Shorne Parish Council

Borough of Gravesham

THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

July 2025

Civic & Patronal Service, Sunday 29th June

This year's Civic & Patronal Service will take place at 09.30 on Sunday 29th June at St Peter & St Paul's Church. The Mayor of Gravesham Cllr Jenny Wallace has confirmed that she will attend, as has KCC's Gravesham Rural Councillor Diane Morton. Lauren Sullivan MP has been invited, and it is hoped that our Ward Councillors for Higham & Shorne Ward will attend. Rev. Ted Hurst will be officiating, and Shorne Parish Council's Vice Chairman Robin Theobald will be greeting guests at the entrance to the churchyard.

Potential Land Exchange – Have Your Say

Shorne Parish Council has the opportunity to secure approximately 4 acres of land extending from Shorne Common down to Crown Lane as part of a land exchange. In return, we would give up a narrow strip of unmaintained land on the eastern side of Mill Hill Lane, and would need to divert part of footpath NS166. The Parish Council considers this would be to the overall benefit of the parish, but we would like to know your views. You can find details of the proposal and download copies of the consultation form from our website at:
https://shorneparishcouncil.org/proposed-land-exchange-at-shorne-common-have-your-say/

Please let us know your views by 31st July 2025.

Green Farm Lane

Following Shorne Parish Council's request, Kent County Council has now produced design drawings for "Pedestrians in the Road" signs at each end of the 30mph section at the southern end of Green Farm Lane, together with additional 30mph roundels, which they hope to install in the near future. In addition, KCC will be installing an HGV directional sign at the Lower Road end of Green Farm Lane as part of a wider scheme to control the movement of heavy goods vehicles accessing Queens Farm Road and Nuralite. It is planned to install the sign on 15th July.

Pedestrian Ramps in The Street

Kent County Council has agreed to the Parish Council's request for dropped kerbs on either side of Manor Field at the junction with The Street. This is to provide easier access for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and pedestrians with prams or pushchairs. They have also agreed to our request for improved bus stop markings in the layby outside the carpark. The land on which the bus layby is situated was provided by Shorne Parish Council, from land purchased to construct the car park outside the Village Hall. Please do not park in the layby.

Parking

It is inevitable in a village such as Shorne that parking will be at a premium. The streets and many of the properties were built long before private car ownership existed. But it is important to be considerate when parking. Rule 243 of the Highway Code requires drivers not to park at or near a bus stop, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered

mobility vehicles, or within 10 metres of a junction. Where yellow lines are installed, Gravesham Borough Council enforcement officers will issue penalty notices. This includes in The Ridgeway, where we have received complaints of illegal parking obstructing sight lines.

Users of the Village Hall have priority for parking in the car park, although short term parking is permissible at times when the Village Hall is not in use. However, it has become noticeable that some cars are being left in the car park from early evening until the next morning, sometimes all day, leaving users of the Village Hall with nowhere to park. We would ask those people who leave their vehicles in the car park overnight not to park until after 7.30pm and remove the vehicle before 9.00am, so that users of the Village Hall have priority. And when using the car park, please respect the disabled parking bay.

Parish Council Meetings in July

The meetings scheduled for July are:

Thursday 10th July	-	Planning & Highways Committee
Thursday 24th July	-	Footpaths, Land & Properties Committee

The meetings will commence at 7.30pm in the conference room at Shorne Village Hall. There are no meetings scheduled in August.

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