Shorne Parish Council

Borough of Gravesham

THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

November 2025

Park Pale

A petition of over 500 people calling on action to combat the nuisance motorbikes and quadbikes in Park Pale was submitted to Kent Police and Kent County Council earlier this year. As a result of this, a meeting was held with Police Officers in June, attended by Kent County Councillor Diane Morton and representatives of Shorne Parish Council, Harlex Haulage, and Rochester & Cobham Park Golf Club. The Police undertook to increase patrols, and to enforce the Traffic Regulation Order which prohibits the driving of any motor vehicle in Park Pale, except for access to Park Pale Farm (Harlex) and the Golf Club. A follow-up meeting took place in September to review the results of this action through the summer.

Kent County Council declined to consider the matter unless the petition had over 750 names. This was achieved in September by which time the petition had over 900 names. Kent County Council has now referred the matter to the Gravesham Joint Transport Board which meets regularly at the Civic Centre. We await to see any further action that may be taken.

However, there is no guarantee that any of these actions will resolve the problem. Even though the Police have undertaken to carry out enhanced enforcement, the offenders quickly disperse as soon as the Police arrive, and they are not easy to apprehend. And it is difficult to envisage what physical measures Kent County Council could carry out that would be acceptable to drivers lawfully accessing Harlex or the Golf Club.

New Adult Gym Equipment in Shorne West

For the past year or so, Shorne Parish Council has been working to secure adult gym equipment in Michael Gardens Park, Shorne West. Although the park is in Shorne Parish, it is owned and managed by Gravesham Borough Council. Through Cllr Clive Rea, who has been pressing for these facilities for some time, we became aware that Gravesham Borough Council was upgrading its adult gym equipment at Gravesend promenade, and that the existing equipment was to be re-used elsewhere. In order to secure the equipment for Shorne West, the Parish Council has agreed to pay towards the cost of its refurbishment. The equipment has now been restored to as new condition, and preparation work has now started at Michael Gardens. It is hoped that the equipment will be ready for use by the end of November.

Green Farm Lane

Kent County Council has agreed to install two “Pedestrians In The Road” signs in Green Farm Lane, one at Shorne Crossroads for traffic entering from the A226 Gravesend Road, and another where the 30mph speed limit begins just to the north of Robinson’s Cottages for traffic heading south from Lower Road. In addition, 30mph roundels will be imprinted on the road surface outside Tanglewood for traffic heading north, and just before Glenfield for traffic heading south.

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Shornemead Crossing

Unfortunately Shorne Parish Council has still not received any update from Network Rail regarding when the new footbridge is scheduled to be opened to the public.

Keep Safe on Dark Nights

With British Summer Time ending at 02.00 on 26th October and the clocks going back one hour, this is our regular reminder to residents to take a torch with them if they venture out late in the day, and where possible to wear something bright or reflective. Where there are no pavements, you should walk facing oncoming traffic if it's safe to do so. Drivers are requested to take extra care when driving at night through streets and lanes without pavements, and to be aware that pedestrians may be walking in the roadway.

Remembrance Sunday

The Parish Council will be laying a wreath at Shorne War Memorial at 11am on Sunday 9th November. Why not come along at 10.45am to pay your respects to the residents of Shorne who gave their lives in two World Wars?

Parish Council Meetings in November

The meetings scheduled in November are:

Thursday 13th November	-	Planning & Highways Committee
Thursday 27th November	-	Parish Council Meeting

The meetings will commence at 7.30pm in the conference room at Shorne Village Hall.

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