

## Parish Magazine – July 2025 Issue

**New Council Year** – The Annual Council Meeting in May sees the start of a new council year. With a new council year, came a new Chair for Shere Parish Council. Councillor Penny Tompkins was elected to the role during the meeting. Penny's first action was to thank Roy Davey for his work as Chair over the previous years.

A new year has also brought a new logo. Crafted for us by a local business, this lovely new clear logo will replace our existing logo on our website, documents and signs moving forward. The images represent the four villages; A piece of leather representing the history of the Tannery in Gomshall, the pump for Holmbury St Mary, the pinecone for Peaslake and the Old Fire Station for Shere.

We hope you love it as much as we do!



## SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

### Community Governance Review - Peaslake

Shere Parish Council has existed with its current boundaries for over a century. Some residents in Peaslake have asked Guildford Borough Council for a Community Governance Review, which will look at whether a new civil parish of Peaslake and a new Peaslake Parish Council should be established; the new civil parish would comprise of the area of the existing South-West parish ward of the parish of Shere.

The terms of Reference and Details of the consultation can be found on our website:

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/peaslake-community-governance-review/>

The parish council has also produced an Information Sheet which was delivered to all households at the beginning of June to inform residents of the possible outcomes. You can view the information sheet on our website:

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Final-Careprint-Version-Updated-Public-CGR-Information-Sheet.pdf>

**We urge people throughout the parish to respond to the review, as its outcome will affect how the entire parish is governed in the future.**

Guildford Borough Council asked the parish council for its view on the Community Governance Review so, at the Extraordinary Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, councillors were asked if it would be in the best interests of the residents of the parish, that the boundary is changed to enable Peaslake to form its own parish council. Councillors expressed their opinions and a vote took place – of the ten councillors present, eight Councillors voted that it was not in the best interest of the residents of the parish, that the boundary is changed to enable Peaslake to form its own parish council; for the boundaries to remain unchanged. One councillor voted in favour of the boundary being changed to enable Peaslake to become its own parish council and one councillor abstained.

A formal response to Guildford Borough Council was agreed at the June 2025 full council meeting and you can read the response on our website. Although Councillors G Reffo and T Florent are members of Shere Parish Council they asked to be disassociated with the formal response.

[https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Docusign\\_Final\\_SPC\\_-\\_CGR\\_-\\_Response-June-2025.pdf](https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Docusign_Final_SPC_-_CGR_-_Response-June-2025.pdf)

**Holmbury St Mary Village Hall** – at the Annual Council meeting, a grant of £6,000 was agreed for 50% of the costs to retro fit all old fluorescent light fittings with LED lamp fittings and Internal decoration to all 'public areas' in the Village Hall; a very worthwhile cause and will hopefully help to encourage weddings at this lovely venue.

**Planters in The Square, Shere** – Surrey County Council Councillor B Hughes approached the council with an alternative for the huge planters and suggested large barrels to replace them. Shere and Gomshall Councillors considered this, but decided that they would not suit the area. The council has therefore asked Surrey County Council to suggest another option. The new option is for smaller, lower rectangular planters and the council has asked for the sizes and a map to see how they will be placed before they are agreed. The new planters are expected to be installed in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



**Use the link below to give feedback on the Part pedestrianisation - The Square, Shere** – Surrey County Council (SCC) conducted the work to make a pedestrianised area in The Square, Shere. This is in place for up to two years but a decision as to whether it will be made permanent will be made by SCC after six months. Please give your feedback online using the following link:

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/the-square-shere-prohibition-of-vehicles/>

**Next Full Council meeting – Full Council Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 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.

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