

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

May 2022

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

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, 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 not later than Monday 2nd May.**

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, we have applied for a closure of The Street to through traffic between The Old Post Office and Butchers Hill, from 11am to 3pm.

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.

Improvements to Shorne Common

The Parish Council's contractors have made a good job of trimming back the tree canopy over the children's play area and cutting back the self-seeded trees, bushes, and general scrub vegetation around the perimeter of the Common where it has encroached onto the green over the years. There is some further cutting back required on the western side near the bins, and this will be carried out in the near future.

Play Area

Regrettably, vandals defaced the children's play equipment sometime between 15th and 16th April using a 'permanent' marker. This has been reported to the Police and a crime reference number obtained. Fortunately, local residents came to the rescue and removed the offensive graffiti very quickly. Plans are progressing with a small adventure trail in the woodland adjacent to the play area.

20 mph Scheme for Shorne Village

At a recent meeting with representatives of KCC Highways, they confirmed that it is their intention to introduce a 20 mph scheme in the centre of Shorne during this financial year, subject to their being no strong objections from residents. The Parish Council will shortly be conducting an informal consultation to seek the views of residents

Bus Shelters

The Parish Council is considering plans to refurbish and widen the openings on the two bus shelters at Shorne Crossroads, to improve visibility and to reduce opportunities for misuse. This will be an expensive operation, so the Parish Council will be carrying out a consultation to ascertain the level of use of the bus shelters and to establish the level of support for the proposal.

Parish Council Meetings in April

Thursday 11th May - Annual General Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 25th May - Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm in the Committee Room in Shorne Village Hall.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

Although the remaining domestic restrictions in England have now been lifted, the level of COVID-19 infections remains high. 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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