



SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

Council Job Vacancy - Part-Time Assistant Clerk (Job Share) 14 hours per week | Mix of office-based (Gomshall) & remote working | Flexible hours, to include Friday mornings. For more information on the vacancy, please visit our website using the following link:

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/vacancy-for-part-time-assistant-clerk-job-share/>

The deadline is 9am Monday 11th August 2025, Interviews to be held shortly after

Old Fire Station Toilets, Shere – Planning Permission has been received! The Council is thrilled to report that we have received planning permission for the total internal refurbishment of the toilets in Shere. Council has now approved the funds for the Building Regulation Drawings, the Building Inspector and the Structural Surveyor. We hope to go out to tender shortly. Any contractors interested can contact clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk and the tender information will be sent to them when available.

Shere Parish Council Grant Policy - Anyone can apply for a grant for a project that would benefit the community and you can read the policy on the Council's website:

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Grant-Awarding-Policy.pdf>

and download an application form:

<https://shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Grant-Application-Form.docx>

Alternatively, you can email the office and we will send you a copy: clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The grants approved this month have been £3,386.31 for half of the churchyard maintenance costs for the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Holmbury St Mary and £500 to the Air Ambulance Charity Kent, Surrey and Sussex which is so vital for our rural community.

Calisthenics Equipment – Calisthenics is a form of exercise that uses your body weight as resistance to build strength, flexibility, endurance, and coordination. It has become increasingly popular over the last few years and following the request from local residents, the council has agreed a new pull up bar and parallel bars to be added to the fitness equipment on Shere Recreation Ground, to support this type of exercise, using funds from Shere Car Park. They should be available for use over the next few months.

Skate Ramp, Shere – Do you use it? The Skate Ramp on Shere Recreation Ground is due an expensive new surface but the council is concerned that it is underused/not used. So, if you want this great piece of leisure equipment to stay, please get in touch. You might be a regular user, your children may enjoy it or you have just seen it used, if this is the case, please email clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk and let us know. There will be a QR code on the skate ramp for people to record their use, while they are there as well.

WASP Community Bus – the council is working with the trustees to try and ensure that this community asset continues. It is hoped that we can help find a way for the bus service to continue strongly into the future.

Swimming Pool Field, Shere – The council would like to thank members of Shere Swimming Pool Club for the lovely planting around the pool fencing and the wild flowers along the new temporary path. The flowers look beautiful. The hazel hoops were in place to stop accidental mowing of the wildflowers during the growing season but will be removed at the end of September, until next year.

Peaslake Farmyard – English Rural Housing Association has expressed renewed interest in the site for affordable housing and the council is waiting to hear the details. However, a final decision on this or any other proposals for the farmyard (including the removal of the derelict buildings) will not be made until after the community Governance Review (CGR) has finished, which will be on the 9th December 2025. It is anticipated that the cost for removing the building would fall to any developer or other user of the site, thereby



saving the council in excess of £15,000 of public money. The council does recognise this is frustrating for residents and would like the future of Peaslake Farmyard to be resolved as soon as possible.

In the meantime, safe passage through the farmyard has been approved by the council, for access to the fair parking and Peaslake councillors have been instructed to ask the Community Garden Representatives if they would like to consider fencing between the garden and the farmyard, and possibly apply for a grant from the council.

Traffic Calming in Holmbury St Mary - Your Voice Matters - The concern that we hear most about from residents in Holmbury St Mary is the impact of traffic driving at unsafe speeds.

This issue is something that we have consistently raised with our County Councillor and recently the councillors in HSM held an open meeting for residents to air their perspectives. The problem appears to be getting worse, however.

The Parish Council is committed to putting as strong a case to Surrey County Council as possible so that action is taken. We need to demonstrate the impact this is having, the dangers that it causes and the fact that there is public support for action.

Launching August 1st - your voice matters. We want everyone in Holmbury St Mary to respond to our survey about how traffic is impacting you.

Go to www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/hsm-traffic to respond to the survey or for more details email russell.findlay@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Russell Findlay

Community Governance Review, Peaslake – the first consultation period to consider Peaslake having its own parish council has now closed. Guildford Borough Council will be reviewing the consultation submissions on the 29th July and will draft its recommendation, including any proposed electoral arrangements on the 18th August 2025. There will then be another eight-week consultation period with local people and interested parties.

Next Full Council meeting – Full Council Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road Gomshall GU5 9LF

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at every council meeting for members of the public to address the councillors.

Dates for the meetings can be found on our website - <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

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