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SHERE & GOMSHALL TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

16th July at 7.30pm

TANYARD HALL, 30 STATION ROAD, GOMSHALL GU5 9LF

MINUTES

Present: Councillors R Davey, B Grover, A Case & C Brooke. Working Group Members: Z Swiffen, M Bailey, H Potter, C Gorsuch & G Hymers. Assistant to the Clerk, C. Smith and 2 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor J Cross.
2. **Approval of Minutes of the meeting 30th August 2018** – Approved and signed.
3. **Consideration to change the meeting name to North Ward Traffic Group or Shere & Gomshall Traffic Working Group** – Approved to change the name to Shere & Gomshall Traffic Working Group.
4. **To note update since previous meeting any matters arising** – It was **Noted** that the bollards outside the Old Fire Station toilets have improved the flow of traffic across the bridge in Shere although they are often moved by members of the public. The Parish Council will put an article in the parish magazines to inform members of the public that these bollards are for a purpose beneficial to the community and to please ask that people do not move them. It was also **Noted** that 20 'No Waiting' bollards have been ordered for use in the villages and will be stored in the Old Fire Station.

It was **Noted** that traffic wardens are visiting Shere more often and issuing parking tickets. It was **Agreed** to also note this in the parish magazines and to ask the Co-Op to put up a sign reminding their customers about parking and advising them that traffic wardens do operate in the area.

It was **Agreed** to put together some parking slips with wording on to politely remind the public not to park illegally on the pavement in Upper Street and to leave a 1m space for prams and wheelchairs to pass, around the bend by the William Bray and outside the school. Once the wording has been agreed, the Council will decide which parking slips they want to go ahead and

print and issue to residents for their use. **Councillor Grover** to update the wording on the slips which he gives to people parking illegally in the disabled bay and to send the wording to the Assistant to the Clerk & Chairman for approval.

Queen Street, Gomshall, pedestrian path request – it was **Noted** that following a site meeting with Surrey County Council the request for a pedestrian path was put on their Task Group agenda for consideration but that unfortunately it did not get on the list of completion this financial year.

It was **Agreed** for the Parish Council to create another petition from the community to enforce a complete ban on HGV's driving through Shere and if popular then this can be put to Surrey County Council to enforce – **Agreed to recommend to Council.**

5. **To note details of the Double Yellow Lines Proposal** – it was **Noted** that following the last meeting in August 2018, double yellow lines (DYL) were requested to Guildford Borough Council in the following areas:

- 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

However, following a consultation between Guildford Borough Council (GBC) and Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways which began before Shere Parish Council submitted its suggestions, it was **Noted** that the suggestions for double yellow lines all the way along Middle Street and Lower Street (as above) were not taken on board or approved by GBC and SCC. It was **Agreed** that rather than insist on an extension and risk delaying the current agreed installation plan of double yellow lines this financial year, that the Parish Council would look to put forward a new proposal to incorporate the double yellow line extension for approval next Financial Year - **Agreed to recommend to Council.**

6. **To consider 'Shere Ambassador' volunteers to help in the community – directing traffic, preventing bad parking, ease the flow of traffic etc - Not agreed.** It was **Noted** to try and contact the right person at Surrey Police to request that a member of the police visits the village from time to time.

7. **Discussion regarding speed of cars on Upper Street and options to slow the traffic** – It was **Agreed** to increase the number of 20mph signs around the village on private land and to ask residents on Upper Street in particular if they are willing to put up 20mph signs on their private property.

Concern was expressed regarding the high speed at which cars are driven throughout the village. The Parish Council informed the Working Group that they are hoping to receive a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) by the end of the year that is on a 6-monthly loan throughout the parishes which collects data (speed etc) from the cars coming through the village and tells them to slow down if they are going too fast. The Parish Council are researching the cost of the VAS and the various options (e.g. number plate display) and may consider purchasing one in the future. The **Assistant**

to the Clerk will speak to Albury Parish Council to find out if they have seen any positive effects from the VAS they currently have in their village and if it is helping traffic to slow down. Z Swiffen would like the Council to ideally purchase 2 VAS – one for each end of the village.

It was also **Agreed** to put up ‘Please drive slowly through our village’ signs in Shere rather than ‘Welcome’.

It was **Agreed** to send out another survey regarding Rectory Lane closure to the residents most directly concerned (e.g. those on Lower Street, Orchard Road, Willow Walk and Rectory Lane) to say that Council was mindful to seek to put in a barrier to prevent through traffic. The survey would explain why this was felt to be a suitable course of action to take now in order to forestall the likely growing use of this as a rat-run as traffic from Cranleigh etc continues to grow with all the new building). The survey would be to seek whether they would support the Councils intended effort - **Agreed to recommend to Council.**

Speedwatch – review. It was Agreed for the **Assistant to the Clerk** to put together a doodle poll with details of a schedule / rota to be sent to those people trained to conduct Speedwatch (need minimum of 2 people at each session but only 1 needs to be trained).

8. **Review of letters received from concerned residents** - Letters received were **Noted** and will be added to the evidence of traffic issues in the Parish for future campaigning.