

Parish Magazine – December 16 issue

Face-lift for the villages' play equipment – painting of and repairs to existing play equipment in the Parish's five play areas will take place in the next few weeks. This will inevitably mean some restricted access to play equipment (warning signs will be put up) but the reward will be better play areas for our youngsters.

Safer steps for Mackies Hill, Peaslake – nursery and infant school children will be safer as a result of the Parish Council improving the configuration of the steps at Mackies Hill. A spur has been installed at the foot of the steps, coupled with a new safety railing and soft landscaping. The ground around the steps has also been tidied up and the whole area looks a lot smarter. The old damaged chevron signs for the sharp bend at this location will be replaced by Surrey Highways.

Possible improvements to London Lane, Shere – during heavy rainfall, debris and mud are washed down from London Lane, ie, the track that runs past the recreation ground, into the centre of Shere. Whilst the road sweeping machines do a brilliant job in cleaning up the mess, a more permanent solution to prevent it happening in the first place would be very welcome. Options are being discussed with Surrey County Council. In the meantime, some maintenance work will be carried out. The sump and the bund, which channels the water into the sump, will be cleared out regularly. Also, the surface up to the entry into the sump will be smoothed, to encourage water flow in the right direction.

Visiting Shere Surgery - local residents will have noticed the smart new kerbing outside the doctors' surgery in Shere. The appearance of the new kerbing will 'weather down' but more importantly, patients will no longer have to wade through mud and pot holes to get to the surgery!

Parish Council sets budget for next year – in order to undertake these sorts of projects; to carry out repairs and maintenance and to run your Parish Council generally, the Parish Council needs funding. It gets this from raising a precept (a levy) as a small part of your Council tax bill from Guildford Borough Council. For the next financial year, the Parish Council had decided to raise the precept by a modest 2% in order to meet all of its projected costs.

Peaslake Farm housing – thank you to those of you who submitted expressions of interest for one of the new homes to be built on Peaslake Farm. From the information that you submitted, it is clear that the majority of you would like a one bedroom home, several wanted a two-bedroomed home and there was limited demand for larger homes. This information will feed into the planning process.

Red telephone box in Peaslake – British Telecom has put in a planning application to Guildford Borough Council to remove the telephone box in Pursers Lane, Peaslake. There is

a three month public consultation period on this proposal. So if you have any suggestions for other potential uses of the phone box, please email the Parish Office on clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Next Council meeting – Thursday 12th January 2017, starting at 8pm at Tanyard Hall, Gomshall

Christmas 2016 – finally, the Parish Council would like to wish all local residents a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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