

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2012

Shere Parish Council **Serving the villages of Gomshall, Holmbury St. Mary,** **Peaslake, Shere and a large area of Abinger Hammer (excluding the village centre)**

The following matters were amongst those discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 22nd June.

Police Matters – following the recent incidents in Peaslake and Holmbury St. Mary the Parish Council had invited a representative of the Police to attend the meeting. P.C. Matt Taylor was present and stated that the Police were doing all they could to apprehend the offenders and to stop further incidents. He urged all residents to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious, however seemingly trivial, to the Police. Further matters raised included cold calling by people claiming to be from security firms, police presence during Olympic events, speeding through Holmbury St. Mary, recent accidents outside Tanyard Hall and illegal parking on the A25 opposite the junction with Colekitchen Lane, Gomshall. With regard to the latter P.C. Taylor stated that the Police would shortly be issuing penalty notices as parking in this position is causing traffic to move out into the middle of the road on a dangerous bend and there have already been a couple of accidents and many, many near misses.

Olympic issues

For the cycle races on 28/29th July the A25 will be closed at 4 a.m. from the Silent Pool car park on the Saturday with the main body of cyclists due through Gomshall at around 11.25 a.m. It is hoped to open the road 3 hours after the last cyclist has passed through the village. The road will be closed on the Sunday from 6 a.m. with the women cyclists expected at around 13.40 p.m. Again, Surrey County Council hope to open the road 3 hours after the last cyclist has arrived.

Traffic Issues

- The Parish Council was notified that the installation of narrow primrose yellow lines in certain areas of Shere (Gomshall Lane/Middle Street junction, outside the surgery, the village hall and the school in Gomshall Lane and at the junction of Lower Street with Orchard Road) as advised earlier has now received final approval and will be installed during the summer.
- **B 2126 Abinger Hammer to Forest Green** – the Parish Council is delighted to report that, following representations over the last few years, Surrey County Council has finally agreed to impose a 40 m.p.h. limit along the B 2126 on all areas not currently covered by a 30 m.p.h. limit.
- Traffic problems in Shere – the Parish Council was informed that the Local Committee (comprised of Guildford Borough and Surrey County Councillors) had decided that available funding this year would be redirected to resurfacing work throughout the County. Provision had been made for design work to be carried out

for Shere but realistically no scheme will now be considered until 2013/14. Great concern was expressed at the continuing delays.

The date of the July Parish Council meeting has been cancelled due to the possible use of Tanyard Hall for the Olympics. The following meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 8 p.m. in Tanyard Hall, Gomshall on 7th September.

Playground Committee meeting

A meeting of the Playground Committee was held on 4th July. Apart from the normal business of this Committee one item generated a great deal of interest. About thirty members of the public had come to the meeting under the misapprehension that the Parish Council had already decided to install a small skate and ride facility. They were assured that whilst this was under consideration no decision had been taken. It had been decided that the subject would be investigated by a working group comprising of parish councillors, members of the public and youngsters. This was established last Autumn following an appeal in the parish magazine for volunteers. This group established that the youngsters desperately wished for such a facility. The Playground Committee is now to decide whether or not they will make a recommendation to the full Council that this wish be fulfilled. It is the Parish Council that will make the final decision and before that decision the general public will be consulted.

It was apparent at the meeting that a large number of those attending were opposed to the installation of such equipment. The two principle objections were that it would create noise disturbance and that it could attract an undesirable element and was therefore inappropriate in Shere or Gomshall. However, everyone felt that there was a need to provide some sort of activity for young teenagers and ideas will be explored.

Date of next Council meeting: 7th September 2012 8 p.m.