

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held at 7.15 p.m. on 24th February 2012 in Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall

Present: Councillors: R. Smith (Chairman), R. Andrews, C. Carlisle, B. Cohen, R. Davey, S. Nielson, M. Taylor Cotter, M. Urban, the Clerk Mrs L. Childs and one member of the public.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C. Brooke, R. Newman, D. Hall.

Declarations of Interest from Councillors on any of the items on the agenda:

Mr Urban (friend of the owner) and Mrs Taylor Cotter (employee) both declared a prejudicial interest in 12/P/00277/78 and left the room whilst this application was being discussed. Mrs Taylor Cotter declared a personal interest in 12/T/00027 as the owner is a friend.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2012 were **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a correct record.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – no matters were raised.

The meeting restarted.

Consideration of Planning Applications – none received before the agenda was printed.

Consideration of applications received after the agenda had been printed – details available at the meeting:

12/P/00261 Furzefield, Hoe Lane, Peaslake – single storey extensions to existing dwelling house and summerhouse within residential garden. **OBJECTION** to be submitted to Guildford Borough Council on the grounds that this application amounts to a disproportionate, cumulative increase. It will also be pointed out that, despite a statement to the contrary, the dwelling is visible from Hoe Lane and Pursers Lane.

An **OBJECTION** will also be submitted in respect of the proposed summerhouse as the Committee felt that it should be located between the house and the tennis court rather than further away from both of these.

12/P/00277/78 Hurtwood Inn, Peaslake

Full and Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of the existing chalet style guest and staff bedrooms to the rear of the hotel. Replacement with two 3 bedroom detached dwellings. Consideration of this application was **DEFERRED** until the next meeting.

Consideration of Tree applications including those received after the agenda had been printed:

12/T/00027 Spinners, Spinning Walk, Shere

Leylandi to be topped by up to 10ft due to excessive shading. **NO OBJECTION.**

12/T/00030 Ringwood Cottage, Holmbury Hill Road, Holmbury St. Mary – fell oak tree to right hand side of entrance gate and stone pillars to Heathcote. **OBJECTION** to be submitted on the grounds that the reasons given are somewhat spurious as the tree is to the west of the garage roof and the solar panels would be installed on the opposite side of the roof. In addition the topography and presence of trees on the Hurtwood would provide little gain from the removal of this tree. Therefore there is no reason to fell the tree and every good reason to keep it as it also provides a welcome softening of the transition from the Hurtwood into the developed garden.

Planning Correspondence received which may be of interest to the Committee - available at the meeting – email received regarding the proposed development of a golf course at Cherkley Court, Leatherhead which involves drilling a deep bore hole for water extraction from the greensand layer. The Committee **DECIDED** that this was not a matter in which the Parish Council, as a body, should become involved.

Enforcement Action – Pursers Cottage, Peaslake – hardcore now laid, Committee anticipate that a new entrance will shortly be created. Planning Enforcement Department to be advised.

Consultation Documents for consideration – none received.

Results of Planning Applications – Notification of decisions made by Guildford Borough Council – details to be emailed to Committee members.

Planning Inspectorate – Parklands Farm, Peaslake – two storey extension and addition of first floor to middle section - gone to appeal.

Councillors' Business (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting):

Enquiries to be made of Guildford Borough Council as to whether neighbours are circulated details of tree applications. This relates in particular to a recent application for the Kings Head Public House, Holmbury St. Mary as neighbours were not advised.

Terms of Reference - The Planning Committee's terms of reference state that, in the event that there is insufficient time for the Committee to meet to determine a majority view, the Clerk, or in her absence from work, the Chairman of the Planning Committee, may make a representation based on the majority view of those councillors representing the Ward in which the application is made (including the views of the Chairman). The Committee was reminded that the decision submitted will also be discussed at the following Planning Committee meeting and could therefore be challenged by individual Councillors. The Chairman also suggested that it would be helpful if Councillors' responses to the Clerk could be copied to all Ward Councillors and to the Chairman.

Date of the next Planning meeting: 8th March 2012 7.30 p.m.