

**MINUTES OF THE SHERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 6th APRIL 2017 AT
HOLMBURY ST MARY VILLAGE HALL, FELDAY GLADE, HOLMBURY ST
MARY RH5 6PG**

Present: Parish Councillors R Davey (Chairman), R Andrews, C Brooke, P Carter, J Cross, A Golightly, B Grover, G Reffo (for part of the meeting) and R Smith; the Parish Clerk, J Millett; Borough Councillors R Billington and D Wright (for part of the meeting) and one member of the public.

Ref:	Item:
16/223	To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, para 40. Apologies were received from Parish Councillors A Collingwood, C Carlisle (Vice-Chairman), B Harrap and J Hutton and County Councillor K Taylor.
16/224	Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by Councillors on any of the agenda items below in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464). NONE received.
16/225	Register of Interests – to declare any amendments. (Members were reminded that any amendments must also be notified by Councillors in writing to the Monitoring Officer, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead, Guildford. GU2 4BB). NONE received.
16/226	Declaration of gifts or hospitality over £25. Members were reminded that once a declaration of gifts or hospitality has been made then a new Form of Financial and Other Registerable Interests must be completed. NONE received.
	SHORT ADJOURNMENT TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. The Co-ordinator of the ‘Save Newlands Corner’ project gave an update on Surrey County Council’s proposals for Newlands Corner and the work of the project group. AGREED to state the Parish Council’s position on its web-site and in the parish magazines, ie, that the Parish Council has previously objected to the proposed development of Newlands Corner and considers that the play areas do not need to be developed. The only works necessary are the improvement of the public toilets facilities. Signature of the on-line petition could be encouraged and County Councillors lobbied in advance of the County Council elections in May.
16/227	APPROVED the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th March 2017, subject to the note of the public adjournment being amended to read: ‘A few local residents raised concerns about wanting to protect Peaslake Farm from development in the future <i>and were supportive of a ransom strip proposal.</i> ’
	ITEMS FOR DECISION:
16/228	Finance matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVED income totalling £1,008.22 and expenditure totalling £10,602.93 for the month ended March 2017 • NOTED bank reconciliations for month ended March 2017 • NOTED income and expenditure against budget to end of March 2017 • NOTED that the submission date for the annual return to the external auditors was 19 June 2017 and that the internal audit had been arranged for 26 May 2017 • Section 137 expenditure – NOTED that discretionary spending for which the Parish Council has no specific legal power, would increase in 2017/18 to

	£7.57 per elector
16/229	Police Matters – to consider any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Police. The lack of enforcement of illegal parking, particularly in Middle Street, Shere, at the T-junction with Gomshall Lane and Upper Street, was discussed. It was suggested that appropriately worded parking notices drafted by the Parish Council, should be distributed to Parish Councillors.
16/230	Vodafone and Telecoms mast, Holmbury St Mary – to consider further a proposal to site a radio box station and telegraph pole mast on the Parish Council’s recently acquired land at Horsham Road, in light of a site visit held on 20 March. NOTED the report of the site visit and a letter from a local resident objecting to the original siting of the mast. AGREED to the revised siting of the mast, on the opposite side of Horsham Road, further up and in the parking area opposite the garage, if this is technically feasible.
16/231	Review of Parish Council web-site – RECEIVED a report and AGREED to increase the use of facebook, events and photographs; suppress local notices; look at a ‘slider’ for advertising local businesses; consider including a guide to local health and social facilities, similar to that produced for Haslemere and try to remove the scrolling feature from the home page.
	ITEMS TO NOTE:
16/232	The Old Coalyard, Holmbury St Mary – NOTED a report about possible development at this site.
16/233	Peaslake School building works – NOTED the School would be making suitable arrangements for pedestrians while building works are on-going. REQUESTED the Clerk to ask the School for further details and publish them in the parish magazine.
16/234	Traffic calming measures in Shere – RECIEVED a letter from a local resident. AGREED to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask Surrey Highways whether it would be possible to have a 20mph flashing sign on the bend at the top of Upper Street • organise a rota for more frequent Speedwatch sessions and look into the possibility of using new speed monitoring kit belonging to the County Council with a view to providing to the police, evidence of the need to calm traffic speed • investigate the use of other traffic calming measures • discuss with the County Council, the need to change the speed limit and to re-configure the layout of the junction of the A25 with Gomshall Lane, in light of poor road safety here and the recent fatality.
16/235	Holmbury St Mary verges – further to the consultation meeting with local residents on 28 February, NOTED a report of a meeting on 6 th April with a local resident who was assisting with this project. The consensus of opinion by local residents was that traffic needed to be slowed down. It was noted that County Councillor K Taylor and the Director of Surrey Hills AONB would be approached for help with this project once a scheme had been developed.
16/236	Training for councillors – NOTED the Sussex & Surrey Association of Local Councils training programme for 2017 and that any requests to attend any of the courses could be made via the Clerk.
16/237	Councillors’ Business (for noting or including on the agenda for the next meeting) C Brooke – reported that initial flood prevention works in London Lane, Shere, had now been completed but was disappointed that a gully had been created into the

