

## SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chris Wheeler Guildford Borough Council Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB

Dear Chris,

## Re: Shere Car Park – potential charging

As you are aware Shere Parish Council is struggling to pay for the maintenance of Shere Car Park. The increased popularity of Shere as a tourist destination has led to significant damage to the car park surface.

With no monies forthcoming from the Borough to assist in maintenance, it has become necessary to consider charging for use of the car park, with a permit system for residents.

Under the 2008 Agreement between Guildford Borough Council, Shere Parish Council, Shere Trust Properties and Shere Recreation Ground Association it was stated '*From the Development Completion Date SPC shall operate and make the Car Park available to the public without charge at all times of the days or night on a first come first served basis or in accordance with any other operating terms and conditions agreed between the Parties from time to time which for the avoidance of doubt could include charging for the use of the Car Park in appropriate circumstances.'* 

Shere Parish Council would therefore like to formally request Guildford Borough Council's written agreement to charge for use of the car park.

Details of charges are still to be determined but would be in keeping with other charges across the Borough.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Suzanne Hoyland Parish Clerk & RFO