

Parish Magazine – February 2018 issue

Railway news -

- the Parish Council is calling for **more stopping trains at Gomshall**. This is in response to a government consultation on community rail. An additional train in the evenings would allow for a return journey by commuters, which is currently not possible, and in turn, greater use of the train line. More trains would also alleviate increasing local road congestion.
- Network Rail wants to make the local branch line, stopping at **Gomshall, a community rail line**. Community rail involves local people and organisations working in partnership to improve their local railways. Network Rail plans to promote greater use of the local branch line by visitors from London. Also, a platform 0, for terminating trains only, is planned for Guildford and Redhill stations.
- a **new Shere Heath National Rail Crossing** is to be constructed in the form of a bridge a little further down the track from the existing foot crossing at Parklands, towards Shere. The bridge will be safer than the existing pedestrian crossing and will be ‘horse-friendly’.

Road safety improvements A25/A248 Albury junction – even since the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit in the vicinity of this junction, there have continued to be some accidents there. So now, Surrey Highways is to improve advisory safety signage near the junction, to alert motorists as to the road layout so that they can be more aware of it and therefore, more cautious.

Vodafone Mast, Horsham Road, Holmbury St Mary – a revised planning application has been submitted to Guildford Borough Council. This application is for a 15 metre high mast. The original application for a 17.5 metre mast was turned down by the planners, following receipt of objections from local residents.

Parking outside Shere School - dangerous parking outside Shere School has been reported to the Parish Council. We will be in touch with the School to ask them to remind parents to park safely and considerately during the morning and evening drop offs as clearly, child safety is paramount. Our Community Police Officer advises that Guildford Borough Council’s parking enforcement officers may attend that location and residents could ring 101 to report any parking offences. He will also be patrolling the area periodically.

Parish Council’s budget for next year - funding the Parish Council in 2018/19 - your Parish Council gets its annual funding by receiving a small amount of local Council Tax from Guildford Borough Council. This funding is called the parish precept figure and that figure translates to the parish ‘levy’ on your council tax bill. For the next financial year, there will be no increase in the Parish Council’s precept figure.

Next Council meeting – 8pm on Tuesday, 6th February 2018, at Shere village hall, Gomshall Lane, Shere GU5 9LU.