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SHERE TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 2.30pm AT TANYARD HALL, GOMSHALL LANE, GOMSHALL GU5 9LF

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence – Z Swiffen, H Potter and C Gorsuch

Present – Councillors, R Davey, C Brooke, B Grover and J Cross. Working Group Members T Denton, G Hymers, M Bailey and M Dodd. Five members of the public.

The Chairman explained that the Working Group had broadened to include some individuals who had recently completed speedwatch training and the structure of these Working Group meetings would reflect observations and general discussions.

2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting 19th July 2017 – Approved and Signed as a Correct Record

3. Report on the Local Committee Response to reprise of the HGV petition

In 2014 a petition was submitted to the Local Committee, which comprises of Borough and County Councillors, to ban HGVs (over 7.5 tons) through Shere. The petition had 280 signatures and an alternative route along New Road and Park Road was suggested. The Local Committee decided to look at the problem of HGVs in a holistic manor alongside a de-cluttering exercise, to identify unnecessary road signs in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB). This was a two year study and reported back at the last Local Committee Meeting.

It was decided that there would not be a whole ANOB HGV ban. More 'Unsuitable for HGVs signs' would be erected (picture of a lorry with a cross through it). The Committee did not address the issues regarding damage to historic buildings, safety, environmental factors or a viable alternative route.

As a result Councillor R Davey asked the Committee to make a decision on the original 2014 petition for an HGV Ban for Shere only – Declined as a study of Ewhurst determined that it was not necessary for Shere.

The Following was **Agreed and Recommended to Council**:

- **To strengthen the petition by gaining formal support from the Conservation Officer**
- **Approach the Local Press and possibly celebrities associated with Shere**
- **Asking all residents to sign a new petition, which takes into account the criteria set by the Local Committee for an HGV ban.**
- **Ask for volunteers to go door to door for signatures**
- **Ask residents to document problems with HGVs with photographs and email them to the Parish Council with date, time and location, to create a body of evidence.**
- **Advertise in the Parish Magazine and utilise the website**
- **Look into a restriction of HGVs along Queen Street, Gomshall, to prevent HGVs diverted that way to Peaslake**

4. **Brief report on the informal chat with Surrey County Council regarding traffic and parking in Shere**

Ford, Rectory Lane

It was suggested at the last meeting that a barrier in the Ford would relieve the traffic on Lower Street and prevent the use of Rectory Lane as a cut through. It was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** that a questionnaire would be sent to all residents of Rectory Lane, Lower Street and Willow Walk to establish the public reaction to this proposal.

Speed Ramps

It was established that speed ramps or tables are not suitable for Shere due to the lack of street lighting. There can be no street lighting due to the width of the pavements. Furthermore speed bumps are noisy, create pollution and damage foundations.

Speed Camera

A speed camera for Newlands Corner to Gomshall would be welcomed, but it was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** that it would not be suitable for Shere.

Flashing Speed Sign

It was **Noted** that a Flashing Speed Sign had been installed at the railway bridge in Clandon and Ewhurst has a mobile flashing speed sign. It was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** to ask Clandon Parish Council and Ewhurst Parish Council, what they cost, who installed or paid for them and what impact they have had.

Parking on Sandy Lane

It was **Noted** that although parked cars slows the traffic at the entrance to the village, they force vehicles into the oncoming traffic on a bend. It was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** that a build-out that sits on the road at the top of Upper Street and Sandy Lane (before Pathfields) would be preferable and to ask Collin Davis (Traffic Consultant) to do a walk through the village.

Double Yellow Lines

Lower Street – It was **Noted** that an ambulance has not been able to get through recently, due to cars parked on both sides of the road. It was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** to apply to Surrey County Council Highways to extend the yellow lines and to ask for the support of Gomshall Fire Station, who are also able to put a note on cars where a fire engine could not get through.

Sandy Lane – It was **Noted** that it was mostly locals who park on the yellow lines. It was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** to apply to Surrey County Council Highways to have yellow lines along Sandy Lane from Pathfields to Pilgrims Way and to ask Guildford Borough Council for a parking attendant 1 day a week/month.

Parking General - the following was **Agreed and Recommended to Council**:

- **To ascertain if a car is parked illegally and there is an accident, whether their insurance is therefore invalid and all damages and injuries become payable by the car owner. If this is the case, these details should be included in the parking notices the Parish Council places on illegally parked cars.**
- **To approach Albury Estate regarding using their land for parking for the village, as during Open Gardens**
- **To ask Surrey County Council for advice on how to manage visitors and parking, as Shere is a 'special destination' which the Tourist Office promotes.**
- **To contact Surrey Hills Society regarding parking enforcement.**

It was **Noted** that more parking on the Recreation Ground going up to the pavilion has been proposed, which would increase the capacity of the car park. Shere Parish Council would not introduce parking fees as it would lead to further illegal parking on the roads. There has been an increase of parking in The Square and it was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** that if the proposed increase in capacity of the car park takes place, improvements would be made to the signage in The Square.

5. **Review of letters** – received from concerned residents

It was **Noted** that the Parish Council has continued to receive an increased number of complaints which are adding to a file of evidence.

6. **Speedwatch** – consideration of plan for more regular sessions

It was **Noted** that the 20mph speed limit in Shere has not yet been applied to Satnavs and a member of the public suggested a 20mph speed limit for Queen Street, Gomshall.

G Hymers volunteered to arrange the speedwatch sessions. It was **Agreed and Recommended to Council** the Assistant Clerk to forward the email addresses of all interested parties to her, along with the instructions for reporting back to the Police.

It was **Noted** that during the training session the Police offered to come out and identify additional locations to perform the speedwatch, such as Queen Street, Gomshall, Middle and Lower Street, Shere.