



SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

*Serving the villages of Gomshall,
Holmbury St. Mary, Peaslake, Shere
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY 20th APRIL 2012 IN TANYARD HALL, 30 STATION ROAD, GOMSHALL

Present: Parish Councillors R. Newman, C. Brooke (Vice Chairman), C. Carlisle, B. Cohen, D. Hall, S. Nielson, R. Smith, M. Taylor Cotter, J. Tenner, M. Urban, The Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford Councillor and Mrs Terence Patrick, Surrey County Councillor K. Taylor, Borough Councillors D. Wright and R. Billington, twenty eight members of the public and the Clerk Mrs L. Childs.

11/174 Apologies in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 40 were submitted on behalf of Councillors C. Carlisle, R. Davey and J. Hutton.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Mayor and Mayoress had been entertained by Councillors. The Chairman had given a brief summary of the Parish Council's responsibilities highlighting recent projects which had been carried out and the fact that the Council owns or manages much land and property throughout the Parish. The Chairman commenced the meeting itself by thanking the Mayor and Mayoress for attending.

11/175 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Councillors on any of the agenda items below in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 – (SI.2007/1159):

Mr Cohen declared a personal interest in 11/191 as he is now a Trustee of the Friends of the Hurtwood.

Mrs. M. Taylor Cotter declared a personal interest in 11/185a as she is a Governor of Tillingbourne School.

Mr. R. Andrews declared a personal interest in 11/190 as he is a Committee member of Holmbury Football Club.

11/176 Register of Interests – Mr. Cohen declared that he is now a Trustee of the Friends of the Hurtwood. (Members were reminded that any amendments must also be notified by Councillors in writing to the Monitoring Officer, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead, Guildford, GU2 4BB).

11/177 Declaration of gifts or hospitality over £25 – no declarations were made. (Members were reminded that once a declaration of gifts or hospitality has been made then a new Form of Financial and other registerable interests must be completed).

11/178 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2012 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a correct record.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC

Two matters were discussed in great depth during the adjournment for the public.

One concerned Surrey County Council's Schools' Admissions' Policy and many parents expressed great concern at the fact that very few children living in the Parish had been granted places at Tillingbourne or Bushy Hill Schools next September but had, in fact, been allocated schools a long way from the Parish, in one case at the fifteenth nearest school. County Councillor Keith Taylor outlined the problems Surrey County Council were facing regarding schools' admissions and stated that parents would not be penalised upon appeal if they had already accepted a place at a school which was not of their choice.

The other matter was that of the decision of the Parish Maintenance Committee to place three benches on the bank of the stream in the Ewhurst Road, Peaslake. Many residents of the Ewhurst Road had forwarded representations to the Clerk regarding this decision stating that the benches will act as focal points for groups to congregate and will encourage cycling on the Green causing damage to the surface and the banks of the stream. There will also be an increase in litter and their presence will have an impact on residents' privacy.

The meeting restarted

The Council considered the views of those present regarding Surrey County Council's Schools' Admissions' Policy and **RESOLVED** to:

- Flag up to Surrey County Council the problems raised.
- To write to Tillingbourne School requesting them to reconsider the provision of extra places.
- To supply a letter to parents in support of their appeal for their child to attend their closest school. Borough Councillors Richard Billington and David Wright asked for their names to be added to the letter.

The Council considered the representations which had been made by many residents of the Ewhurst Road regarding agenda item 11/185a. The Council **VOTED NOT** to install three benches on the river bank (three Councillors abstained from voting on this issue).

11/179 Police Matters – no matters were raised.

11/180 Traffic Issues

B 2126 Abinger Hammer to Forest Green via Holmbury St. Mary – the Council **NOTED** that Surrey County Council hoped to carry out an assessment of speed limits in this area before too long.

