

# **SHERE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES**

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF**

**Present:** Councillors R Davey (Chairman), C Carlisle, B Harrap, R Smith, B Grover, J Cross, A Collingwood, A Golightly and C Brooke; eight members of the public and Clerk J Millett and Assistant Clerk S Hoyland

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors P Carter, B Andrews, and G Reffo. County Councillor K Taylor and Borough Councillor R Billington

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th May 2017 – **Approved and Signed as a correct record**

## **Report by the Chairman of Shere Parish Council**

The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting and reported on the work of the Parish Council in 2017/18 including a brief update regarding on-going projects from the previous meeting:

- Concerns over flooding and sewage in Peaslake and the investigation by Thames Water and Surrey County Council, including that Thames Water had installed news pumps and electronic monitoring system
- Heavy Good Vehicles (HGVs) through Shere – it was noted that the Surrey County Council holistic approach had not addressed the HGVs through Shere and that the petition for a ban would be revisited.
- Peaslake Farm Housing - the Chairman reported that Greenoak Housing Association had been appointed to build and manage the 8/9 homes on the farmyard and there will be two parking spaces per unit. It is aimed that they will be occupied by summer 2020.

Several projects had been carried out during the year, including:

- The catchpit for London Lane, Shere – the Parish Council worked with Surrey County Council to stop debris, mud and water flooding the village during heavy rain
- Peaslake Farm Fields – the hedgerows and trees have been cut back and the ditches cleared
- The turf on the riverbank in Shere has been renewed
- A £5000 donation has been made to Shere and Local Villages Health Trust (SALV) towards the purchase of a generator for Shere Surgery
- Contributed a third of the cost to the improvements to Church Road in Holmbury St Mary
- Donated £3000 to Peaslake Village Hall for roof repairs
- Covered the surveyors fees for the alterations to Peaslake Stores Steps
- Put in a new slide, with play house into Holmbury St Mary play area
- Put in a birds nest carousel swing into Shere play area

Looking to the coming year, the Chairman noted some projects which were taking shape included:

1. Shere Pool and potentially the need to support the re-build which will cost approximately £330,000. An application for a grant has been made to the London Marathon Trust.
2. Traffic and Parking in Shere and Peaslake – visitor numbers are ever increasing and even with the additional parking for 34 cars on Shere Recreation Ground, the village is still full of inappropriately parked cars. The Parish Council is looking to request more yellow lines to control parking and traffic.

The Chairman confirmed that the precept remained unchanged this year.

On a final note, the new duck house had been installed, 6 white ducks had been purchased but sadly only 4 have survived.

Councillor J Cross thanked the Parish Council on behalf of SALV and the surgery for the £5000 donation towards the generator and reported that it had already been used 5 times this year.

**A very interesting talk was given by guest speaker: Mr Ian West from the Domestic Buildings Research Group** (an independent group engaged in the study and recording of traditional domestic architecture), followed by a short question and answer session.