Meeting No 3

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
5 September 2019 in Shorne Village Hall

PRESENT Mr R Lane (Chairman)
Mr R Theobald
Mrs S Lindley
Mr C Rea
Mr S White
Mrs L McCluskey
Mr R Hardy

APOLOGIES for non-attendance were received from Ms Clifton and Mr Bugg

Parishioners in attendance: Mr Lance

32 To receive any declarations of interest for any items on the agenda

None received.

33 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2019

The minutes were circulated for comment on 3 July 2019, and a minor correction by Ms Clifton has been incorporated. The minutes were approved.

34 Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda

Nothing received.

35 Update on proposed mobile phone mast (19)

No further information has been received. An application for a similar lattice tower at The Inn on the Lake has been submitted to GBC by a different applicant.

36 Update and approve additional expenditure for Speed Indicator Device (20)

On 24 July 2019, Mr Lane informed Members that KCC had approved the SID locations in Pear Tree Lane (on the verge at the corner of Bowesden Lane), Thong Lane (outside Cheneys Farm Barns), and in Tanyard Hill (on the verge outside Longmead/Tanshaw). The Tanyard Hill site will need a 'bridge deck socket' to avoid underground services. All of the proposed locations are subject to local consultation.

The consultation was published on 28 July. It included individual letters hand delivered to each property within approximately 100 metres of the proposed locations. It was also publicised on the website, the Facebook page, and on local noticeboards. It was also reported in the September issue of the parish magazine. The consultation continues until Friday 13 September 2019.

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To date, a total of 8 formal responses have been received using the forms provided, all in favour of the proposal. Another 3 were received this evening. In addition, Mr Lane has been in correspondence with the owner of Cheneys Farm Barns, and he has no objections to the SID being located outside his property, providing sight lines are not significantly impaired.

However, the cost has increased from an estimate of approx. £7,000 to £8,029 for the standard mini SID, and £8,269 for the advanced SID with "Slow Down" display. Most responses received indicate a preference for the advanced SID. Cllr Sweetland has advised that he is prepared to authorise a grant of £3,000 towards the cost.

In view of the increased cost, Members were requested to approve the additional expenditure. This was **approved**.

37 Approval of repairs to Speedwatch equipment

On 23 August, Ms Clifton advised Members that the Speedwatch equipment was non-operational. She has taken it to the manufacturer and has been advised that the cost of repairs and a new battery will amount to £194. Members were requested to give their approval to proceed with the necessary repairs and the new battery, and this was **approved**.

38 Update on Lower Thames Crossing (28b)

Mrs Lindley and Mr Lane attended a meeting with Highways England (HE) LTC team on 5 August. The meeting discussed footpaths, ground investigation boreholes, warning signs, along with Archaeological digs which are ongoing. There are still vehicles on the cycle route on Green Farm Lane as well as Shorne West. HE will be doing an Archaeological walk at Crabbles Bottom, and Mrs Lindley has asked to see a copy of the report on this.

In addition to the meeting on 5 August arranged by Mrs Lindley, Mr Lane attended a further informal meeting with the LTC team on 8 August. This focussed on traffic forecasts and concern regarding the creation of rat-runs through villages.

HE has added another date and venue to their schedule of project update information events, from 10.00 to 19.00 on Monday 9 September at Cascades in Thong Lane.

39 Planning & Highways Committee - report on issues of significance (21)

Mrs Lindley reported that there were 3 planning applications from May to July, but 18 have been received since then which are being dealt with at present.

Mill Hill Lane has now been re-surfaced and a pot hole around a manhole in Forge Lane has been repaired. Mr Theobald reported that there had been a road accident at this location.

The next Joint Transport Meeting is scheduled for 11 September and the agenda includes Red Route buses, parking on Brewers Road outside the Country Park, and yellow lines around the school area including Forge Lane and Cob Drive.

Mrs Lindley attended a meeting in Higham on 4 September regarding the proposed Nuralite Business Park.

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40 Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee - report on issues of significance (22)

The meadows at Crabbles Bottom were cut on 25 July, and the footpaths and bridleway were cut on 5 August. Mrs McCluskey carried out an inspection and all the fencing is intact.

41 Report by Borough Cllr B Lane (23)

There have been few meetings of any significance in the period since the previous Parish Council meeting, although training and familiarisation continued until the end of July.

An application to build a block of flats in the garden at the rear of the former Whitehill Tavern, now Tesco Express, together with the establishment of a car park on green space in Whitehill Road was referred to the Regulatory Board on 24 July. This was from the same applicant who is applying to build 64 flats at Cobham Lodge, Valley Drive. It was again proposed that this should be deferred to a later meeting of the Regulatory Board to enable concerns to be addressed. However, on this occasion, members voted to refuse permission.

At the Regulatory Board on 4 September, there was a further instance where the Board overturned officers' recommendations to refuse retrospective planning permission for unsuitable uPVC windows in a Conservation Area. The recent judicial ruling which resulted in the quashing of planning permission for the proposed petrol filling station at Tollgate was reviewed. This is now for determination by the Planning Inspectorate. The application to build 64 flats at Cobham Lodge, Valley Drive, which had been deferred until the Regulatory Board on 4 September, was not included on the agenda.

The next meeting of the Joint Transport Board is scheduled for 11 September.

42 Report by County Cllr B Sweetland (24)

No specific report expected from Cllr Sweetland.

