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SHERE & GOMSHALL TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP
30TH AUGUST 2018 AT 11am
AT TANYARD HALL, GOMSHALL LANE, GOMSHALL GU5 9LF

MINUTES

Present: Councillors R Davey, B Grover, & J Cross. Working Group Members: T Denton, Z Swiffen, M Bailey and H Potter. Assistant Clerk, S Hoyland

Prior to the meeting Councillor J Cross **Reported** that residents in Spinning Walk were very happy with the quick response by the Parish office and Guildford Borough Council regarding the repair to the road nameplate.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors C Brooke and A Collingwood. Working Group Members: G Hymers and C Gorsuch
2. **Approval of Minutes of the meeting 28th February 2017** – Approved
3. **To Note update on Double Yellow Lines Proposal** – it was Noted that following the traffic problems when New Road and Park Road were closed for gas repairs, bollards placed on Middle Street in front of and opposite the public conveniences, to stop parking, eased the flow of traffic and made the road safer to cross. It has been therefore agreed to request double yellow lines (DYL) in those additional areas. The DYL now agreed to requested are:
 - Middle Street, Shere – from the junction with Upper Street along the Dabbling Duck side to the bridge, and opposite the public conveniences, outside Shere Delights.
 - Lower Street, Shere – from the junction with Middle Street along the shop side to link with the DYLs outside Old Forge Cottage
 - Shere Lane, Shere - from the junction with Pathfields (and around the bend on Pathfields) to the Trek and Hire Shop, on the shop side, with the exception of an area for cars to park before the bend (to slow the traffic). Signs to be placed on the path 'Do Not Park on the Pavement'

- Shere Lane – Opposite the White Horse pub

The Working Group Recommends to Full Council to finance the Double Yellow Lines.

It was suggested to trial the temporary bollards (currently in Middle Street) in The Square when available, to see if a parking restriction would improve access and discourage inconsiderate parking.

It was requested to ask Matt Furniss to provide the evidence of parking enforcement in Shere and point out that there has been a sharp increase in the number of cycling and walking groups parking in the village (as the car park is full by mid-morning), since the introduction of parking charges at Newlands Corner. It was agreed more enforcement was needed.

4. **Queen Street, Gomshall, pedestrian path request** – it was Noted that following a site meeting with Surrey County Council the request for a pedestrian path has been put on their Task Group agenda for consideration. Surrey County Council acknowledged our safety concerns and appreciated the need for works to be carried out.
5. **Consideration of the strategic placement of planters to appear to narrow the road and reduce the speed of traffic in Middle Street, Shere** – it was decided to wait before purchasing planters until after a decision had been made on double yellow lines.
6. **Speedwatch – review.** Working Group Member G Hymers apologised for the delay in setting up a rota and will be working on it during September.

Concern was expressed over the parking of cars on the pavement on Upper Street – it was agreed to politely asked residents to remember to leave a 1 meter space for prams and wheelchairs to pass on the pavement.

7. **Update on the repairs to the bollards in Shere** – it was Noted that the bollards were being replaced on the day of the meeting.
8. **Review of letters** - received from concerned residents. Letters received were Noted and would be added to the evidence of traffic issues in the Parish.

There was particular concern over the speed of the traffic from Gomshall to the Sherebourne turning on the A25. It was reported that this is the only area of derestricted road between Dorking and Guildford and the speed of traffic is thought by members to be a major concern, considering the 4 recent fatalities on that stretch of the road.

There was also concern over the junction of Little London to Sandy Lane, Shere. Traffic swinging out to go down into Shere on a blind corner, meets traffic coming from Shere.

It was Agreed to raise these concerns with Surrey County Council.

Working Group Member Z Swiffen offered to contact Surrey Safer Schools to see if they can help improve safety around Shere School