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Minutes of the Parish Maintenance Committee meeting held at 8 p.m. on 11th July 2012 in Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall

Present: Mr C. Carlisle (Chairman), Mr R. Smith, Mr B. Cohen, Mr M. Urban and the Clerk of the Council Mrs. L. Childs.

Election of Chairman: Mr Carlisle was proposed by Mr Cohen, seconded by Mr. Urban and unanimously elected Chairman.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr Newman and Dr. Brooke.

Declarations of Interest – no declarations were made.

The Minutes of the Parish Maintenance Committee meeting held on 20th February 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

Adjournment to enable the public to ask questions or to address the Committee – no members of the public were present at the meeting.

Finance – the Clerk/RFO reported the following:

Parish Maintenance earmarked account – current balance £13,722 (Shere bus shelter roof renewal invoice not yet received).

Tree works – current balance £9,120.

Consideration of land and tree inspections (Occupiers' Liability Act 1957/84) carried out recently by Committee members – see inspection sheet for further details. It was noted that some inspections had not yet been carried out by Councillors. The Committee authorised repairs as shown on the inspection sheets and also repairs to the bus shelter at the Pursers Lane/Lenten Close, Peaslake junction and repairs to the litter bin at Highview (subsequently found to be too badly damaged and therefore removed).

Grassed area on the west side of the entrance to Gomshall Lane from the A 25 – authorisation given for the grass to be mowed once only by G. Rapley (Open Spaces Act 1906 ss. 9 & 10/Occupiers' Liability Act/Highway Act 1980 s.96).

Holmbury St. Mary – car park adjacent to the village hall – an estimate of £2,400 plus VAT from S.R. Newman was received and accepted (Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Occupiers' Liability Act) subject to approval by Guildford Borough Council. Guildford Borough Council wished to be consulted regarding the colour of the surface and it is possible that a planning application will need to be submitted.

Ewhurst Road, Peaslake – partly collapsed bridge over the stream – the Council accepted an estimate of £100 from G. Rapley for work to be carried out to narrow the bridge (Occupiers' Liability Act).

Cleaning of Shere and Peaslake War Memorials – an estimate of £400 plus VAT was accepted for the cleaning of the War Memorials (War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s1 extended by Local Government Act 1948, s. 133).

Installation of benches adjacent to bus stops between Gomshall and Peaslake – Members were reminded that the supply of these had been postponed until the details of the bus reorganisation is known. The matter will therefore be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillors' Business – no matters were raised.

Date of next meeting: to be arranged.