43 Finance report to 31 August 2019 (25)

(Please note this is correct at time of preparation but is subject to updating)

Item Description	Cost Ex VAT	VAT	Total Cost
Backdated Salary (May/June)	£1,309.83	0	£1,309.83
HMRC May/June	£80.57	0	£80.57
Salaries July	£809.29	0	£809.29
Salaries August	£809.29	0	£809.29
HMRC July/August	£119.12	0	£119.12
Hall Hire	£170.00	0	£170.00
L Lawrence Floristry (retirement flowers)	£50.00	0	£50.00
L McCluskey (retirement cake)	£35.00	0	£35.00
Vodaphone June	£22.50	£4.50	£27.00
Vodaphone July	£22.50	£4.50	£27.00
Clerk workshop S Poole	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
Councillor workshop L McCluskey	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Councillor workshop S White	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00

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H&P Conservation (Crabbles Bottom)	£232.96	£46.59	£279.55
Tom Gozzett (Crabbles Bottom)	£567.00	0	£567.00
Northfleet Press (Annual Reports)	£1,388.00	0	£1,388.00
NALC Booklets (Ref 10236)	£17.47	0	£17.47
Postage (Reports, banks, introductions)	£104.00	0	£104.00
Stationery (1)	£4.05	£0.81	£4.86
Stationery (2)	£15.93	£3.16	£19.09
Total this period	**£5,917.51**	**£91.56**	**£6,009.07**

44 Considerations for future planned expenditure (26)

At the previous meeting, Members agreed to consider items of potential future expenditure for inclusion on a draft list, which will be considered, prioritised, and form the basis of a future expenditure plan. Mr Lane encouraged Members to give this serious consideration in advance of the Budget Meeting on 24 October 2019.

45 Litter Patrol

The next litter patrol in Shorne will take place on Saturday 28 September 2019. Shorne West litter pick will be held on Sunday 20 October at 09.30. Mr Lane has agreed the loan of the litter picking equipment for a Scouts litter pick at Shornemead Fort on Saturday 12 October.

46 Correspondence

Following a request from a resident in Tanyard Hill for a visit by a Parish Councillor, Mrs Lindley has been in touch with the resident.

A parishioner contacted the Police on 12 August to report nuisance caused by motorbikes at Park Pale (ref. 11-1093). The Control Room could hear them while on the phone. Mr Lance advised that he had also reported motorbike nuisance at Park Pale, and the Police had called him back. The Police have stressed the importance to call 101 to report all incidents at Park Pale.

The PSCO Report has been received.

47 Meetings of Outside Bodies

(a) Meeting with Highways England Area 4 (28a)
At the previous meeting, Mr Lane reported on a meeting with Highways England on 13 June to discuss concerns regarding the standard of maintenance in Area 4, in particular the M2, and the A2 and associated slip roads through Gravesham. A further meeting is scheduled for 11 September in Westminster with Adam Holloway MP and with Nichola Bell, Highways England Regional Director for South East.

(b) Meeting with KCC and Kent Police at Park Pale
Mr Lane attended a meeting with KCC and Kent Police at Rochester & Cobham Golf Club on 31 July, to discuss problems with parking and disturbances caused by motorcyclists in Park Pale. The meeting was arranged by Harlex and the Golf Club, and KCC Highways was represented by Sharry Madden. Disappointingly, GBC Parking Enforcement declined to attend. At the meeting, Sharry Madden informed us that KCC had agreed to put yellow lines along the complete length of Park Pale.

(c) Shorne Surgery
Messrs Lane and Bugg attended the public meeting at Shorne Village Hall on 1 August, in which around 80 patients voiced concerns to Surgery staff regarding their decision to discontinue the walk-in surgery with effect from Monday 2 September 2019.

(d) Shorne Village Hall
The next meeting of Shorne Village Hall Management Committee is scheduled for 10 September. Investigations into noise complaints and concerns raised by a resident have identified potential incorrect interpretations of the Trust Deed. A subcommittee will be reviewing this to identify any actions necessary.

(e) Mr Hardy and Ms Clifton attended a meeting for Shorne United Charity in July. Members were advised that the charity is available to help cases of particular hardship.

47 Matters Raised by Members

(a) Mr Lane stated that there have been unconfirmed reports on social media of a road traffic accident at the junction of Tanyard Hill and Racefield Close on Wednesday 4 September. Police and Ambulance services were reportedly in attendance.

(b) Mrs Lindley reported that there will be carriageway repairs in Pear Tree Lane between Tanyard Hill and Merrievale from 19 September.

(c) Mr White said that he will be speaking to the resident in Green Farm Lane who has raised concern about a tree overhanging from the footpath adjacent to her property.

48 Matters Raised by Parishioners

(a) The Volkswagen Golf reported at the previous meeting as being left unattended for several weeks opposite Crown Lane in The Street has gone. GBC has confirmed that its removal was not as a result of their action.

(b) At the previous meeting, it was reported that the rubble and building materials in a front garden in The Ridgeway had been removed, but there was now a skip there. The owners have now submitted an application to create a large, 6-bedroomed property.

(c) Ms Clifton has been contacted regarding an old sofa and chair that have been left in the front garden of 5 Ridgeway Bungalows for several months, and asks whether the Parish Council should contact the occupant to point out that GBC will take large items away for a small charge. Ms Clifton was given permission to do this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45

Signed Mr Lane:……..

Dated:……..

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