

## Shere Parish Council



### FULL COUNCIL MINUTES - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

#### Present:

Councillors R Davey (Chairman), C Carlisle, G Reffo, M Taylor-Cotter, B Harrap, M Keeble, B Andrews, J Cross and J Hutton  
Surrey County Council (SCC) Councillor B Hughes, Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Councillor D Jones.  
One member of the public.  
Clerk & RFO S Hoyland

21.120 **To accept apologies** and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) (LGA 1972) - Councillors P Carter, B Grover, C Brooke and R Smith

21.121 **Approval of the Minutes** of the Council meeting held on [3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022](#) - **Approved and Signed as a Correct Record**

21.122 **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) Declarations by Councillors** on any of the agenda items below in accordance with The Localism Act 2011, ss.27-34 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464) – **None**

21.123 **Brief Report from Surrey County Council (SCC) Councillor** on matters from Surrey County Council affecting Shere Parish. SCC Councillor B Hughes reported the following:

- Not Suitable for HGVs signs will be installed in the new financial year, to discourage HGVs down Hound House Road. It was suggested that one sign should be at the roundabout in Ewhurst by the Bull's Head pub, to allow HGVs to turn around and that a visual sign of an HGV crossed through would be more effective than words.
- SCC Councillor Hughes expressed that he was very concerned over the removal of the GBC grant for the toilets in Shere and hoped other money could be found to keep them open.
- SCC Councillor Hughes enquired about the 'stopping up' idea for The Square – Chairman R Davey replied that the North Ward Councillors had discussed it and agreed at this time that there was not universal support for the plan between the councillors and not sufficient funds to move forward at this time. It was therefore proposed to move forward with charging in the car park and urgent double yellow lines and to defer a decision on The Square until finances had improved.
- SCC Councillor reported that school placements had been made and if anyone was unhappy to get in touch with him
- SCC Councillor reiterated that the 4.99% increase in council tax represented 3% increase in social care, 1% increase for mental health provision and 0.99% for inflation.

21.124 **Brief Report from Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Councillors** on matters from Guildford Borough Council affecting Shere Parish. GBC Councillor D Jones reported the following:

- The report regarding Peaslake Memorial Hall drainage had been sent out. Councillor G Reffo replied that the date for the removal of the silt traps had not been confirmed by GBC

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- GBC Councillors stated the Household Support Fund was ending on 22<sup>nd</sup> March or earlier if funds are used. SCC Councillor B Hughes said that there was alternative support available on the SCC website: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/need-help/finance>
- Use of pesticides debate – it has been agreed by GBC that pesticides will only be used on council land when there are no other options
- Removal of mature trees – GBC Councillor D Jones is looking for support to keep mature trees whenever possible to retain their valuable contribution to combatting global warming. SPC Councillors supported keeping mature trees where possible.

21.125 **Questions or requests from members of the public to the Council** in relation to the business on the agenda or future items for discussion. One member the public asked again for ditches to be added to the agenda. The Clerk replied that this is on the General Purposes Agenda in April. In the meantime, Mr Collins agreed to make a list/map of the ditches he claimed should be the responsibility of Surrey Highways, for them to be investigated by SCC, in order of importance and most risk of flooding.

### 21.126 Finance matters

- a) **Approved** income of £2,002.37 and expenditure of £22,322.20 for the month ended February 2022 (Appendix 1)
- b) **Noted** bank reconciliations and statement balances for month ended February 2022 (Appendix 2)
- c) **Noted** income and expenditure against budget and earmarked reserves to end of February 2022 (Appendix 3)
- d) **Noted** VAT expenditure for February 2022 (Appendix 4)
- e) **Agreed** invoice for two Christmas trees and lights for Shere and Gomshall of £1,420 ex VAT from Earmarked Reserve 332 North Ward Fund (Public Health Acts: Amendment Act 1890 s 45)
- f) **Ratified** the removal of B Grover as signatory on bank accounts
- g) **Ratified** the payment of £5,000 to Surrey County Council for the Holmbury St Mary Traffic Calming (Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s 30) (Agreed originally 12.9.2019 item 19/105) Councillor B Andrews requested it **Noted** that he was still unhappy with the scheme.
- h) [Earmarked Reserves 2022/23](#) – considered and **Agreed** figures for the forthcoming financial year (appendix 5) It was **Noted** that the capital contribution for Peaslake Farm from GBC had been agreed in principle.
- i) Goose Green Recreation Field – to [consider proposal from Albury Sports Club](#) for an increase in funding and commitment with the Football Foundation ([See Pro forma here](#)) for the drainage, improvement and maintenance of the field, for use as a football pitch over the next 6 Years – it was **Noted** that this was a worthwhile project but the council was unable to commit to it financially at the moment but would consider it in the future. It was **Agreed** to offer the same agreement of £1,120 towards maintenance of the field in the financial year 2022/2023 and no cost for hire (not including line markings)

### 21.127 To consider the following items and agree resolutions where appropriate:

- a) Exposed pipe on pavement of A25 between Shere and Gomshall – **Noted** response to email sent to SCC and SCC Councillor B Hughes agreed to investigate further
- b) Peaslake Village Fair – to consider request to use Peaslake Farm Field for parking 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – **Agreed** assuming it is not very wet. **Agreed** to reserve the fields for this use, in any agreement with the Surrey Wildlife Trust

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- c) Shere Swimming Pool Club – to consider request for a formal path from the main Path to the entrance of the pool (same as main path) and to consider request for help with cost – **Agreed** to the path in principle subject to an agreed plan and timings. The council **Agreed** that it was unable to commit any funding towards the project at this time.
- d) School Cottage – to consider request for a formal path from the main path to entrance of school Cottage, across Swimming Pool Field (same as main path but built by owners of School Cottage) – **Agreed** subject to again to an agreed plan and timings (to be viewed in relation to the requested pool path above)
- e) Horsham Road, HSM Easement request – to consider request from 2 Bulmer Cottages for an easement across the verge – **Agreed** in principle, both parties’ costs be covered by applicant, £1,000 fee, planning permission to be obtained by applicant and a Positive Overage Covenant to be included. It was **Agreed** that more information would be provided by Councillor C Carlisle and solicitor quotes would be obtained if the applicant wanted to move forward.
- f) [Alleged public footpath from Public Footpath 204 Shere to Public Footpath 208 Albury](#) – to consider reply to SCC regarding [claimed route](#) – **Agreed** no Comment as councillors had no personal knowledge of the claimed route.
- g) [Council Meeting Dates](#) – **Agreed** the dates for regular meetings in the forthcoming council year
- h) Co-option process for councillor vacancy – **Noted** that the vacancy has been advertised on notice boards, parish magazine and on social media. The deadline for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- i) [Government Response to the Landscapes Review](#) – to consider responding to the consultation - It was **Agreed** to respond to the consultation. Councillor B Harrap offered to draft a response for councillors to review before the deadline.
- j) Highway Code Changes – to consider giving feedback on how the changes affect our rural community. It was **Noted** that there was no mechanism to give feedback officially but any feedback received would be given to Surrey Hills Society, should they be asked for their response.

21.128 **Police Matters** - to consider any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Police – **None**

21.129 **Clerk’s Report** (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the next agenda) – **None**

21.130 **Annual Parish Meeting:** 8pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Peaslake Village Hall, Walking Bottom, Peaslake GU5 9RR – Councillors J Hutton and M Taylor-Cotter gave their apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting

**Date of next regular meeting:** 7.30pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF – Councillors C Carlisle and M Keeble gave their apologies for the May full council meeting.

**Meeting closed 8.55pm**