

Parish Magazine – June 2017 issue

Chairman and Vice-Chairman re-elected – Roy Davey and Chris Carlisle were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of your Parish Council for a further year.

HGVs – the Parish Council is continuing to press the Police and Surrey County Council for a ban on HGVs through the Parish. See Village Voices for further details.

Permission granted for Shere School Nursery – Shere School now has permission from the Guildford Diocesan to go ahead with providing a nursey at the School. This will replace the existing Village Nursery. The Parish Council had written to the Diocesan expressing support for a nursery at the School so it was very pleased to learn of their approval. The Parish Council made the points that residents were very proud of Shere Infants' School, its involvement with the local community, and its many achievements academically. They were very happy to hear that the Nursery could continue within the school. Parents were very concerned at the possibility of having to drive little children out of the village to other pre-school groups, instead of being able to walk them to the local Nursery, in surroundings they were familiar with. The new nursey will bring great rewards for local children and families and for the sustainability of the village community, for many years to come.

London Lane flood prevention works fail – initial flood prevention works in London Lane, were recently completed by Surrey Highways. Unfortunately, within three days of opening up the Lane for the usual summer period, 4 x 4 vehicles have damaged the flood prevention mechanism and caused deep, water-filled ruts so that is now impossible to walk on and water is streaming off the Lane when it rains. The Parish Council will be talking to Surrey Highways about further remedial works and is thinking about lobbying to keep this Lane closed to vehicles for the greater part of the year.

Brian Hilsdon retires - a familiar, friendly face around our villages is that of Brian Hilsdon. Brian was born in Peaslake and has lived locally all his life, here with his family. After leaving school, he worked at Gomshall Tannery and when it closed, he worked for the local, specialist surveying company, Hutton & Rostron. This was all whilst working as a part-time fire-man, eventually being in charge of Gomshall Fire Station for 10 years. Since then, he has worked as the Parish Council's Handyman, for over 20 years. So the Parish Council were sad to learn that he planned to retire, this summer. He will however, still be keeping the Old Fire Station public conveniences, in Shere, open and running. Everyone at the Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to Brian for his hard work in maintaining the Parish and making it look tip top for all these years. They wish him all the very best in his well-earned retirement.

(Note: picture of Brian to follow)

Next Council meeting – Thursday 8 June 2017, starting at 8pm at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF.