SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th May 2026 at Shorne Village Hall

PRESENT Mrs S Lindley (Chairman)
Mr J Bugg
Mr R Lane
Ms P Clifton
Mr R Hardy
Mrs D Salmon (Parish Clerk)

APOLOGIES Mr C Rea
Mr R Theobald
Mrs L Williams
Mr T Rochard-Pullen

In attendance: None

2. To receive any declarations of interest for any items on the agenda:
Mrs Lindley declared an interest in item 14 of the agenda as a resident of Manor Field.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2026:
The minutes were approved as a true record.

4. Any Matters Arising from Minutes not covered in the Agenda: None.

Planning:

5. Report of Delegated Action taken under Standing Order 8, (c), (d), (f) (i) Schedule of Planning Applications dealt with by the Chairman in Consultation with Members:
Confirmed as a true representation.

6. Planning Applications of note and GBC decisions:

- **Apex Business Park, RS Skips** – application to vary conditions has been submitted to KCC but decision still awaited.

7. Any GBC enforcements updates/new items:

- Unaware of any action.
- Item of note: Courtlands, Gravesend Road – On behalf of Dickens' Country Protection Society, Mr Theobald has reported the close boarded boundary fence installed.

8. Planning Appeals:

- See Table of Active Planning Appeals (previously circulated, included below). No new appeals.

References	Address	Status
20251236 2026/010/REF Allowed 15/5/2026	10 Court Lodge, Shorne DA12 3EQ	Lodged 23/2/26 Householder Appeal (SPC not allowed to comment)

20241013 2025/013/ENF Refused 30/4/2026	135 Astra Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 4QF	Appeal against Enforcement action Lodged 20/2/25 (no additional reps submitted)
20241013 2025/002/REF Refused 30/4/2026	135 Astra Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 4QF	Appeal Against Refusal Lodged 17/1/25. Fast Track Appeal (SPC not allowed to comment)

9. Major Plans etc affecting the Parish:

- Lower Thames Crossing Development:
  - High levels of activity at the former Esso station and fields to the North of the site.
  - Fencing installations, footpath closures and markings on the A2 are increasing.
  - Traffic monitoring tubes have been installed in Brewers Road near the A2 slip road, plus other locations. Mrs Lindley has requested copies of the data recorded when available. Mr Lane has also observed monitoring tubes in Halfpence Lane and The Street, Cobham. LTC will be sending Shorne Parish Council details of the location of all monitoring tubes.
  - Increased Thong Lane closures, not helped by the current works on Valley Drive (not LTC related).

10. Outside Parish but with impact:

- No new reports.
- Northfleet Harbourside – the decision is expected in mid-August.

Highways:

11. Accident Reports:

- 24th February 2024 – Fatal accident – the driver of the vehicle that struck the pedestrian has now been charged and arraigned for trial in 2027.
- 3rd May 2026 – Serious injury to motorcyclist trespassing on National Highways LTD land.

12. Traffic Monitoring: Speedwatch and SID Information, Lorrywatch:

- **Speedwatch** – 3 sessions have been held:
  - 16th April – 8 observed – no letters sent
  - 30th April – 7 observed – no letters sent
  - 7th May – 6 observed – no letters sent
- There is a new speedwatch Volunteer
- **SID** – The SID is currently on Thong Lane but will be rotated the weekend of 30th/31st May.
- **Lorrywatch** – Mr Lane has contacted all offenders of reported sightings. Mr Lane delivered a circular letter with the Parish Report to all businesses at Apex Business Park reminding them of the approved HGV routes in the area.

13. Road condition/highways issues and hazards:

- **Various Road Closures** – There are currently a high number of road closures in Shorne and the wider area for various utility and highway works.
- **Manor Field Potholes** – These have been reported to KCC. They have been marked up for patch repairs.
- **Chesnut Green to The Ridgeway** – Potholes reported to KCC.

14. Parking/traffic problems, Waiting restrictions and Highway modifications:

- **Manor Field dropped kerbs and bus stop markings** – These have been installed by KCC but unfortunately have led to increased parking issues. This confirms the need for double yellow lines. Mrs Lindley has referred to KCC for guidance. Mrs Lindley has noticed that the dropped kerb has been damaged by a heavy vehicle, believed to be rubbish collection vehicle.
- **School Sports Day Parking** – After previous issues with inconsiderate parking in the Village on the school sports day, Clerk is to contact the school for information regarding the plans to ensure this does not reoccur.

15. KCC Highways – Highways Improvement plan and other feedback

- **HIP meetings – last held 3rd March -** The updated HIP was circulated to all members.
- **Shorne Crossroads** – original Consultants report has been received but is now superseded. Additional work is now being undertaken by KCC with a further meeting expected.
- **Joint Transport Board** – meeting held on 27th May. Mrs Lindley reviewed the agenda and confirmed nothing of note for Shorne.
- **Road Safety and Active Travel Group – KCC Highways Seminar** – Mrs Lindley attended the seminar at County Hall on 21st April. Mrs Lindley requested copies of the overheads to be circulated by KCC but these have not yet been received.

External Consultations:

16. Open Consultations:

- No new reports**.**
- GBC Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation period began on 17th April with a closure date for comments of 29th May. However, GBC did not provide all required documentation so there is an extension of the closure date to 31st July.

17. Closed consultations/for information:

Nothing to report.

Any other business:

18. Matters raised by Members, including from other Committees being discussed for convenience:

- **Mrs Lindley - Horse Signs** – following the request from a member of the public for additional horse rider warning signs to be installed along Brewers Road, Mrs Lindley has reviewed the KCC written guidance and will be contacting KCC to discuss further.
- **Mrs Lindley – 29-31 The Street** – Mr Lane had contacted Environmental Health as residents had reported sightings of rats. Environmental Health found no evidence or food availability therefore it is an Enforcement matter. Resident advised of the response.
- **Ms Clifton on behalf of the Footpaths, Land & Properties Committee**:
  - Abandoned road works cones and fencing reported to the Clerk as being left at the top of Butchers Hill. Clerk has reported to KCC.
  - Debt Collection Agency letter received for the football teams leasing the pavilion. Hard copy to be posted under the door of the pavilion and Clerk to send a copy via email to the Manager of both football teams.

- Grazing Agreement between Shorne Parish Council and Shorne Young Farmers for sheep at Crabbles Bottom amendment – Shorne Young Farmers have asked for the notice period in item 10 of the agreement to be increased to 30 days. This will be added to the agenda of the next Footpaths, Land & Properties Committee meeting for discussion and approval.
- Ms Clifton and Mr Rea met with Gozzett Tree Surgery and Land Management Ltd to discuss the recent nettles and brambles works. Mr Gozzett agreed with the comments. He will be attending the site again to complete the works and has offered to cut 2 of the elder trees at no cost. Mr Gozzett will submit photos to Ms Clifton upon completion of all works going forward.
- Ms Clifton and Mr Rea have identified part of the fence from NS321 is a likely entrance for Junior motorbikes and quad bikes to Crabble Bottom. Ms Clifton to contact Small Works Contractor to discuss works required to repair the damaged fencing.
- Mr Lane reminded members that GBC will be voting on the borough wide PSPO for anti-social bikes which should help with the issue at Crabbles Bottom, and other areas in the Parish.

19. <u>Matters raised by attending Parishioners (at discretion of the Chairman):</u>
None in attendance.

Date of next meeting. The next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee will be held at 19.30 on Thursday 9th July 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.19pm.

Signed Mrs Lindley :…….. Dated:……..