Upper Street, Shere – the Council considered a request from a resident that Surrey County Council be asked to extend the 30 m.p.h. speed limit to the junction of Upper Street with the A25. It was **RESOLVED** to request that this suggestion be considered by the consultant recently engaged by SCC to examine traffic problems in Shere.

11/181 Manorial Waste Land, Holmbury St. Mary – the Council received the draft Agreement from Surrey County Council for the sale of this land to the Parish Council for £1. It was **AGREED** that this be forwarded to the Council's solicitor for consideration with the request that details of current revenues received by Surrey County Council be included together with an amendment which ensures that an indemnity clause be included in both the Agreement and the Land Registry Transfer re ground contamination issues.

11/182 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Council **ACCEPTED** from the National Trust the offer of the provision of a tree to be planted by the Council on the land at the junction of Gomshall Lane with the A25. A request will therefore be made for the provision of a Lime tree.

The Council **DECLINED** a suggestion from a member of the public that an avenue of trees be planted in the field adjacent to the Swimming Pool as it was felt that these would impinge on the mowing of the grass and could also be the subject of vandalism.

11/183 National Trust Land at the junction of Gomshall Lane/A25 – the Council **AGREED** to a request from the National Trust that the Council take responsibility for the future maintenance of this land (Open Spaces Act). A map of underground utility services in this area will be sought from Surrey County Council.

11/184 Church Lane, Shere – the Council to consider a request from a local resident that a sign be erected in Church Lane requesting visitors to the village to park in the Shere Recreation Ground car park in order that residents of Church Lane and visitors to the Church have space to park outside their properties. The Council **DECIDED** that this was not a Parish Council matter and that the resident should be asked to consult with the Church on whose land the sign would have to be erected.

11/185 River Bank, Ewhurst Road, Peaslake

- a. The Council **APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** a request from the Peaslake W.I. to plant a tree on the river bank to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee provided that the species and the location was approved by the Parish Council prior to planting.
- b. Possible installation of benches – this item was considered at the beginning of the meeting immediately after the Adjournment for the Public (please see earlier).

11/186 Goose Green Pavilion, Gomshall

The Council **AGREED** a three year lease of the football pavilion to the Shere and Peaslake Scout Group for storage purposes in order that the storage room in the Scout Hut can be used

for Scouting activities. A peppercorn rent will be charged provided that the Scouts are willing to assist with the maintenance and to pay any utility service charges.

The Council **NOTED** that AFC Gomshall is to restart training on Goose Green on Wednesday evenings as soon as possible. The Council **AGREED** to replace the door to the shed on the outside of the pavilion (Local Government Act 1972 s. 111) to allow this area to be used to store a set of small goals and balls.

11/187 Parish Grass Cutting Schedule – the Council **READJUSTED** the grass cutting schedule. This will now be forwarded to the Council’s contractor.

11/188 Field adjacent to the Swimming Pool, Shere – the Council **NOTED** that the drainage work has now been carried out and the field reseeded where necessary. The Council **REFUSED** a request from a neighbour that permission be given to his contractor to use his truck to transport fencing materials into the field, parking near the fence on the northern side and working progressively down the field to replace the current fencing.

11/189 The Pound, Shere – the Council **ACCEPTED** an offer by Mr Ken Chard to replace the tree in the Pound with a Crataegus Laevigata Pauls Scarlet (Hawthorn) that will flower in the Spring and have berries in the Autumn.

11/190 Holmbury Football Pitch – the Council **CONFIRMED** that, following approval for the use by the Friends of the Hurtwood for a fundraising Duathlon (see the Minutes of the last meeting), that this also includes the placing of various trade stalls in this area (HSM Football Club have no objection to this).

11/191 Car Park adjacent to Holmbury Village Hall - the Council **GRANTED** a request that part of the car park be used for a spit roast during a wedding reception on 15th September 2012 (self contained gas facility with a gazebo in the event of bad weather).

