

Parish Magazine – March 2017 issue

Latest position on HGVs - the Police Commissioner will be coming to a meeting on 1 March, at Tanyard Hall, Gomshall, to discuss a possible rural highway network. The network should manage the transit of HGVs more appropriately, keeping them on the main roads and away from our quiet lanes. It is hoped that the police will be supportive of this measure and in turn, Surrey Highways will be encouraged to implement it.

Newlands Corner parking machines –proposed parking machines at this local beauty spot caused outrage among many local residents and the Parish Council alike. The Planning Inspectorate has now considered the hundreds of representations, including the Parish Council's, about Surrey County Council's proposals. The County Council has looked at people's comments and adjusted elements of their proposals. The Planning Inspectorate has therefore advised that there will not be a public inquiry into this application for development but they have made a site visit and will be announcing their final decision shortly.

Goose Green joy riders – recent drainage works on Goose Green, Gomshall, have helped control flooding of this attractive community grassed area. Goose Green was part of the old cress beds land so to keep it fairly dry and looking nice has been quite a challenge. So it was very disappointing to learn that people had been driving around on Goose Green and churning up the grassed surface. This has been reported to the police and a crime number had been issued. If you do witness anyone doing this again, please can you either report it to the police on 101 or via the Parish office on 01483 203431?

Flood prevention for London Lane, Shere – good news from Surrey County Council; they will be funding flood prevention works at London Lane (the 'track' that runs up the side of the recreation ground, from the car park entrance). In heavy rainfall, mud and debris wash down from this track into the centre of Shere. Essentially, the works will include: larger drain covers to be installed at the junction of London Lane and Upper Street; the bund (an enclosure capable of holding surplus water) to be dug out; drainage into the soakaway to be improved and finally, three additional baffles (to restrain or regulate the flow of water) using curbing are to be trialled further up London Lane. Works are scheduled to commence by April 2017.

Ken Harrap – our sincere condolences go to Ken's wife, Beverly (one of our Parish Councillors representing the Peaslake Ward) and to their family. Ken died suddenly, in February.

Reporting local problems - contact details

- **roads**, including drainage issues, potholes, overhanging trees, uncut verges, lighting, footpaths and bridleways issues - **Surrey County Council** tel: 03456 009009 or www.surreycc.gov.uk, click on **roads and highways**.
- **leaking pipes** - **Thames Water** tel: 0845 920 0888 (free) or www.Thameswater.co.uk.

- **planning - Guildford Borough Council** tel: 01483 505050 or www.guildford.gov.uk or email enforcement@guildford.gov.uk.
- **flooding** – refer to the **Environment Agency** website www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- **crime** – ring 999 for real emergencies and 101 to report a crime or look for information on www.surrey.police.uk.
- **power cuts** and damaged power lines – ring 501 for UK Power Networks who will connect you to your local electricity network operator. Further information is on www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Next Council meeting – Tuesday 7 March 2017, starting at 8pm at Peaslake Village Hall, Walking Bottom, Peaslake.