

## MINUTES OF THE SHERE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 25th MAY 2017

**Present:** Councillors R Davey (Chairman), Councillor C Carlisle (Vice-Chairman), J Cross, A Golightly, B Grover, J Hutton, and R Smith. Also present: J Millett (Clerk), S Hoyland (Assistant to the Parish Clerk) and twenty-seven members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** R Andrews, C Brooke, P Carter, A Collingwood, B Harrap and G Reffo.

**The Minutes** of the meeting held on 26th May 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting and reported on the work of the Parish Council in 2016/17. Several projects had been carried out in the year, including:

- improvements to the steps at the foot of Mackies Hill, up to Peaslake School
- installation of a pedestrian walkway along Peaslake Lane
- the highway verges in Holmbury St Mary had been transferred to the Parish Council, from Surrey County Council
- Holmbury residents had asked for a speed reduction rather than a parking scheme for their village
- drainage works on Goose Green had been carried out
- new kerbing had been installed outside Shere surgery
- the river bank in Shere had been re-turfed
- a solution was being sought for the flooding from London Lane, Shere

In addition, there were three on-going projects:

- flooding and sewage in Peaslake – these issues were being investigated with Thames Water.
- HGVs through Shere – the Guildford Local Committee was being lobbied to stop HGVs travelling through Shere
- Peaslake Farm housing development – following extensive public consultation, the option to build subsidised housing on the yard, for rent to local people, and agricultural use of the fields had been selected. A housing provider would now be selected to build and manage the properties.

Residents were invited to submit to the Parish Council, any ideas for significant projects, for example traffic calming measures, which was an issue for all the villages.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved in the work of the Parish Council in the past year. This was followed by a short question and answer session.

### **Presentation to the Parish Handyman**

The Chairman made a presentation to Brian Hilsdon, the Parish Handyman for over 20 years. On behalf of the Parish Council, he thanked Brian for his hard work in maintaining the Parish

and making it look tip top for all those years and wished him all the very best in his well-earned retirement.

**Surrey Wildlife Trust** gave a very interesting talk which was followed by a short question and answer session.