11/192 Clerk’s Report (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the next agenda

The Clerk reported that Mr Roy Davey had been awarded the Mayor’s Award for Service to the Community in respect of his dedicated work in relation to setting up Shere Museum in its present location adjacent to Shere Village Hall.

Dr. Brooke was warmly thanked by for arranging for the telephone kiosk in Holmbury to be painted at her own expense.

Turfing of Shere Square – the Council supported the Clerk in the decision to postpone for this year the turfing of Shere Square due to the hose pipe restrictions.

11/193 Councillors’ Business (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the next agenda). The following matters were raised:

- Peaslake play area – table requiring repair.
- Quakers Orchard – footpath sign missing – house end of path.
- Filling of rabbit holes Peaslake field – letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. D. Colebrook.
- Footpath from Peaslake play area to Franksfield – dead branches on a tree – to be **INVESTIGATED** and an order placed if necessary (Occupiers’ Liability Act).

- Rights of Way Department be asked to provide an equestrian gate at the eastern end of Bridleway 213.
- 40 m.p.h. sign on entering Peaslake (by Hazel Hatch) obscured by foliage – SCC to be informed.

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Councillor David Wright stated that Guildford Borough Council had now appointed a new Head of the Planning Enforcement Department.

11/194 Finance Matters

1. Income and expenditure since the last meeting was **AUTHORISED AND APPROVED**.
2. The Council **NOTED** the current bank balances.
3. The Council confirmed that it is willing to **CONTRIBUTE £250** towards the cost of installing a wooden directional sign at the junction of Lawbrook Lane with Hound House Road.
4. Jubilee celebrations in Holmbury St. Mary – The S.E. Ward Councillors recommended a donation of £250 from the S.E. Ward account and the full Council **SANCTIONED** this payment.
5. Shere War Memorial – the Council **AUTHORISED** final payment for the work carried out around the War Memorial now that the commemorative stone has been replaced.

11/195 Consultation Documents – none received prior to the issuing of the agenda.

11/196 Correspondence

Letter from Mrs. P. Coates requesting the Council's assistance in finding a replacement organiser for the Shere Senior Citizens' Village lunches. It was **NOTED** that the Church are also trying to assist with this request.

Application for Preliminary Consent to be included in the NHS Pharmaceutical List by Joseph William Forshaw in the vicinity of Gomshall Lane, Shere – **REPRESENTATIONS** to be **SUBMITTED** as previously.

Armed Forces Day – the Council considered a request from the Chief of Defence Staff that the Council fly the Armed Forces Day flag from a building in the heart of the community to mark Armed Forces Day on 30th June 2012 – an attempt to be made to **ACQUIRE** a flag if there is no cost involved.

Guildford in Bloom – invitation to enter this competition – **NOTED**.

Correspondence received after the agenda had been printed – details available on 20th April 2012.

Copy of letter to be delivered to local residents re the Olympic Torch Relay. **NOTED**. **INVITATION** from Shere Bowls Club to join them at mid day on 28th April to view improvements – Please let Clerk know a.s.a.p. if you are able to attend.

Correspondence not necessarily requiring discussion by the Council – details available at the meeting.

About Guildford – Guildford Borough Council newsletter

Direct Information Service (several issues) received from National Association of Local Councils.

Guildford Environmental Forum newsletter.

Clerk and Councils' Direct magazine.

Take a closer look at your neighbourhood – visit www.surreyi.gov.uk

National Association of Local Councils – LCR magazine.

11/197 Future meetings

Parish Annual Meeting 3rd May 2012. Speaker – National Trust Ranger.

Annual Parish Council meeting – **DATE CHANGED** from 18th to 25th May to allow for the Clerk's recovery from a forthcoming operation.

11/198 Exclusion of the Public and Press (Public Bodies Admission to meetings Act 1960) – The Chairman proposed, and the Council agreed, that the following matters be discussed in accordance with the above Act.

The Council **APPROVED** the confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th February 2012.

Staffing Matters – recorded as per the confidential Minutes of this meeting.