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Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space - HANDS, FACE, SPACE

Stay alert, control the virus and save lives

For information on restrictions please see https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Now that the repairs on Albury Bridge have been completed, the temporary fencing in Shere will be re-established in the road on Middle Street, to help pedestrians with social distancing.

Parking in Shere – The replies to the residents parking scheme letter were compiled and presented to full Council in the October meeting. It was agreed that there was not sufficient resident support for the scheme to move forward to Guildford Borough Council.

Play Tower, Peaslake Play Area – Unfortunately the warm wet weather has accelerated wood rot in the supports for the play tower. It is currently cordoned off while the council arranges for quotes for repair or replacement.

Government consultation on Pavement Parking – the government is proposing various options for changing legislation regarding pavement parking. The three options are:

- 1. Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking.
- 2. A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'.
- 3. A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

The parish council is in favour of option 2.

If you want to add your comments, go to https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking

Drop-in Centre Co-ordinator and Administrative Assistant – Very sadly Melody has stepped down from the role to give herself more time to focus on her family. She will be greatly missed by everyone and in particular all our visitors to the drop-in centre, who have really enjoyed her company. The councillors and staff wish her well for the future.

In the short term, Drop-in Centre volunteer Ang has wonderfully agreed to keep the mornings running while the council looks to employ another Drop-in Co-ordinator and Administrative Assistant. Council will be formally considering the position in the November council meeting but in the meantime if you would like to express interest in the role, please see the advert on our website (www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) or Facebook page and email your CV with a covering letter to clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk or post to Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

Finally - the parish council was very concerned to hear about the verbal abuse received by a member of the Co-op team in Shere due to coronavirus rules. These are exceptional times and all our lives have changed to some degree, so please let us remember to treat each other with dignity and respect. Staff in all shops, especially small local shops like the Co-op are trying to provide for their community and protect the vulnerable. The parish council supports and thanks the staff of the Co-op for all their hard work and attention to the restrictions.

Next Council meeting – 7pm Tuesday 10th November held remotely using Zoom – please email clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would like to join to observe or speak about an item on the agenda.