	<p>soakaway which would need a bigger grill. Also, she had attended the Guildford Local Committee on 22nd March to present a petition on behalf of a local resident, calling for an immediate review of the intersection between the A25 Shere Road and A248 Albury Road, with a view to putting in place road layout improvements and speed calming measures on this dangerous section of road, to improve the safety for all users. She referred to the recent fatal accident at the junction of the A25 with Gomshall Lane, Shere and requested that road safety, and in particular the existing speed restrictions at this junction, be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>A Golightly – requested that ‘training for electric bikes’ be placed on the agenda for the next meeting; she also asked whether there was a mechanism for councillors to raise matters that required immediate attention, under councillors’ business. The Clerk advised that there was a legal requirement to give three clear days’ notice of any agenda item and include it in the publicised agenda so that members of the public were aware of matters that the Parish Council was going to discuss and could attend the meeting if they so wished.</p> <p>G Reffoe – raised queries about the availability of the audio recordings for Council meetings. These were currently available from the Parish Council office. Agenda item for next meeting. She asked for progress on: the land agent advertisement in relation to Peaslake Farm fields – it was noted that this would be pursued; pre-planning advice for the Peaslake Farm development – the Planning Officer had said that the advice should be available by Easter; and a response from Thames Water in the context of two meetings with them in the past six months – a letter of complaint to be sent as no response had been made by Thames Water.</p> <p>B Andrews – asked to borrow the Parish Council’s Speedwatch kit.</p> <p>B Grover – requested that ‘traffic calming in Middle Street, Shere’ be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He also asked for progress re: the well in Middle Street – Clerk to chase the Parish Council’s solicitor for a response.</p> <p>J Cross – reported that progress in getting planning permission for the emergency generator at Shere surgery had been delayed but that he would report back to Council, requesting the agreed donation at a later stage. It was suggested that the Parish Council could express their support for this project to Guildford planners.</p>
16/238	Clerk’s Report (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the next agenda) NOTED that a letter had been received from a local resident seeking compensation for damage to his car. The Clerk was requested to take legal advice in this matter.
16/239	Date of next meeting: Thursday 4 May 2017, 8.00pm, Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF
16/240	Exclusion of the Public and Press (Public Bodies Admission to meetings Act 1960) – AGREED to exclude the public and press for the following item of business because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
16/241	Lease of Peaslake Farm – to consider a position statement. Considered a request by the tenant to rent Peaslake farmyard for a further year; retain six cars on the site under cover and remove the remainder within three months. AGREED to continue to roll the existing Licence forward with rent payable on a monthly basis, provided the cars are removed from the site within three months, except for up to six cars that should be kept under cover.