

Shere Parish Council



COUNCIL AGENDA - Thursday 9th March 2023 Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

Present: Councillors R Davey (Chairman), C Carlisle, P Tompkins, M Keeble, G Reffo, B Andrews, B Harrap, P Carter, M Taylor-Cotter and J Hutton
Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Councillor R Morris
Clerk & RFO S Hoyland. No members of the public

- 22.121 To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) (LGA 1972) – SCC Councillor B Hughes, GBC Councillor D Jones. Councillors C Brooke, R Smith and J Cross**
- 22.122 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on [9th February 2023](#) -Approved and Signed as a Correct Record**
- 22.123 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**
- 22.124 Brief Report from Surrey County Council (SCC) Councillor on matters from Surrey County Council affecting Shere Parish – SCC Councillor gave his apologies**
- 22.125 Station Road, Gomshall – to receive update from SCC on [proposals for yellow lines](#), potential traffic calming and removal of bus stop – postponed until next meeting**
- 22.126 Brief Report from Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Councillors on matters from Guildford Borough Council affecting Shere Parish – GBC Councillor R Morris reported the following:**
- The GBC [Economic Development Strategy](#) had been approved which was fairly focussed on the town centre but with some about the rural community
 - The planning department had had a peer review and it was accepted that there had been some significant challenges causing backlogs. Staff had left and temps had been employed but these had left as well due to the difficult responses received from the public who were frustrated with the lack of action. Staffing had now stabilised and the backlog was reducing but enforcement hasn't yet improved.
 - On the 22nd March 2023 the local plan was due to be discussed alongside the suggestions from the planning inspectorate. Affordable housing was a challenge with some developments as low as 4% affordable housing. The expected target was 25% and it is hoped that this would become a required target
 - There would be no more GBC meetings after the end of March until after the elections
- Councillor M Taylor-Cotter** highlighted the continued difficulties of getting a reply from GBC, including no answer by telephone, and no reply via email for up to four weeks.
- Councillor B Andrews** asked if the Holmbury St Mary Mast decision went to GBC full committee or planning delegated powers. GBC Councillor R Morris said it was delegated powers and Councillor B Andrews thanked him for his help and said residents were very happy with the decision to refuse planning permission.
- 22.127 Questions or requests from members of the public to the Council in relation to the business on the agenda or future items for discussion – No members of the public present**
- 22.128 Finance matters**
- a) **Approved** [Lloyds income of £1,246.09 and expenditure of £12,042.04 for February 2023](#) (Appendix 1)
 - b) **Approved** [Council Credit Card expenditure of £18.98 for February 2023](#) (Appendix 2)

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- c) **Noted** bank reconciliations and statement balances for month February 2023 (Appendix 3)
- d) **Noted** [income and expenditure against budget](#) and [earmarked reserves](#) to end of February 2023 (Appendix 4)
- e) **Noted** [VAT expenditure for February 2023](#) (Appendix 5)
- f) Earmarked Reserves 2023/24 – **Considered and Agreed** figures for the forthcoming financial year (appendix 6)
- g) **Agreed** £839.00 + VAT for two new oil filled heaters with timer to replace broken heaters in Tanyard Hall

22.129 To consider the following items and agree resolutions where appropriate:

- a) Albury Eagles use of Goose Green – to consider allowing the continuation of the informal land letting agreement for Albury Eagles to use Goose Green for training and some matches when the pitch is sufficiently dry. Additional line marking or cutting required (above that provided by the council contractor as a recreation field) to be managed and paid for by Albury Eagles - **Agreed**
- b) Telephone box on Pursers Lane – **Ratified** the transfer of the box from Community Heartbeat Trust as agreed by South West Ward Councillors - £25 +VAT and contract signed at the meeting. It was also **Agreed** to take over the sponsorship of the Shere Gomshall Lane telephone box (keeping it used as a telephone box) using North Ward Funds
- c) Parish Environmental Recovery Initiative – to consider [Plantlife's verge policy](#) to encourage native regeneration – a discussion took place regarding how to manage the greenspaces which the parish council owns or manages and the perceived potential response that areas not mowed will be messy. It was therefore **Agreed** to add a paragraph in the parish magazine report to ask residents' opinions on how the parish might engage with the altered aims of the AONB, and in particular, managing verges for biodiversity recovery.

GBC Councillor R Morris noted that SCC are resuming responsibility for mowing verges and that they do reference PlantLife.

- d) Shere business liaison – Councillor M Keeble gave a short report on recent meeting. It was reported to be a very positive meeting with 6/7 attendees. The businesses were creating a map of Shere, selling advertising for businesses and including local circular walks. The maps will be sold by the businesses for £1 each, with the profits to initially pay for Christmas lights and then profits will go to the council for community projects. It was **Agreed** to also look at the millennium trail and potentially use the millennium map for the new map.

Councillor M Keeble offered unused hours of the Shere Village Hall maintenance contractor for any jobs the council contractor has insufficient time to perform – **Agreed** subject to existing contractor not wanting to perform the tasks

- e) Shere Village Hall Solar panels and Shere Car Park EV Charge points – Councillor M Keeble reported the following:

EV Charging – an agreement was being drafted by Shere Recreation Ground Trustees for Shere Village Hall to provide electric vehicle chargepoints (including supplying the electricity) in Shere Car Park. Income would first be used to repay the capital cost of installing the units and the electricity, then car park maintenance and any remaining profit to be split between the village hall and the Shere Recreation Ground Association.

Solar Panels for Shere memorial hall – a planning consultant had confirmed that planning permission was not required for the two flat roofs, as the panels would not be seen from the ground. Prior Approval would be applied for and should be determined within 56 days or if not, can be assumed approved. Grants were available and the solar panels would benefit Shere Village Hall and the nursery, setting a precedent for other community buildings. Investigations into solar panels for Tanyard Hall would also take place but it was noted that this may be more difficult, as would be seen from the ground and it is a listed building.

- f) Holmbury Vodafone Mast – to note and consider the council's position regarding a discrepancy with the coordinates and diagram on [location plan](#), attached to the lease and on their planning application – discussions on hold as planning permission was refused.

22.130 Police Matters – to receive an update on police matters affecting Shere Parish – **None**

22.131 Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting (social roundup of year) – **Tuesday 21st March 2023** at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF. Annual Council Meeting – **Tuesday 16th May 2023** at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

Meeting closed 8.40pm