

Parish Magazine – June 16 issue

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council

Roy Davey was re-appointed as Chairman for the forthcoming year and Chris Carlisle was re-appointed as Vice-Chairman.

Improving grass verges and parking in Holmbury St Mary – public consultation – the Parish Council has recently acquired some grass verges in Holmbury. It has wanted to bring this land under its control for a long time, so that it could better manage it for the benefit of Holmbury village. The Parish Council now has the opportunity to improve the appearance of the road side verges and provide some formal parking spaces so that considerate parking in the village becomes the norm. It is aware however, that some residents might have an interest in some areas of the land and is therefore gathering information in this respect. As part of this exercise, it would not only like to meet with residents who believe they have such an interest but also to get residents' input/ideas about what they would like to see happen with this land. To this end, there will be a **public meeting in Holmbury Village Hall on Tuesday, 5th July, starting at 7pm.** Please do come along and have your say on this opportunity to improve the appearance of your village.

In the meantime, the Parish Council is starting off this project by clearing the messy verge area of land from opposite the garage down to opposite the former Hollybush Tavern. It is arranging to fell a number of small, self-seeded trees and prune back some others; clear vegetation from the ditch behind it and cut back the vegetation on the verge itself. At this location it envisages a scheme incorporating a number of car parking spaces interspersed with environmentally-friendly soft landscaping, in keeping with the existing village scene.

Flooding and sewage in Peaslake – is a worrying and on-going problem for the residents of Peaslake, especially those whose properties are directly affected. The Parish Council is lobbying those responsible, ie Thames Water, to take remedial action. The problems date back to the 1980s and result from the poor design of the sewage pumping system and the gravity main being too small to accept large flows during periods of heavy rain.

HGVs meeting – the Parish Council has met other local Parish Councils and Surrey Highways to look at the problematic issue of HGVs travelling through our villages. There was general agreement that there should be a ban on HGVs using Hound House Road – the idea is that there would be prominent 'HGVs banned' signs located at The Bull pub at Ewhurst, the two entrances into Shere, New Road, Albury and Queen Street, Gomshall. We hope that Surrey Highways will put this plan into action.

Shere surgery kerb improvements – this messy area is becoming an eyesore and it is also difficult to navigate by the patients of Shere Surgery. The Parish Council would like to see a new kerb along the stretch of verge in front of the surgery. The bollards have been knocked over and need to be reinstated with reflective material on them. Finally, the vegetation and saplings on the verge itself needs to be thinned out and tidied up. Some help from Surrey Highways will be needed but hopefully some progress with this project will be seen soon.

Goose Green improvements to drainage – at the time of writing, work had started on improving the drainage of the area of Goose Green, Gomshall, in front of the children's playground. The works have been necessarily messy as top soil has had to be removed and laid to one side while drainage pipes are laid. Fine weather is needed for this job and work was rained off once or twice. However, once the pipes are laid, the top soil will be put back and re-seeded.

Reporting local problems - contact details

- **roads**, including drainage issues, potholes, overhanging trees, uncut verges, lighting, footpaths and bridleways issues - **Surrey County Council** tel: 03456 009009 or www.surreycc.gov.uk, click on **roads and highways**.
- **leaking pipes** - **Thames Water** tel: 0845 920 0888 (free) or www.Thameswater.co.uk.
- **planning** - **Guildford Borough Council** tel: 01483 505050 or www.guildford.gov.uk or email enforcement@guildford.gov.uk.
- **flooding** – refer to the **Environment Agency** website www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- **crime** – ring 999 for real emergencies and 101 to report a crime or look for information on www.surrey.police.uk.

Talk to us

We can help you to have the Parish that you want to live, work and play in. Our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at them for the public to have their say. You can talk to me on 01483 203431 or e-mail me on clerk2009@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk - or speak to your Ward Councillors; details are on web-site: www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk
The Parish Council's office is at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF. It is open to the public from 10.30am to 12.30pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or at other times, by appointment.

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