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PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed Admissions changes to Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School have been causing significant concern to our local infant schools, as they are proposing to remove entry at Year 3 for pupils transferring from infant schools.

Sara Dangerfield, Headteacher of Peaslake Free School said *'This change would significantly affect families in our rural community, when access to affordable housing and educational choice for young families is already limited. If parents are no longer able to secure a Year 3 place for their children locally, many may find their schooling options restricted, potentially discouraging new families from settling in our village. The Governing Body is deeply concerned that the proposed admissions policy will make it more challenging to attract and retain families in Peaslake and could undermine the sustainability of our small village school.'*

The Parish Council is fully supportive of the school and has written to strongly object to the proposed changes to Director of Education, Chair of the Childrens Committee and the Good Shepherds Trust.

We await to hear the outcome of the consultation which closed on January 23 2026.

Peaslake Farmyard Affordable Housing – English Rural Housing Association are meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair in January to talk through assurances needed from the Parish Council for the project preparation to continue. They are looking for support from the Parish Council and community to build affordable housing on the Peaslake Farmyard site. More information will be available over the coming months.

Parking in Shere – Surrey County Council (SCC) Councillor B Hughes had a site meeting with the SCC Officer responsible for double yellow lines (dyls) in Shere on Sunday January 11, to look at the dangerous parking in Shere, which has escalated over the Christmas period. Several Parish Council Councillors and Guildford Borough Council Councillor D Newson joined the meeting. The main areas of concern are parking on the bend opposite the William Bray pub, Gomshall Lane by the junction with the A25 and on the bend at the top of Upper Street. It was recognised by all involved that this was a serious safety issue and plans for new dyls in those areas are being formulated. There will be a public consultation and more information from Surrey County Council will be available soon.

Pursers Lane, Peaslake – Another site meeting took place between SCC Councillor B Hughes and a member of the public who uses a mobility scooter. The paths along sections of Pursers Lane are so bad, it is restricting their ability to move around the village. SCC Councillor Hughes is pursuing this with the relevant SCC department for improvements.

Level crossings – it was noted at the last meeting that the train level crossings have not been working correctly since the recent upgrades. Although the times that the barriers are closed have been intentionally lengthened by Network Rail to improve safety, there are still issues with the barriers not opening after a train has passed or opening and closing randomly. SCC Councillor B Hughes was meeting with Network Rail to try and get this resolved.

Tanyard Hall Accessibility Lift Extension – the plan to improve the accessibility to Tanyard Hall with a lift extension has not yet been formally agreed by council, as there are several significant issues which still need to be addressed such as financing for the project and fire safety. However, the council has agreed to apply for planning permission, and this will be on our website as soon as it has been submitted by our architect. This is an exciting proposal which would make this historic building fully accessible by the whole parish and will make the upstairs hall into light airy useable space by all, with a new kitchen and toilets.

Shere Parish Council Grants - Grant applications are considered throughout the year. This month the parish council considered and approved the following grants:

- Shere Parochial Church Council - £2,229.03 grant for 50% of the churchyard maintenance in Shere and Peaslake
- Holmbury St Mary Cricket Club - £5,000 grant towards the repairs to the access track between Holmbury Hill Road and the cricket ground.

Details on how to apply for a grant is on our website www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

New Meeting dates – the meetings dates for May 2026 –to April 2027 are now agreed and available on the website.

Next Full Council meeting – Full Council Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday February 10, 2026, at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary RH5 6PG. Please note this date has recently changed from previous notices.

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.

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