

## Parish Magazine – March 2022 Issue

**Shere and Gomshall Parish Councillor Vacancy – co-option** The Electoral Services Department at Guildford Borough Council (GBC) have informed the parish council that no election was called for the vacancy. The parish council has therefore now advertised the vacancy for co-option on our website [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk), notice boards and social media. If you like to represent your community and be considered for this non-paid vacancy, please complete the application and eligibility form, obtained from the website (or contact the office) and return them to Tanyard Hall 30 station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF or email to [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) by the **25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

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

**Peaslake Farm Fields** – the council is in discussion with Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) regarding a lease for the fields to protect them from development, to encourage wildlife and to create some wetland habitat, to slow down water during heavy rainfall and help prevent flooding in the centre of Peaslake. To hear more about the proposals, we have asked SWT to be our guest speaker at our **Annual Parish Meeting**, to be held **8pm 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Peaslake Village Hall**. This meeting is a more 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.

**Shere Parking, Traffic and The Square Public Consultation** – it was agreed at the last council meeting for members of North Ward (Shere & Gomshall) to go through all the responses from the public consultation in detail and come up with a proposal for Surrey County Council and the community. This will be happening in the next few weeks and the residents will have the opportunity to be involved further.

With regards to charging in the car park, the Trustees of Recreation Ground and Shere Recreation Ground Association are waiting for a response from the Charities Commission. Guildford Borough Council (GBC) has approved charging, subject to further discussions on the amount to be charged. The council hopes to be able to start moving forward on this project in the coming months.

**Old Fire Station Toilets** – Shere Parish Council has battled and lobbied with Guildford Borough Council for the retention of a grant, towards the provision of public toilets in Shere. Unfortunately, this has not been successful and the grant of £4,680 has been removed, as part of the Borough Council's cuts. This is a huge blow for Shere Parish Council as although it only contributed approximately a third of the total costs, it was vital support for keeping the conveniences open. The council is now looking for ways to replace this income.

**Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – village communities are planning wonderful street parties to celebrate the jubilee around the parish. If you are organising an event and would like the parish council to advertise it or ask for volunteers on social media, please get in touch [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** – Shere Parish Council owns one VAS and borrows another from Surrey County Council (SCC) and they are moved around the villages (in SCC approved positions) to encourage safer driving. 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)

**Next Council meeting** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

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

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.

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