

Parish Magazine – February 2025 Issue

Councillor Vacancy – No election has been called for the councillor vacancy for South East Ward (Holmbury St Mary). The Council will be now able to co-opt on to the council. Our co-option policy is on our website, along with the application form <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Co-option-Policy.pdf>. If you have the time and drive to help your community, please apply for this volunteer role. Check out our website to find out what is involved with becoming a parish councillor - <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/become-a-parish-councillor/>.

All applicants will be able to address the council at the 11th February 2025 full council meeting and the person appointed will take their seat straight away.

If you would like to chat over the role, please contact clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01483 203431

Peaslake Flooding November 2024 – Councillor G Reffo provided a comprehensive report to full council following the flooding issues which took place on the 27th November 2024 in Peaslake. The following recommendations were agreed by council for Shere Parish Council and Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways:

Shere Parish Council Recommendations:

- Formally agree an action on the Council to ensure that the watercourse on Peaslake Farm and the roadside ditch alongside Peaslake Farm are checked regularly by the Council's contractor at the same time as the existing programme of checks of the drains which work well.
- Include in the Council Contractor's regular maintenance tasks clearing the entry points to the under-road culvert in Peaslake Lane. This could be done at the same time as the culvert in Walking Bottom.

Surrey Highways:

- To ensure the recent flooding is properly recorded on SCC flood incident records.
- To ask SCC Highways to consider more regular jetting of the Peaslake Lane culvert
- To revisit the recommendations made in the SCC report on flood attenuation measures.
- To see Surrey Highways advice on planning applications from Peaslake Farm to the Thames Water Pumping Station in light of the flood incidents to inform SPC's scrutiny of planning applications.

Tanyard Hall – this wonderful Grade 2 listed building is hopefully in line for some improvements. The Drop-in Centre is thriving at the hall and is a well-loved and needed resource for the whole community but its success has meant that it is running out of room. The downstairs room is small and becoming overcrowded and although we have the wonderful space upstairs, the stairs are narrow and steep and there is no access for people with a disability. Council has therefore agreed to investigate creating a new entrance from the car park with a lift to the first floor. Details will follow and of course financing the project will have to be carefully considered but this is the first step to make the hall more useable and attractive for both the Drop-in and people wanting to hire the hall.



Parking Area, Holmbury St Mary (opposite the garage) – parking in Holmbury St Mary is a problem for many residents and the area opposite the garage is not currently ideal. There is a steep drop down from the road and it is a muddy, uneven mess. Council has therefore agreed to lay a solid base, improve drainage to the ditch behind and add nineteen tonnes of road planning to meet the existing level of the road. This work will be done as soon as possible to improve the situation. Please contact either the Clerk (clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) or your Holmbury St Mary Councillor if you would like to discuss works to the area.

Traffic calming, Holmbury St Mary – the parish council has asked Surrey Highways for the review following the traffic calming installed two years ago and a site meeting to consider further improvements. This information will be shared with the public when we have more news.

Next Full Council meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 11th February 2025 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU59LF

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