

Shorne Parish Council

————— Borough of Gravesham —————



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

October 2022

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Parish Council business was immediately suspended on the sad news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's death, which broke just after 6.30pm on Thursday 8th September. The Parish Council meeting that was due to take place at 7.30pm on that evening was cancelled, and we apologise for the absence of prior notice.

We are all deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Her loss will be deeply felt. She devoted her life to serving our country and the Commonwealth, and will be greatly missed.

Just three months ago, the people of Shorne drew together to celebrate 70 years of her reign, to commemorate her achievement, and to thank her for her devoted service. All of us will cherish fond memories of Her Majesty, and mourn her passing.

On behalf of all members of Shorne Parish Council, and we are sure on behalf of the people of Shorne, we wish to offer our sincere condolences to our new King and to members of the Royal Family. We share their sorrow.

Rescheduled Meetings

In addition to the Parish Council meeting that was due to take place at 7.30pm on 8th September, the Planning & Highways Committee planned for 22nd September also had to be cancelled. Although the meeting was scheduled to take place after the state funeral, it is a legal requirement to publish the agenda three full working days in advance, not including Sundays, Bank Holidays, the day of the meeting, and the day that the agenda is published. This would have meant that the agenda would have needed to be published on Friday 16th September at the very latest, but the Parish Council was advised that any days during the period of mourning should not be included in the notice period, hence the meeting could not be held.

Therefore the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee Meeting scheduled for 13th October will now become a full Parish Council Meeting, and will include any business postponed from The Planning & Highways Committee and the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee.

Litter Patrol Saturday 8th October

The next volunteers' litter patrol is scheduled to take place on Saturday 8th 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. We would be particularly interested in volunteers willing to tackle Gravesend Road, which is in need of a good clean up. 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.

Community Orchard at Crabbles Bottom – Pick Your Own!

The parish owns 27 acres of land at Crabbles Bottom, which stretches from the far end of Bowesden Lane through to Crutches Lane in Higham. It includes a traditional orchard of Bramley apple trees. Residents are welcome to come down and pick some apples for your own personal enjoyment. Parking is available in the lay-by in Crutches Lane.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

With the resignation of Lisa McCluskey, we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the Shorne West Ward of Shorne Parish Council. This vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Shorne West includes Astra Drive (odd numbers only), Davys Place, Gabriel Gardens, Gazelle Glade, Genesta Glade, Glenrosa Gardens, Judeth Gardens, Marling Way (up to numbers 60 & 63), the Michael Gardens development, 344 to 356 Thong Lane, and 1 – 15 (odd numbers) Vigilant Way, a total of just over 370 households.

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government, and meets at Shorne Village Hall eight times a year, normally on a Thursday evening. In addition, the Planning & Highways Committee meets six times a year, and the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee meets five times a year, again on Thursday evenings.

In accordance with the Electoral Commission requirements, the vacancy is open to anyone who meets the necessary residential qualifications and other parameters, which includes applicants from other parts of Shorne. Nevertheless, it is important that all communities in Shorne are properly represented within the Parish Council, and we would particularly welcome applicants who live in Shorne West, 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 Wednesday 26th October. This date may be extended if necessary.

Parish Council Meetings in October

Thursday 13th October - Parish Council Meeting (combined with Committees)
Thursday 27th October - Budget & Finance Meeting

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

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Shorne Parish Council