



**Shere Parish Council**  
*Serving the villages of Gomshall,  
 Holmbury St. Mary, Peaslake, Shere and  
 a large part of Abinger Hammer*

**General Purposes Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 7.00pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present** – Councillors C. Carlisle, B. Andrews, G. Reffo, C. Brooke, P. Carter, B. Grover & R. Davey  
 Clerk & RFO – S. Hoyland  
 Assistant to the Clerk – S. Robins

20/GP36	<b>Apologies</b> – Councillors M. Taylor-Cotter & R. Smith.
20/GP37	<b>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)</b> Declarations by Councillors in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464). - <b>Councillors C. Brooke &amp; B. Grover declared a personal interest in item 20/GP43 Shere Car Park Surface.</b>
20/GP38	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2020. – <b>Approved as a correct record.</b> (To be signed after Zoom meeting).
20/GP39	<b>SHORT ADJOURNMENT TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE.</b> – <b>None present.</b>
20/GP40	<b>Finance</b> - to receive a report from the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. – <b>A short address was given by the Clerk – Received.</b>
	<b>Health and Safety:</b>
20/GP41	<b>High Risk Tree Register</b> – to agree suggested ‘High Risk’ trees on tree register. – <b>The Tree Register was AGREED, and it was requested that all trees be inspected as soon as possible. It was further AGREED to review the register at the next General Purposes meeting.</b>
	<b>Land &amp; Property Maintenance:</b>
20/GP42	<b>Shere Oak Tree Fencing &amp; Tree Works:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider quotes for fencing. – <b>AGREED and recommended to council the quote from RT Home Improvements for £1294.35 inc. VAT. The cost will be funded by North Ward funds.</b></li> <li>• To receive picus report and recommendation on Shere oak tree works. – <b>Received, and it was AGREED to proceed with the application for tree works based on the recommendation and quote from contractor.</b></li> <li>• To note decompaction of soil is due to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. – <b>Noted.</b></li> </ul>
20/GP43	<b>Shere Car Park Surface</b> – to consider next steps. – <b>AGREED that the Assistant to the Clerk would obtain quotes for refilling the holes in Shere Car Park.</b>
20/GP44	<b>Goose Green Bench</b> – to consider where to place old bench that was recently removed from outside a residence. – <b>AGREED to defer this item for a future meeting or until we receive an application for another memorial bench at Goose Green.</b>
20/GP45	<b>Pond Lane Car Park</b> – to consider need for disabled space. – <b>AGREED that one of the two disabled spaces would be removed.</b>
	<b>Playground Matters:</b>
20/GP46	<b>Replacement Swing Frame, Shere Playground</b> – to consider quotes. – <b>AGREED and Recommended to council the quote from Wicksted for £4,966.81 ex. VAT. It was further AGREED that the Assistant to the Clerk would request for Wicksted to check the ‘springy’ to see if it can be repaired, or needs replacing.</b>
20/GP47	<b>Wooden Play Tower, Peaslake</b> – To consider quote for timber support testing from Timberplay and to agree next steps. – <b>AGREED that the Assistant to the Clerk would ask the council contractor for</b>

	his recommendation on the removal or temporary stabilisation of the tower. A new replacement is to be considered for Grant Aid 2022/23 together with the replacement for the trim trail in Gomshall play area. It was further <b>AGREED</b> that the Assistant to the Clerk would research other playground inspection companies (excluding any companies which have provided play equipment).
	<b>Local Highway Work &amp; Highways Issues:</b>
20/GP48	<p><b>Millennium Trail:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider reinstating official Shere Parish Council Millennial Footpath Route signs at both ends - <b>AGREED</b> that <b>Councillor B. Andrews would walk the length of the trail to see what signage needs replacing.</b></li> <li>To consider installing an additional barrier at the far end of Elephant Walk to try to deter cyclists, while still allowing pushchair/wheelchair access. <b>Please see below related item 20/GP49.</b></li> <li>To consider erecting official Shere Parish Council 'No Cycling' signs on both ends of the path. <b>Please see below related item 20/GP49.</b></li> </ul>
20/GP49	<b>Plaws Hill 'No Cycling' Signs</b> – to consider barrier or kissing gate after signs were removed and to note the cost of the signs was £210, not including installation. <b>AGREED to identify the landowners, speak to Friends of the Hurtwood and obtain quotes for a high kissing gate or barriers. It was further AGREED to speak to Friends of the Hurtwood to check if the footpath is shown on the cyclist map as a cycle route.</b>
20/GP50	<b>Inconsiderate Parking</b> – to consider request for 'No parking' signage from residents. – <b>NOT AGREED.</b>
20/GP51	<b>Walking Bottom/Pond Lane Car Park Signs</b> – to note that one sign for each car park is on order & to consider ordering another two signs to place at the other entrance/exit points, at £400 each including installation. – <b>AGREED that the cost for two more signs would come out of the South West Ward funds subject to Friends of the Hurtwood approval.</b>
	<b>Other:</b>
20/GP52	<b>None.</b>
20/GP53	<b>Clerk's Report</b> (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the agenda). – <b>None.</b>
20/GP54	<p><b>Questions from Parish Councillors</b> – <b>Councillor G. Reffo requested that drain clearance for Peaslake to be put on a regular clean out schedule, and for G. Rapley to check flooding and drains on Hook Lane, Shere.</b></p> <p><b>To review items regarding Peaslake flooding from July General Purposes meeting, at next meeting in January 2021, and to include Electric Charging Points on next agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Councillor C. Brooke reported that the Prudential Ride London may have its final year in 2021. This will be confirmed by Surrey County Council on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020.</b></p>
20/GP55	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2020, 7pm Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF.