

Parish Magazine – February 2017 issue

New play and leisure equipment - is to be purchased in the coming months: a play hut for the under 5s in the Holmbury play area and a 'birds nest' roundabout for Shere play area. Also, a pull up bar is to be added to the existing adult fitness equipment on Shere Recreation Ground. There will be a new picnic bench for Peaslake play area. There are also discussions underway with Shere surgery about a 'Shere mile' fitness track on Shere Recreation Ground. This is to encourage people of all ages to take regular gentle, exercise. The Parish Council is very grateful to Guildford Borough Council who have agreed to make significant contributions to the cost of all this new equipment for our villages.

Up-grading villages' play equipment – painting of and repairs to existing play equipment in the Parish's five play areas are now complete. The equipment now looks very smart; all safety checks have been completed and this investment means that the equipment will last far longer. Thank you for your patience while these works were undertaken.

Parking enforcement in Middle Street, Shere – the Parish Council has been successful in lobbying Guildford Borough Council for a disabled parking bay and yellow no parking lines at the junction of Middle Street and Gomshall Lane. It is very disappointing that these restrictions are being ignored, illegally, by many motorists, creating difficulties for disabled people and causing obstructions at the junction. The Parish Council will issue stickers to offending vehicles and pass on details of persistent offenders to the relevant authorities. Spot checks will also be carried out by parking enforcement officers.

Peaslake traffic calming – the recently installed markings and signage for the pedestrian walk way along Peaslake Lane have caused confusion for some Peaslake residents. So a site meeting with Surrey Highways has been held to clarify matters. The coloured walkway along Peaslake Lane is for pedestrians. However, because of the narrowness of the Lane, vehicles and cyclists will be able to go into it when there are no pedestrians in it. The coloured lane will be edged by broken white lines to warn vehicles and cyclists that pedestrians have priority on that part of the Lane. Arrangements will be made to cut back regularly vegetation along the side of the walk way.

The 30mph signs at the beginning of the walk way, on the approach to Peaslake and at the start of Radnor Road will be removed as they encourage motorists to travel up to 30mph, which is neither practical nor desirable at these points. In addition, Surrey Highways have agreed to paint advisory 'no parking' white hatching on the road at the junction of Radnor Road/Ewhurst Road and at the junction of Pond Lane with the village centre, to prevent parked vehicles causing an obstruction. The chevron signs on Pursers Lane, at the foot of Mackie's Hill will be replaced.

Red telephone box in Peaslake – the Parish Council has decided to adopt the telephone box in Pursers Lane, Peaslake. It is good to keep this piece of iconic English street furniture even

though the box won't contain a functioning phone. However, any practical ideas for its future use are welcome.

Next Council meeting – Tuesday 7 February 2017, starting at 8pm at Shere Village Hall, Gomshall Lane, Shere.