



## **SHERE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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**SHERE TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP**  
**WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 AT 2.30pm**  
**AT TANYARD HALL, GOMSHALL LANE, GOMSHALL GU5 9LF**

### **MINUTES**

**Present - Councillors R Davey, B Grover, J Cross, C Brooke. T Denton, G Hymers, H Potter, C Gorsuch and Assistant Clerk S Hoyland**

1. **Appointment of Chairman** - B Grover proposed R Davey, seconded by J Cross – R Davey Appointed
2. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman** – R Davey proposed B Grover, seconded by J Cross – B Grover Appointed
3. **Apologies for absence** – M Dodd, who expressed interest in remaining on the working group, but was unable to attend this meeting.
4. **Co-option of additional Working Group members** – It was **Agreed** to approach the following people as additional members, for an even representation of the village:  
Zoe Swiffen  
Alex Case  
Malcom Bradbury

This working group has been re-established to take into account the new voices in the village and the ongoing issues with parking, speed of traffic and safety and to consider if any new course of action can be taken to alleviate these problems

## **5. Up-date on traffic matters affecting Shere:**

### **Position since 2013:**

- A general acceptance that the works in Shere to slow the traffic and implement a 20mph limit has been successful in reducing the speed of traffic, albeit not always to the 20mph limit.
- An increase in pedestrian safety as a result of the widening of the pavement.
- The narrowing of the road has led to some vehicles having to 'mount' the pavement, however this is not perceived as too much of an issue.
- Adjustment to road markings, double yellow lines and a disabled parking bay are considered to have been helpful but not solved the problem of inconsiderate parking, due to the lack of effective enforcement.
- The consideration for an HGV ban was deferred by the Local Committee and the Parish Council has re-instated its petition to have HGVs banned through the village. The Police Safety Officer has agreed that New Road and Park Road is a preferable and safer route and although Albury Parish Council in principal accepts that this route is safer, will not support the proposal due Albury residents living in those roads.
- A25 Junctions with Shere – due to recent fatal accidents at the junctions of Shere and Sherbourne Road, there is an increase in calls for changes to make the stretch of road from Gomshall to Newlands Corner safer. Surrey Highways have agreed to make some subtle changes to the road markings at the Sherbourne junction, but as of yet not agreed to any changes to the Gomshall Lane junction.

## **6. Speedwatch**

### **Requirements:**

- 2 people teams for camera operation, recording the results and reporting.
- Only certain sites are allowable i.e. with wide pavements, signage and high visibility

### **Further Training:**

- August 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30-9pm Guildford Sea Cadets Dapdune Wharf – 5 members of the working group have so far volunteered for the training

## **7. Traffic calming in Shere – phase II**

### **Main Areas of Concern:**

- Approach to the village from Sandy Lane – on road parking forces cars approaching the village, onto the wrong side of the road going around the bend.
- 20mph speed signs not visible due to vegetation on Sandy Lane.
- Excessive speed of cyclists coming into the village from Sandy Lane.
- Increasingly aggressive, inconsiderate drivers.
- Concern over how parking will increase due to the introduction of paid parking at Newlands Corner and increased activity at the Silent Pool Carpark.

- Inconsiderate parking restricts ambulance or fire engine access to certain areas such as The Square and Willow Walk.
- Cyclists leaving their cars in the middle of Shere all day.
- Increase in traffic using Lower Street and Rectory Lane (ford) as a cut through when the centre of Shere is gridlocked.
- If parking is restricted with yellow line then buildouts or speed table needed to physically slow the traffic.
- Traffic through Middle Street still too fast. Any types of crossing and speed bumps have already been turned down by Surrey County Council due to lack of width, street lighting, increase in vibration (causing property damage) and noise.
- New road surface on the A25, Gomshall and excessive speed has caused an increase in the noise level and disruption (letter received from resident)

### **Recommendations/Future Considerations:**

- Locate and circulate previous maps used by the Working Group, for members of the committee to mark up where they consider additional yellow lines would be a benefit.
- Consider a better layout of the junction of Lower Street and Middle Street, to ease the flow of traffic through the village.
- Consider a barrier across the Ford on the Rectory Lane side, to make Rectory Lane a no through road. Agreed to contact the residents of Willow Walk, Rectory Lane and Lower Street regarding this proposal.
- Consider a new build-out/speed table on Upper Street to slow down the traffic as it enters Shere from the A25.
- Consider the use of an electronic flashing speed sign/speed camera to slow traffic on Upper Street as it enters Shere from the A25.
- Consider extending the 20mph limit further up Sandy Lane to slow the traffic before Pathfields.
- Consider a new build-out/speed table before Pathfields to slow sandy Lane traffic approaching the village.