Meeting No 4

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2014 in Shorne Village Hall

PRESENT	Mr R Theobald (Acting Chairman) Mr J Bugg Mr D Hart Mr R Dinnis Mr R Cooper Mr G Dent Mrs S Lindley
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	Miss P Clifton, Parishioner
APOLOGIES	for absence were received from Mr M Brett

45 Co-Options

One application for co-option had been received from Mr Bob Lane, Margaux, Woodland Lane. Mr Dinnis proposed Mr Lane be accepted for co-option, which was seconded by Mr Russell. The Clerk will advise Mr Lane of this and to request him to attend the next full Council meeting on 8 January 2015 when he will be sworn-in.

It was noted that Mr G Dent and Mrs S Lindley were sworn-in onto the Parish Council in the presence of the Clerk at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 30 October 2014.

46 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 September 2014

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

47 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Park Pale

The continuing problems at Park Pale were discussed. Mr Theobald reported that he had spoken to the resident and his neighbour in Woodlands Lane regarding CCTV cameras. Following further discussions it was agreed that a co-ordinated approach to

this matter was necessary. Council will send a letter to the Chief Constable. Alan Pughsley, advising him of the problems in Park Pale and also describing the criminal damage caused in Woodlands Lane and Cob Drive.

(b) Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (formerly the LDF) (36)

Mr Theobald reported that as far as he knew, there has been no challenge to the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy which was presented to the Borough Council at its meeting on 30th September 2014 for formal adoption. There may be something lodged but this is unknown. He also reported that the Green Belt Review has not started.

(c) Shorne Football Club - Lease (38)

Mr Theobald reported that he had drafted a letter to go to Shorne Football Club regarding the Club's lease of the Recreation Ground which is due for renewal on 20 December 2014. The Parish Council has reviewed the position and would like to offer the Club a new lease for a term of fifteen years on a similar basis to the previous lease that is, for an annual rent of £1.

Since the land used at the Recreation Ground was gifted for the benefit of the parish it would not be appropriate for the Council in effect to grant a lease in perpetuity. As with the previous lease the Council does not wish the lease to have an automatic right of renewal. Accordingly the Council is giving fourteen day's notice in accordance with article 21 and 22 of the Regulatory Reform (Business Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2003.

The formal notice under Schedule 1 of the Order and the accompanying notes are to be sent as well, asking for them to sign a copy of the Notice and to return this to the Parish Council. On the expiry of the fourteen day's notice period the Council will contact them to arrange a meeting for the lease to be formally signed.

48 Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

(a) New Siting of Notice Board in Thong

Mr Dinnis and Mr Theobald had a look at a location for the new siting of the notice board in Thong and spoke to Mr Turnbull about the location. Mr Theobald has produced some drawings for the notice board and its proposed siting in Thong. The area identified is in a conservation area and the matter of the ownership of the land on either side of the footpath is to be pursued.

(b) Notice Boards

It was thought that Ron Bardoe has some materials left over from the two previous notice boards he had made for the Parish Council.

49 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Meeting held on 31 October 2013

The minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record. Council AGREED the Committee's recommendations of the draft estimates for the year 2015/2016 in accordance with the schedule. The Parish Council is to precept for £25,500.00 for the year 2015/2016 to be submitted to Gravesham Borough Council.

50 Finance

(a)	VAT Reclaimed (Paid into Barclays Bank by BACS)		£559. 93
(b)	UK Power Networks	Wayleave (Paid into Barclays Bank)	£ 4. 60
(c)	Talk Talk	Account (Oct'14)	£ 30. 08
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	£ 6. 02
			£ 36. 10
(d)	Talk Talk	Account (Nov'14)	£ 34. 04
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	£ 6. 81
			£ 40. 85
(e)	Talk Talk	Account (Dec'14)	£ 33. 16
	(Paid by DD)	VAT	£ 6. 63
			£ 39. 79

(f) The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques issued.

Mrs T Martin	Re-imbursement of Donation to Ellenor Lions Hospice for the late Mr J Pooley	£ 25. 00
KALC	4 copies of the Good Councillors' Guide	£ 10. 00
Shorne Village Hall	Hire of Hall & Room	£ 36. 00
Northfleet Press	Printing of 1000 copies of Annual Parish Report	£1141. 00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath for Memorial Sunday	£ 40. 00
KALC	Local Councils Explained - Promotional Price	£ 29. 99
	Postage & Packing	2. 66
	VAT	. 53
		£ 33. 18

Viking Direct	Stationery Items	£ 48. 90
	VAT	9. 78
		£ 58. 68
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Urban Spaces	Digging out Pryus tree & Replacing with new tree at Tanyard Hill	£410. 00
Mrs L Hornby	Stationery Items for Shornemead Crossing	£ 45. 81
Mrs T Martin	Postage & Stationery	£ 91. 39
Mrs T Martin	Refreshments for Council Meeting 11 December 2014	£ 29. 42
Mr R Theobald	Refreshments for Council Meeting 11 December 2014	£ 19. 88
CPRE	Membership Renewal - 6.1.2015	£ 36. 00
Gravesham Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£ 25. 00
Mrs T Martin	Salary - November 2014	£ 783. 38
	Less Tax	- 88. 68
		£694. 70
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 88. 68
	PC's Contributions for NI	£ 16. 61
		£105. 29
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Mrs L Brown	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£ 60. 00
Mrs T Martin	Salary - December 2014	£ 783. 38
	Less Tax	- 88. 68
		£694. 70
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Inland Revenue	Tax deducted from Clerk's Salary	£ 88. 68
	PC's Contributions for NI	£ 16. 61
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51 Correspondence

(a) From Gravesham Citizens Advice Bureau asking if the Parish Council would be prepared to support them by making a donation. They rely heavily on volunteers to provide general advice, IT support, reception duties and administration. Following a discussion, Mr Theobald proposed a donation of £25.00 be made to the Bureau, which was seconded by Mr Bugg. The donation is to be made without prejudice.

(b) From the Ellenor Lions Hospice, thanking the Parish Council for the donation in memory of John Pooley.

(c) From the Mid Kent Astronomical Society, advising of their meetings.

52 Matters Raised by Members

(a) Mr Theobald reported that the banner for the slimming organisation displayed by the front door of the Village Hall has been removed.

(b) Mr Theobald reported that the notice advertising the Playgroup is still at the Village Hall.

(c) It was reported that the gullies are still blocked in Mill Hill Lane. It was agreed to report this again to Kent Highways Services.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.