

NEWSLETTER

March/April 2012

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

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

The last meeting of the Parish Council was held on 24th February. The following matters were amongst those discussed.

Police Matters – the Council was sorry to learn that P.C. Nick Sharp is transferring to the CID. However, the Council looks forward to welcoming P.C. Matt Taylor to the Parish.

Holmbury St. Mary Football Pitch (owned by the Parish Council) – permission was given to the Friends of the Hurtwood to use the football pitch as the Headquarters for the start/changeover/finish for a fundraising Duathlon sometime during the Spring of 2013. The Holmbury St. Mary Football Club has already indicated that they are happy for the event to take place on the pitch.

Gomshall Station – the Council received a report on the meeting held with representatives of Network Rail regarding the current arrangements for crossing the line at Gomshall Station which the Council regards as inadequate. This gave details of the current times allowed for pedestrians to cross the line and stated that a thorough survey of conditions prevailing at the station would be carried out by the HM Inspector of Railways and the results shared with the Parish Council. Interestingly, whilst the meeting was taking place two officials arrived to investigate an incident that had happened the day before! A member of the public present at the Council meeting stated that trains passing through the station before 7 a.m. do not give a warning whistle therefore making the situation extra dangerous at this time.

London Lane, Shere – the Council decided not to engage a surveyor to monitor the improvement in London Lane following its seasonal closure and the subsequent degradation when vehicles are able to use this again. The reason for this is that photographic evidence can be obtained at no additional cost. This will be submitted to Surrey County Council together with a letter of congratulations for the great improvement that the lane closure has made to the flooding problems of Shere. At the same time pressure will also continue to be placed on Surrey County Council by the Parish Council for permanent closure of this B.O.A.T.

Heritage Open Days – September 2012 – the Council declined a request from Guildford Borough Council to open Tanyard Hall to the public due to the lack of visitors in previous years. This matter will be reconsidered in 2013.

Visit of the Mayor to the Parish – the current Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs Terence Patrick have accepted an invitation to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 20th April. The Mayor will arrive at 7.30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8 p.m. as usual.

The Mayor Elect Councillor John Garrett, has been invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd May, by which time he will have taken office, but it is not yet known whether he will be available on that evening.

Church Lane, Shere – a request was received from a local resident for a sign to be erected in Church Lane, Shere requesting visitors to the village to park in the Shere Recreation Ground car park in order that the residents of Church Lane and visitors to the Church have space to park outside their own properties. This matter will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

Directional Sign, Walking Bottom/Hound House Road junction – the lack of a sign at this location has been brought to the notice of Surrey County Council and the Surrey Hills Office on numerous occasions. It is now apparent that a new sign will not be produced unless the Parish Council pay part, or all, of the cost of this and the Parish Council decided that they had no objection in principle to this course of action.

Field adjacent to the Swimming Pool, Shere – drainage work will commence towards the end of March/beginning of April in an attempt to cure the flooding problems. This will involve the reseeded of a major part of the field once the pipes have been installed and the Parish Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause. Access to the church and the swimming pool will be maintained.

Snow clearance – the Parish Council decided to congratulate the County Council on the excellent and thorough work carried out by them earlier in the year.

Donations – a donation of £250 to the Peaslake Diamond Jubilee Celebrations was authorised from the South West Ward Account.

Millennium Trail – readers may remember that the Parish Council, to celebrate the Millennium, created a walk which linked all the villages in the Parish. This has been very successful and enjoyed by very many residents and visitors to the Parish. However, some of the waymarking discs have “disappeared” over the years and the Parish Council is therefore in the process of renewing these as well as adding extra directional signs where necessary. The free map will then be updated. It is hoped that this work will be completed during April/May.

Annual Parish Meeting – Residents are hereby invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday 3rd May in Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall. This is not a Parish Council meeting but a public statutory meeting when the Parish Council Chairman, Mr Roger Newman, will report on the work of the Council during the past year and the public are encouraged to raise any matters they wish relating to any aspect of public life in the Parish. It is also the custom to have an outside speaker and this year Mr Rob Hewer, National Trust Head Ranger for this area, will talk on the management of local areas owned by the National Trust which will include information on local wildlife, plants etc.

Next Parish Council meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 20th April 2012 at 8 p.m. in Tanyard Hall.

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