

## Parish Magazine – April 2022 Issue

**Shere and Gomshall Parish Councillor Vacancy – co-option.** As of writing this report no one has come forward for consideration, to fill the role of a North Ward Councillor on the Council. The deadline was 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 but if there are no applications, the vacancy will remain on the council until it is filled. If you interested in becoming a councillor for Shere and Gomshall please see our website [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) or email the office for more information [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)

More information about the duties of a councillor, can also be found on the website.

**Annual Parish Meeting**, to be held **8pm 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Peaslake Village Hall**. Guest speaker Leigh Thornton, Business and Biodiversity Manager, Surrey Wildlife Trust will be talking about potential plans for Peaslake Farm Fields, to protect the fields from development and enhance the bio- diversity for future generations.

This meeting is an informal gathering with refreshments and is your opportunity to talk with councillors in a more relaxed setting; It is open to anyone in the parish to attend.

**Peaslake Farmyard Development** – Greenoak Housing Association are meeting with near residents shortly to hear their concerns over the building phase for the four 2-bed houses and four 1-bed flats. Their concerns will be considered and addressed before a plan for the building phase is made. There will be a public meeting early September to address any further concerns. Building is planned to begin at the end of October/Early November and will take approximately 45 weeks. Disruption will be kept to the minimum possible and at the end we will have eight wonderful homes available for rent, at truly affordable levels, in perpetuity. Homes will be allocated by Guildford Borough Council (GBC) and Greenoak Housing Association, so please ensure you are on the GBC Housing List, if you would like to be considered. Priority will be given to those with a connection to Peaslake first and then the rest of Shere Parish Council area and so on.

**Shere Parking, Traffic and The Square Public Consultation** – North Ward (Shere & Gomshall) councillors have now been through all the responses from the public consultation in detail and come up with a proposal for Surrey County Council and the community. The focus is on agreement to charge visitors for parking in the car park (first 30 minutes free) and new double yellow lines (20 minutes free parking outside co-op), where they are needed for safety and access (including the virtual path).

Unfortunately, the idea for a pedestrianised area in The Square has had to be deferred. The cost of ‘stopping up’ and if successful, the following groundworks are just too expensive for the council right now. The increased works taken on because of the financial constraints of Surrey County Council and Guildford Borough Council, have meant that our reserves are much lower than in previous years and the council is unable to commit the funds for a project of this size. When the council finances have improved, the potential for the pedestrianisation of part of The Square will be debated further. The full proposal will be on the website shortly.

**The Queen’s Green Canopy “plant a tree for the jubilee”**– four trees have been given to the Parish Council to plant for the Queen’s Jubilee. One tree is being planted in each of the four villages of Peaslake, Shere, Gomshall and Holmbury St Mary and commemorated with a plaque bought from the Royal British Legion Industries. Anyone can buy and plant a tree and record the place on the official website <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> Be part of this wonderful initiative.

**Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** – Here are some of the statistics for the VAS which has been up on Pursers Lane (opposite Dance-a-ramix) in Peaslake.

**Date 09.02.2022 – 06.03.2022**

Speed Limit 30mph - Total Vehicles = 45,062 counts

The peak times for vehicles were 7.45am and 4pm

Average Speed 26.49mph

Average Speeder (of everyone going over 30mph) was going 32.3mph

**Maximum Speed of a vehicle = 50.0 MPH on 11.2.2022 9.50pm**

**Many drivers are driving carefully and considerately but some drivers are endangering the lives of pedestrians and other drivers, with their speeding. Please drive carefully!**

We are still looking for a volunteer to move the two VAS around the villages once a month and remove the data. If you can help us with this, please come forward. These are bulky machines and require a good deal of strength to put up and down and retrieve the statistics gathered. The parish council would be very grateful if there was a volunteer, who would be able to take on this role. If you think that you would be able to help once a month, please contact [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Annual Parish Meeting** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Peaslake Village Hall, Walking Bottom, Peaslake GU5 9RR

**Next Regular Council meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at every council meeting for members of the public to address the councillors.

Dates for the meetings can be found on our website - <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/meeting-date-diary/>

**Follow Shere Parish Council on social media:**

**Facebook – Instagram – Twitter – NextDoor**

**Or see our website [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)**