

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

June 2023

Lower Thames Crossing

The Lower Thames Crossing is carrying out a “minor refinement consultation” between 17th May and 23:59 on 19th June 2023. The main aspects of the refinement are:

- Updating plans for utility works at East Tilbury to reduce the amount of land needed;
- Reducing the land needed for Nitrogen Deposition compensation at Blue Bell Hill and Burham;
- Possible changes to the method of boring the tunnels. Instead of using two tunnel boring machines (TBMs) travelling from north of the river to the south side, they are considering using one TBM which would bore from north to south, and then be turned around to bore the second tunnel from south to north.

Details of the consultation, including a booklet and response form, can be found on their website at: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/minor-refinement-consultation-2023/>

If you would prefer to have a printed copy of the consultation document and response form, as well as a pre-paid return envelope, these are available to order free of charge (one pack per household), by emailing National Highways at info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk or by phoning 0300 123 5000.

A New Defibrillator in Shorne West

The Parish Council has been successful in securing a grant from the Lower Thames Crossing Community Fund, which will help pay for the installation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) at Michael Gardens in Shorne West. The installation is a little more complicated than the AED at the Village Hall, as it will need an unmetered electricity supply and its own mounting arrangements. Nevertheless, it is hoped that this will be installed and commissioned in the coming weeks.

Shops Forecourt in The Street

The Parish Council is very pleased to see that the parking forecourt in front of the shops in The Street has at last been resurfaced. This follows numerous letters and emails from Cllr Lane dating back to October 2019, and the Parish Council has expressed its thanks to the owner for finally arranging for the work to be carried out.

Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Appointments

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 11th May, Bob Lane was elected as Chairman of Shorne Parish Council, with Robin Theobald as Vice Chairman. Susan Lindley was elected as Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee, and Pauline Clifton was elected as Chair of the Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a councillor in Shorne West ward, which we expect to fill by co-opting a suitable candidate. The vacancy is open to anyone who meets the necessary residential qualifications and other legal parameters, which includes applicants from all parts of Shorne, not just from Shorne West. Nevertheless, it is important that all communities 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. The vacancy advertisement closes on Friday 2nd June, but we will consider applications received by Monday 5th June. If you think you might be interested, please contact our Clerk at clerk@shorneparishcouncil.org, or you can send your application by email to vacancy@shorneparishcouncil.org or by letter to: The Clerk, Shorne Parish Council, c/o Shorne Village Hall, The Street, Shorne, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3EA.

Parish Council Meetings in June

Thursday 8 th June	-	Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee
Thursday 22 nd June	-	Parish Council Meeting

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

Bob Lane
Shorne Parish Council