

**MINUTES OF SHERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2016 AT
TANYARD HALL, 30 STATION ROAD, GOMSHALL, SURREY GU5 9LF**

Present: Parish Councillors R Davey (Chairman), R Andrews, C Carlisle (Vice-Chairman), P Carter, A Collingwood, J Cross, A Golightly, B Grover, J Hutton, and G Reffoe; Surrey County Councillor K Taylor, Guildford Borough Councillor R Billington, Surrey County Councillor K Taylor, Hon Alderman K Childs, the Parish Clerk, J Millett, and three members of the public.

Ref:	Item:
15/161	To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 40. Apologies were received from Parish Councillors C Brooke, B Harrap and R Smith and from Borough Councillor D Wright.
15/162	Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests Declarations by Councillors on any of the agenda items below in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 – (SI.2007/1159) The following interests were declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by P Carter: membership of Peaslake Protection Group (PPG agenda item 15/174) • by G Reffo: as a member of PPG (agenda item 15/174) • by R Andrews: a personal interest in agenda item 15/167
15/163	Declaration of gifts or hospitality over £25. Members are 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. NONE RECEIVED.
15/164	APPROVED the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 January 2016, subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the recording of the declaration made by Parish Councillor A Golightly: membership of PPG (agenda item 15/160) • minute 15/160 referring to Parish Councillor A Golightly’s feeling that she was made to leave the room because, as a then member of the PPG, she might be liable for costs in the Land Tribunal case regarding the dispute between the PPG and the Parish Council over land at Peaslake Farm.
15/165	Police Matters: to receive a report from the police representative. No police representative was present. It was noted that there had been some theft of farming machinery in the area. Also, there had been a number of burglaries in the area. The culprits often marked a house that they knew to be empty or ‘ripe’ for burglary with a sawdust or flour cross outside the gate of the property in question. It was suggested that this be reported in the parish magazines.
15/166	Visit by Guildford Borough Council’s Executive Councillors – Paul Spooner (Leader of the Council and lead councillor for Planning and Regeneration), Richard Billington (lead councillor for the Economy, Countryside and Parks & Leisure) and Matt Furness (lead councillor for Infrastructure) came along to the meeting to talk about their portfolios and answer questions on ‘hot topics’ for the Parish Council. The Borough Councillors undertook to talk to the relevant agencies, on behalf of the Parish Council, on:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flooding problems in Peaslake • more trains stopping at Gomshall • HGVs travelling through Shere • more efficient road cleaning and clearing of drains • better management of road closures for major cycling events
	<p>SHORT ADJOURNMENT TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL</p> <p>Surrey County Councillor K Taylor reported on a consultation on proposed changes to local bus services, including the No. 25, and asked that it be circulated widely, within the Parish.</p>
	<p>ITEMS FOR DECISION:</p>
15/167	<p>Finance matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVED income totalling £6,068.62 and expenditure totalling £8,717.40 for the month ended December 2015, as set out at annexe 1 to these minutes • NOTED bank reconciliations for months ended December 2016, as set out at annexe 2 to these minutes • NOTED income and expenditure against budget to end of December 2016, as set out at annexe 3 to these minutes <p>A breakdown of expenditure allocated to ‘Ear Marked Reserves – others’ was requested for report back to Council and a position report on ‘Lengthsman’ expenditure and funding was requested for the next General Purposes Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGREED a donation of £1,500 towards the cost of kitchen improvements at Holmbury St Mary Cricket Club (Power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s. 19) • AGREED to fund the purchase of chairs at Peaslake Village Hall and the Old School Room, at a cost of £5,4030.02, excluding VAT. (Power: Local Government Act 1972, s. 133)
15/168	<p>Peaslake Farm Working Group: 19th January & 2nd February 2016 - NOTED the minutes of the meetings. The brochure, ‘Affordable Housing: A practical guide for parish councils’, by the Rural Housing Alliance, was circulated to all Parish Councillors, for their information.</p>
15/169	<p>Grass Cutting and Parish Maintenance (larger projects) – to adopt formally the revised tender and contract. ADOPTED the revised contract, subject to their being a separate arrangement for mowing at Ewhurst Road, whereby a third of the area is cut alternately, on each of the scheduled mowings.</p>
15/170	<p>Councillors’ Business (for noting or including on the agenda for the next meeting) A Golightly - read out a statement giving her perception of proceedings at the January meeting of Council, regarding consideration of the confidential agenda item 15/160, ‘Dispute over land at Peaslake Farm’ – report on proceedings with the Land Tribunal. In her statement, she questioned the conduct of the proceedings and made other allegations. She had discussed the matter with the Monitoring Officer but not reported it formally to him. In light of the statement being made public, the Chairman moved that the conduct of proceedings at the January meeting of Council be reported to the Monitoring Officer for public scrutiny and report and this was AGREED. P Carter – suggested that the Parish Council send a letter of congratulations to Jack Clifford, a Peaslake resident, on gaining his first England international rugby cap.</p>

	<p>AGREED.</p> <p>J Hutton – reminded the Clerk that the swimming pool path would need re-grading before the summer season. He also asked that the non-slip product by Shere footbridge be removed.</p> <p>J Cross – reported that the application to Guildford Borough Council, by SALV, for funding towards the cost of an emergency generator had been turned down. He also reported that there was to be a presentation at Albury Village Hall on the proposed development at Newlands Corner, on 24 February.</p> <p>B Grover – raised a number of issues: street furniture and shop goods on the pavements and highway, in Middle Street, Shere – AGREED Parish Council policy be reviewed at a future Council meeting; the poor condition of pavements outside Shere surgery and Bank Terrace; the yellow lines in Middle Street needed to be re-painted; the proposed parking scheme in the centre of Shere had been referred back to the Local Committee and there were still rotting leaves outside Shere School. AGREED the Parish handyman be requested to clear the leaves.</p> <p>G Reffoe – requested that the handyman clear two footpaths, previously reported. She also reported that lorries had churned up the verge by Mackies Hill again.</p> <p>R Andrews – reminded Parish Councillors, yet again, to make all their comments at meetings through the Chairman. He gave a report of the recent Surrey Pension Fund meeting and would report on this further to the Human Resources Committee.</p> <p>C Carlisle – reported on an informative and well-attended training session on CPR and the use of defibrillators. He suggested that further training sessions should be held.</p> <p>R Davey – commented that the traffic island in the centre of Shere and the river bank needed re-turfing – item for discussion at the General Purposes Committee</p>
15/171	Clerk’s Report (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the next agenda) Nothing for report.
15/172	Date of next meeting: Thursday, 9 March 2016, at 7.30pm at Tanyard Hall.
15/173	Exclusion of the Public and Press (Public Bodies Admission to meetings Act 1960) – to exclude the public and press for the following item of business because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. AGREED. A Golightly - announced that she had resigned from the Peaslake Protection Group. She stated that she would not be leaving the room during consideration of agenda item 15/174.
15/174	Dispute over land at Peaslake Farm – RECEIVED a position report on the proceedings with the Land Tribunal