

Shorne Parish Council

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THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

February 2021

Proposed Play Area Upgrade

Over 60 residents responded in support of the Parish Council's proposals to upgrade the children's play area on Shorne Common in Mill Hill Lane. We are pleased to report that Kent County Council has granted us £5,000 towards the cost, kindly sponsored by Kent County Councillor Bryan Sweetland, and we have also applied for further funding from Gravesham Borough Council and other grant sources. Depending on the amount of funding we receive, we intend to replace the existing equipment, and we hope to be able to install additional equipment, and perhaps establish a small adventure trail. Further details of our proposals can be seen on our website at: <https://www.shornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/childrens-play-area-let-us-know-your-views/>.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Shorne Village Ward

There is still just time to let us know if you are interested in the Parish Councillor vacancy, as the period for applications has been extended until Sunday 31st January 2021. If you would like to be considered for co-option as a Parish Councillor, please send us a brief resumé, telling us why you are interested and why you think you would be suitable for the role, by email to vacancy@shorneparishcouncil.org.

Shornemead Level Crossing

KCC has informed the Parish Council that the closure of the level crossing at the northern end of Queens Farm Road has been extended for a further two years, until 11th January 2023. This will be over three years since it was closed following a highly publicised near miss involving a youth on a mini motorbike. Network Rail has advised us that they intend to install a footbridge across the railway, but the extended closure is a matter of concern.

Yellow Lines in Forge Lane

KCC's consultation regarding the proposed yellow lines in Forge Lane at the corners of Cob Drive, Crown Lane, and Malthouse Lane ended on 4th January 2021 and we await confirmation that the parking restrictions will be implemented.

Speed Limits

As agreed, we are awaiting KCC to implement the extension of the 30 mph speed limit in Pear Tree Lane down to the traffic lights at the A226. Unfortunately KCC is still refusing to extend 30 mph speed limit for the full length of The Ridgeway to where it becomes Brewers Road. The Parish Council has also requested KCC to extend the 30mph limit in Forge Lane down to Shorne crossroads.

Parish Council Meetings in February

Thursday 11th February - Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

Thursday 25th February - Parish Council Meeting

Meetings will be held by remote video conferencing on Zoom for the foreseeable future. If you wish to attend any of the meetings, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@shorneparishcouncil.org for joining instructions.

National Lockdown: Stay At Home

We are still under lockdown to reduce the rapid spread of COVID-19. The Government's advice is that you must not leave your home unless it is absolutely necessary. Residents are strongly advised to stay up to date and continue to follow the latest precautions published at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and the government advice published at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

If you are able to, please support those more vulnerable residents who may be housebound or unable to collect their prescriptions or get to the shops. If you require help, please contact: <https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/home/environmental-health/covid-19/help-and-support/overview>. For urgent needs, Kent County Council's helpline is available 24 hours a day for vulnerable people, telephone 03000 41 92 92.

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