

NEWSLETTER

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the villages of Gomshall, Holmbury St. Mary,
Peaslake, Shere and a large part of Abinger Hammer

Matters discussed by the Parish Council at the meeting on 19th June 2009 included the following:

Traffic Issues

Shere - As readers are aware, planning permission for a public car park on the Shere Recreation Ground was granted on condition that some measure of traffic calming was introduced to slow traffic down on Upper Street before it reaches the entrance to the car park. It has proved problematic to find a way of doing so that satisfies Surrey County Council's safety audit officers, the police, Guildford Borough Council's Conservation Officer and the Parish Council. A site meeting was held recently between representatives of all parties and plans will be drawn up for consideration as soon as possible. In the meantime it is still anticipated that Guildford Borough Council will start to construct the car park in August although part of this will not be in operation until the traffic calming measures are fully implemented.

Shere War Memorial – hopefully, by the time this report is published, the improvement work around the war memorial will have been completed. Unfortunately work was delayed due to problems with finding sufficient ironstone to complete the job. However Albury Estates eventually came to the rescue for which the Council is very grateful. Thanks were also given at the last meeting to Mr. James Hutton and his father who have spent a considerable amount of their time ensuring that this project is a great success and that the work carried out will last for the next few hundred years!

Peaslake Scheme – The Council considered a concern from a member of the public that cyclists parking at weekends up to five deep on the outside of the new fence could cause a hazard to pedestrians. It was agreed that the Peaslake Councillors would monitor the situation.

Holmbury St. Mary Football Pavilion – this pavilion used to be situated on land owned by Shere Manor Estates who have now very kindly gifted this to the Parish Council who own the adjacent football pitch. The Parish Council, in turn, have now agreed to lease the pavilion to the Football Club when the current lease for the pitch is renewed.

Tree Survey – following the receipt of a comprehensive tree survey the Parish Council has applied to Guildford Borough Council to carry out work on the willow trees in Lower Street, Shere which is necessary for public safety and to prolong the life of the trees.

Police – the Parish Council has been asked by our local police office to encourage residents to take extra security measures when carrying out renovation work as recently this type of work has been targeted by thieves.

Overgrown hedges – residents are respectfully reminded that it is an offence to allow hedges to overgrow pavements and local roads as well as being a great inconvenience to pedestrians and car drivers. The Parish Council would therefore be very grateful if residents could ensure that they keep an eye on the outside of their gardens and carry out any work required as soon as possible.

Next Council meeting – the next meeting of the full Council is due to be held on 24th July.