

**SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee  
Meeting held on 8 May 2014 in Shorne Village Hall**

PRESENT Mr B Wilkinson (Chairman)  
Mr D Hart  
Mr R Dinnis

ALSO IN Mr J Bugg, Parish Councillor  
ATTENDANCE Mr Lee Boyson, Shorne Football Club  
Mr David Cater, Shorne Football Club

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr M Brett,  
Mr R Theobald, Mr R Cooper and Mrs H Shove

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order to allow the Football Club representatives to speak.

**42 Football Club**

Football Club Management, Lee Boyson and David Cater attended the meeting to explain their future plans for the site the The Ridgeway.

- (a) They have submitted provisional plans to enlarge the existing pavilion by bringing the front elevation forward. They were informed that they should seek permission by submitting these plans to GBC's Planning Dept.
- (b) These improvements will result in upgrading the changing rooms.
- (c) They also informed the Committee that they intend to organise several fund-raising events.

**43 Mr Wilkinson Standing Down as an Officer**

Following Mr Wilkinson's announcement that he will be standing down for the future roles of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and as Chairman of the Footpaths, Properties & Green Committee, Mr Hart stated that the minutes should reflect his hard work over the past seven years to maintain these roles. This was seconded by Mr Dinnis.

**44 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2014**

The minutes were AGREED as a true record.

**45 New Siting of Notice Board in Thong Lane (34)**

The siting of a notice board in Thong is still being sought after the latest proposed site being rejected by Mr Turnbull.

**46 New Notice Boards for Shorne West (35)**

The two new notice boards have been sited

- (a) At the bottom of Marling Way
- (b) On the bus shelter at Shorne Crossroads

**47 Wall at Village Hall, Adjacent to 14 The Street (36)**

Miss Newton had reported having water in her garage. The slight dampness that is present is being monitored by Mr Bugg in conjunction with the builder who carried out the works.

**48 Shorne Village Hall – Drain in Car Park (37)**

Cleansing Services Group (CSG) has removed the silt to the manhole in the car park at the Village Hall at a cost of £257.50 + £51.50 (VAT) = £309.00. Mr Theobald is seeking someone to take up the cover to the gully before CSG can go ahead with the works as they did not want to have the frame breaking. The matter is in hand.

**49 Football Club - Lease (38)**

Mr Theobald reported that the new lease for the football club is just about ready, which will be for fifteen years. In order for “**exclusion of security of tenure**”, with regard to automatic renewal of the lease, it is necessary to get the certificates signed by both parties in front of a Notary Public. Members agreed to make enquiries to see if there was anybody locally who could perform this.

**50 Crabbles Bottom - Clearance of Vegetation on Bridlepath (39)**

Mr Dinnis is now in the process of sourcing contractors for quotations to perform the ongoing maintenance of Crabbles Bottom.

**51 Rights of Way (40)****Shornemead - Re-Opening of the Level Crossing (40a)**

Mr Theobald reported that he attended the meeting of GROWC in March 2014 but that there was no one from KCC in attendance. He said that the matter should take two years and that the time was now up. It was suggested that a petition should be raised. The Parish Council needs to find out from Cllr Sweetland about the current position with this matter.

**52    Any Other Business**

- (a) Mr Theobald had previously reported that with regard to the landscaping strip off Michael Gardens, he had contacted Mr Miller who in turn has raised the matter twice with the officers at the Borough Council. The screening is an issue and the Parish Council does not want more licences being issued to residents. Still awaiting a reply from the Borough Council. Mr Theobald will contact Mr Miller again.
- (b) Mr Theobald reported that he had been contacted by one of the Borough Councillors for Higham, whose brother has advised that at Court Wood (at the junction of Pear Tree Lane and the Gravesend Road), the footpaths have been obstructed by barbed wire. The footpaths are walked by residents in Higham. Mr Theobald will carry out an investigation and report back to the Parish Council.
- (c) Mrs Shove had enquired as to who maintained the bus shelter on the A226, adjacent to Pear Tree Lane as it is in a bad state. Mrs Shove will ask Pat Oakshott, Chairman of Higham Parish Council to see if she knows. It was thought that the Parish Council may be responsible for this. Ownership needs to be established.
- (d) Mr Wilkinson had reported that it would appear that the bark is very low under the play equipment in Mill Hill Lane. He has contacted Graham Marchant at Gravesham Services who is awaiting a bulk delivery of bark.
- (e) Mrs Ashby, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, has advised the Clerk that the Committee pays Mr Lawrence £50 per month to keep the flower beds tidy around the back and side of the Village Hall. They have also washed out the wheelie bins.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.