubileeball@shorneparishcouncil.org.

On Saturday 4th June, we are planning to hold a **Street Party** in The Street between 12 noon and 2pm, where we will be serving food for children and parishioners. We also anticipate that there will be a range of activities for all ages in the Village Hall.

Please note that in order to facilitate this, it is intended to apply for a closure of The Street to through traffic between number The Old Post Office and Butchers Hill, from 11am to 3pm. We hope that you will support the street party and the proposed closure of The Street on this special occasion, but if you have any comments or objections, or would like to express your support, please let us know by email to clerk@shorneparishcouncil.org or in writing to Shorne Parish Council, c/o Village Hall, The Street, Shorne, Gravesend, DA12 3EA.

On Sunday 5th June, we will be hosting **the Big Lunch**, which will be a family picnic on Shorne Common in Mill Hill Lane. This will run from 11am to 4pm, and everyone is welcome to join in. You can bring your own food, but it is also planned to have a Fish & Chip van on site.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating The Queen's 70 years on the throne.

Spring Clean Litter Patrol

20 volunteers joined us at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th March to take part in this year's Spring Litter Patrol. We were supplemented by 10 more volunteers who took part in the days before and after the 19th, as well as residents in Shorne Ifield who tackled the rubbish dumped along the lane. Around 30 sacks of litter were collected on the day. A big thank you to all who took part in making our village look clean and tidy for the Spring.

Shorne Common Parking Area Restoration

Balfour Beatty, one of the Lower Thames Crossing's contractors, has carried out the restoration of the parking area adjacent to the children's play area at Shorne Common, Mill Hill Lane. As well as replacing the worn out and waterlogged surface with compacted type 1 aggregate, they improved the drainage and removed a tree that was causing problems to the area. The work was carried out free of charge as part of Balfour Beatty's community support programme.

Improvements to Shorne Common

The Parish Council is arranging to have the tree canopy over the children's play area to be trimmed back, and to have the self-seeded trees, bushes, and general scrub vegetation around the perimeter of Shorne Common to be cut back where it has encroached onto the green over the years. We will also be removing one large limb which is in contact with the ground and encroaching onto the green. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out in the very near future.

Annual Parish Assembly

This year's annual parish assembly will take place on Wednesday 27th April, commencing at 7.30pm in the small hall at Shorne Village Hall. This is your opportunity to hear about the Parish Council's activities over the previous year, and to ask questions. It is also an opportunity for local societies and organisations to give a report on their activities. Due to the pandemic, this will be the first time we have been able to hold this event in public since 2019, so we would really like to see a good attendance from parishioners, and we would encourage you to join us.

Parish Council Meetings in April

Thursday 14th April - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 27th April - Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Council meeting will commence at 7.45pm in the Committee Room in Shorne Village Hall. The Annual Parish Assembly will commence at 7.30pm in the small hall.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

Although the remaining domestic restrictions in England have now been lifted, the level of COVID-19 infections has been increasing steadily since the end of February. Whilst for most people it appears that the latest variant is relatively mild, it is clear that the virus has not gone away. All residents are urged to continue to take sensible precautions, and to stay up to date with the latest information published at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and the government guidance published at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

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