

Councillor Vacancy – Quentin Jayne was coopted onto to the council at the February full Council meeting to fill the South East Ward (Holmbury St Mary) Vacancy. He was unanimously voted on and took his seat immediately.

Quentin has lived in the village since 2016 and is involved with many village activities. He is keen to get involved in all issues including traffic, parking and crime.

The council welcomes his input and his voice representing Holmbury St Mary.

Holmbury St Mary Traffic – Surrey County Council (SCC) Councillor Bob Hughes confirmed that funding has been made available in the forthcoming financial year to analyse the traffic calming which was installed several years ago. He has also agreed a new site meeting to discuss possible further improvements, after the analysis has taken place.



Peaslake Farm:

- the community Garden License was approved by the council for part of the fields, allowing applications for membership from the whole of Shere Parish Council area and subject to capacity from residents from villages adjacent to Shere Parish Council. This comes under the lease with Coverwood Farm for the fields.
- Buildings on the farmyard – the council was still waiting for the results of an investigation to see if affordable housing could still be viable on the site (results were being chased) but it was agreed that the removal of the buildings would be discussed at the May Management and Strategy Working Group meeting, alongside other Council projects and priorities. If a developer were found, it would be hoped that the cost of over £15,000 would be part of any project.

Peaslake Flood Risk – the Parish Council has formally asked SCC Councillor B Hughes for SCC to conduct investigations to try and find a viable solution to flooding in the village during heavy rain. This follows the individual requests made by Councillors G Reffo and T Florent. There is considerable concern from residents over the prediction of 40% increase in rainfall in the future.

Highways:

Hoe Lane (Spur to Pursers Lane) – following an accident on the stretch of Hoe Lane, a request was made to SCC Councillor B Hughes that a SCC Highways representative visits the site and reviews the signage. SCC Councillor B Hughes is also trying to get the grit bins filled at the junction with Pursers Lane.

Station Road, Gomshall – A member of the public appealed to the council and SCC Councillor B Hughes at the February meeting for help with road safety on the A25 through Gomshall. The double yellow lines proposed for the bend opposite Colekitchen Lane had stalled while investigating whether the bus stop opposite the garage could be removed to allow the cars parking further up the road. SCC Councillor B Hughes agreed to chase the double yellow lines and removal of the bus stop and to investigate whether the A25 could be 20mph through the centre of the village. Although he warned this may not be possible due to the lack of street lighting.

Annual Parish Meeting 8pm 3rd April 2025 at Tanyard Hall, Gomshall – this meeting is a more relaxed and casual event. It allows members of the public to mingle with councillors, hear the report from the previous year and ask questions. There is also a guest speaker which will be confirmed in the next edition. The council would like to answer as many of your questions as possible, so if you have a question, please get in touch by emailing clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk. These questions will be compiled and as many as possible will be answered at the meeting – Please come along, refreshments will be provided.

Other items agreed by full council at the last meeting:

- Shere Parochial Church Council grant for half of the upkeep of Shere and Peaslake cemeteries £3,545.86
- Use of Shere Car Park for disabled parking for Shere Open Gardens

Emergency Preparedness for Communities – Guildford Borough Council is encouraging community resilience – their aim is also to increase the resilience of communities by encouraging as many people as possible to sign up to receive direct warnings and alerts:

1. You can check your flood risk and sign up to flood alerts by contacting the Environment Agency online at [Check for flooding in England - GOV.UK](#) or by phoning 0345 988 1188 (24 hr service). The type talk number is 0345 602 6340.
2. Get severe weather warnings and sign up to [Met Office alerts](#)
 - a. Get the [Met Office App](#) including alerts to your smart phone.
 - b. You can also sign up to [Twitter alerts](#)
 - c. [What to do in severe weather](#) [What are the National Severe Weather Warning Service Impact tables? - Met Office](#)
3. Individuals who may need extra support in a major incident such as a water or power outage can get help if they sign up to their utility supplier priority service list. Details are available on the website of each utility company. We would encourage users to sign up to these priority lists so that they get the help needed in an emergency.

Next Full Council meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 6th March 2025 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU59LF

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