Shorne Parish Council

Borough of Gravesham

Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 23rd April 2026

PRESENT:	Cllr R Lane (Chairman) Cllr R Theobald Cllr P Clifton Cllr S Lindley Cllr J Bugg Cllr C Rea Cllr R Hardy Cllr L Williams Mrs D Salmon (Clerk)
APOLOGIES:	Cllr T Rochard-Pullen GBC Cllr Leslie Pearton
IN ATTENDANCE	KCC Cllr Diane Morton GBC Cllr Jordan Meade GBC Cllr Helen Ashenden Diane Ranger – Gravesend Beekeepers 16 Parishioners

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Cllr Bob Lane welcomed parishioners to the Parish Assembly at Shorne Village Hall and thanked them for attending.

1. Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 24th April 2025

The minutes were **agreed** as a true record.

2. Chairman's Report

Cllr Lane presented a report on the activities and works completed by Shorne Parish Council during the past 12 months.

3. Report from the Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee

Cllr Lindley presented a report on the actions taken by the Planning & Highways Committee over the past 12 months.

4. Report from the Chair of the Footpaths, Land & Properties Committee

Cllr Clifton presented a report on the works undertaken by the Footpaths, Land & Properties Committee over the past 12 months, including the extensive ongoing works at Crabbles Bottom.

5. Report from Gravesham Borough Councillors

Cllr Meade addressed the room on behalf of the Gravesham Borough Councillors in attendance. He gave an update of the work being done for the local communities within the borough.

6. Report from Kent County Councillor

Cllr Morton spoke of her work since being elected in May 2025 for Gravesham Rural, and as an appointed Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

7. Open Forum and questions from Parishioners

- A parishioner raised her concerns regarding the illegal motorbike activity being worse than ever at Park Pale

  Cllr Lane assured Parishioners that the Parish Council is actively liasing with Kent Police, Kent County Council and Gravesham Borough Council regarding the ongoing issue. Cllr Lane encouraged Parishioners to report activity to Kent Police on every occasion that bikes are in attendance. Cllr Lane advised of a proposed Borough wide protection order that may help.

  The Parishioner asked if a petition by residents might help.

  Cllr Lane encouraged the Parishioner to action this.

There were no further questions from Parishioners.

8. Reports from Representatives of Local Organisations

- Paul Gregory gave an update on the Shorne Table Tennis Group.
- Sue Manning gave an update on ShornARA.
- Sue Manning gave an update on the Tai Chi group.
- Ruth Hensman gave an update on the Shorne Pop-up Café.
- Mike Tilly gave an update on the work being done at Shorne Country Park.
- Hilary Moore gave an update on the Shorne Cottage Garden Society.
- Celia Burns gave an update on the Shorne Wildlife Community Group.
- Henry Harryman gave an update on Probus, and the Early Retirement Club.
- Henry Harryman reported on the Village Hall and introduced himself as the new Chairman.
- Diane Ranger gave a presentation on the Asian Hornets on behalf of Gravesend Beekeepers.

Cllr Lane thanked the representatives of local organisations for their updates.

Cllr Lane also thanked the Shorne Young Farmers for their work this year with the sheep at Crabbles Bottom.

Cllr Lane reminded attendees that **all reports** from this evening will be printed in the Annual Parish Report, and asked for any volunteers available to help deliver the report to please contact him directly.

There being no further business, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 9:06pm, and this was followed by refreshments and informal discussions.

Signed Mr Lane:…….. Dated:……..