

New bridge for Swimming pool field in Shere – Surrey County Council (SCC) are replacing the old wooden bridge with a new oak bridge. The old bridge has been deteriorating for some time and despite repairs from both SCC and a local builder, it was decided for safety reasons, it would be replaced.

Guildford Borough Council (GBC) – the parish council has heard complaints from residents regarding contacting Guildford Borough Council by phone. Despite previous emails from the council and replies from GBC saying wait times had decreased to approximately 5 minutes, there does not appear to be much improvement. Shere Parish Council has therefore instigated a joint letter to GBC from us and other local parish councils, to highlight the difficulties and demand improvements.

The Gardening Society – the council has gratefully received a donation of £510 (final funds) from the Gardening Society on their closure. These funds have gone towards replacing the bench on Pursers Lane in Peaslake. Any extra funds needed will be provided by the parish council.

Shere Parking – Since the public consultation regarding traffic and parking in Shere, the parish council has been working behind the scenes to move the projects forward:

- GBC has been asked for new double yellow lines in some areas to improve safety but unfortunately, they have a backlog of requests and this could take over a year. GBC will hold a public consultation before anything is agreed.
- SCC are looking into an experimental road closure for part of The Square in Shere and the parish council are awaiting the initial draft plan. When received, a public meeting will be held to hear resident's views
- Negotiations with the Trustees of Shere Recreation Ground regarding charging in Shere Car Park are still taking place. This is taking longer than expected and it is likely arbitration may be necessary. In the meantime, the parish council has requested an updated quote for the repairs to the driving surface.

Tanyard Hall Flood – the insurance claim has now been settled for the two floods in Tanyard Hall, caused by faulty Thames Water equipment. New carpet has been ordered and will hopefully be installed soon.

Finally, Thames Water... The council has complained to Thames Water, Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council over Thames Water's mismanagement of the most recent water outage in the area. Water was not delivered



to priority vulnerable Thames Water customers; collection sites were chaotic with people waiting on foot in 34-degree heat and the Thames Water website was not updated regularly enough, with details of water collection points. It was reported to the parish council that Thames Water vans were seen around but not delivering water and refusing those who asked for it. It is hoped that during their debriefing, feedback will help improve their services. If you want to leave feedback to Thames Water, you can do so by emailing clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk or writing to:

Thames Water
PO Box 436
Swindon
SN38 1TU

Next Council meeting – Thursday 8th September 2022 at Tanyard Hall, Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF.

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