

29th May, 2025

Notes taken from Shere Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting, 28th of May 2025.

Please consult the official minutes which should be available on the SPC website, next week.

My Notes:

The meeting was chaired by Penny Tompkins, there were I believe 16 people in the audience and 10 parish councillors present as well as the clerk. (Gerry Reffo was absent and sent her apologies.)

Questions were asked, a lively discussion took place, all in a reasonable manner. Some excellent points were made, the general consensus in the audience was for 'no change'.

The 1st item of the agenda was discussed, and it was agreed to have a position, generally I thought which meant to stay the same, for the greater good, and to send out a letter to all parish households. (Hopefully to arrive some time next week, ie early June.) They voted on this, 7 for , 1 against, 1 abstention. (Chair possibly did not need to vote, I may be wrong on this detail), ut a good clear majority prevailed.

So on to agenda item 2. Which was to discuss for wording of the letter. This was chewed over, seemingly endlessly, but it's important to get it right. Lets hope so. The minutes of the meeting will clarify this later. But the important point is, a letter will be sent to the entire parish clarifying and laying out a balanced set of facts implications and consequences of this proposal, for the whole parish. Some details and outcomes of course are unknown, this is new territory. Apparently this is the first parish to consider this type of decision, in England. (My view- there is a reason for this, and this irreversible and harmful change will affect us all, negatively.)

The meeting lasted approximately 2 ½ hours.

But the important thing is to read this expected letter, read the information, then write your letter make your own mind up as to what you think is the best course for your part of the parish , and indeed for the parish as a whole, and submit your letter after reading all of that , before July the 7th please.

My personal note:

Oppose the motion to change, and lets hope GBC will take no further action. Let's end this lunacy for a permanent change. Please write in and give your views.

