

## **MINUTES OF THE SHERE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.**

### **DRAFT**

**Present:** Cllr R Davey (Chairman) and Cllrs: R Andrews, A.Collingwood, J Cross, A Golightly, B.Grover, C.Carlisle, G Reffoe and R.Smith Also present: Honorary Alderman K Childs, K Taylor (Surrey County Council), J Millett (Clerk), S Hoyland (Assistant to the Parish Clerk) and eight members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs: C.Brooke and P Carter.

**The Minutes** of the meeting held on 23rd May 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors for the Peaslake ward: Councillors P Carter, A Golightly, B Harrap and G Reffoe. He also welcomed the new Assistant to the Parish Clerk, Suzanne Hoyland who had been appointed to help relieve the workload pressure in the very busy Parish office. There was a multitude of tasks, from servicing the many meetings to contacting and chasing other bodies responsible for carrying out work around the Parish. On finance, the precept for 2014/15 would remain the same for 2015/16, ie. £113,651. There would be an additional £7,000 of income from Highways Localism funding. There would be more expenditure projects in the coming year and the Parish Council would anticipate spending about £3,000 from its reserves to contribute to this cost.

Projects completed in 2014/15 were: traffic calming in Shere; the skate ramp and adult fitness equipment had been installed on Shere Recreation Ground; a replacement zip wire and a new rope swing had been installed on Goose Green play area. On-going projects were: lobbying to stop HGVs coming through Shere unnecessarily; installation of CCTV at Shere car park; a new Parish Council web-site and re-surfacing car parks at Holmbury St Mary and Peaslake village halls.

Other on-going local issues were: consultation by Guildford Borough Council on the Draft Local Plan; sewage and drainage problems in Peaslake; evaluation of options for the future use of Peaslake Farm and the sale of the Hurtwood.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved in the work of the Parish Council in the past year. Thanks to him were returned for his hard work and dedication as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Glen Skelton, Surrey Wildlife Trust** gave a very interesting talk on the Trust's Landscape and Rivers Research Project, which was followed by a short question and answer session.