



Shere Parish Council
*Serving the villages of Gomshall,
Holmbury St. Mary, Peaslake, Shere and
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**General Purposes Committee Meeting
Tanyard Hall – Thursday 15th August 2024, 1pm**

MINUTES

Present – Councillors M. Keeble, P. Tompkins, M. Taylor-Cotter, J. Hutton
Assistant Clerks – S. Robins & C. Lawrence

24/GP01	Apologies – Councillors C. Carlisle, G.Reffo, R. Smith, R. Davey & B. Andrews
24/GP02	Appointment of Chairman Cllr M. Taylor-Cotter nominated Cllr M. Keeble to be appointed as Chairman. Cllr P. Tompkins seconded.
24/GP03	Appointment of Vice-Chairman Cllr M. Taylor-Cotter nominated Cllr R. Davey to be appointed as Vice-Chairman. Cllr M. Keeble seconded.
24/GP04	Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) Declarations by Councillors in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464) – None.
24/GP05	Approval of the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 – Approved and signed as a correct record.
24/GP06	SHORT ADJOURNMENT TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE - None present.
24/GP07	Finance - to receive a report from the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer – A short report was given by Chairman M. Keeble. Report noted.
Health and Safety:	
24/GP08	Bleed Control Kits - to consider request from a Peaslake resident to include a Bleed Control Kit in the defibrillator cabinets - Cllr M. Keeble suggested that other Parish Council's should be approached to see if they have bleed control kits and then review the decision.
24/GP09	Village Defibrillators - to recommend to council to ratify the donation of £1,162.50 exc. VAT from a Shere resident to purchase the Zoll 3 Fully Automatic Defibrillator for Shere village, and to agree to purchase the same unit for the other villages once our fundraising target has been reached - It was AGREED to ratify the donation amount of £1,162.50 exc. VAT and recommended to council. It was AGREED to purchase the same Zoll 3 units for the other villages when funding was available. Cllr M.Keeble suggested donating the old unit to charity.
Land & Property Maintenance:	
24/GP10	Rad Lane Telephone Box, Eco Hub Review - to review the Eco Hub after its 12-month trail to see if it should continue - It was AGREED to ask Peaslake Community Council to consider another use for the Rad Lane telephone box, and for the Assistant Clerk to ask the local resident if they wanted to continue managing it.

24/GP11	OFS Toilet Refurbishment - to receive an update on progress – Cllr M. Keeble gave a brief update. Discussions have been held with Shere Manor Estate, a decision on proceeding with plans is still to be made by early September.
24/GP12	Swimming Pool Path Grid Installation - to consider the request from Shere Swimming Pool committee to install a plastic grid for at least two summer seasons, leading from the main footpath to the entrance to the swimming pool, to make it more durable and accessible for pool users - It was AGREED to allow installation of the path grid for one season and review after 12 months. To be recommended to full council.
24/GP13	Land & Tree Inspections 2024 - to review completed inspections and agree on areas requiring attention - Items for action by G. Rapley were noted. The Assistant Clerk is to obtain quotes if necessary.
24/GP14	High Risk Tree Register 2024 - to review the updated register and note any trees requiring attention - Noted by the committee.
24/GP15	Tree Safety & Management Policy - to review and recommend to council for readoption - It was AGREED to recommend that the policy go to full council to re-adopt.
24/GP16	Scudges behind Peaslake Playground - to consider the updated quote from G. Rapley to make the area safe as it is accessible to the public, and to reconsider use by the school following any works carried out - It was AGREED to ask the forest school leader which specific area they want to use, for further discussion at the October GP meeting. The Assistant Clerk is to request for photos/plans to be sent to the Parish Council office. It was NOT AGREED to go ahead with the extra maintenance works as per G Rapley’s quote at this time.
Playground Matters:	
24/GP17	Millenium Playground Works - to discuss updated quotes for new equipment to replace the agility trail and quote from G. Rapley for replacing wetpour areas - It was AGREED to recommend to council to proceed with G. Rapley’s quote of £7,530 exc. VAT, to replace and repair the areas of wetpour – to be funded from the EMR Playground Sinking Fund. The Assistant Clerk is to request for G. Rapley to quote for a log trail to replace the current agility trail.
Local Highway Work & Highways Issues:	
24/GP18	None.
Other:	
24/GP19	Notice Board for Peaslake Bus Stop - to consider quotes for a new notice board to be erected on the outside of the central bus stop to display the Friends of The Hurtwood Map - It was AGREED to grant permission and to send across suitable options for the Friends of Hurtwood to consider. The Assistant Clerk is to ask G. Rapley if The Compasses notice board be repaired and new Perspex put in.
24/GP20	Holmbury Recreation Area Sign - to consider if we want to replace the public recreation area sign from the field next to the playground after repeated vandalism - It was NOT AGREED to replace at this time, to be reviewed if the issue is raised in the future.
24/GP21	Questions from Parish Councillors - for noting for next agenda. Cllr M. Keeble reported that he had contacted Thames Water to ask for a public information session and was awaiting a response. This session would inform the community about the works and current disruption update.
24/GP22	Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 24 th October 2024, 1pm at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF – AGREED to Thursday 24th October 2024 at 1pm.
The meeting ended at 2.10pm	