

## **Parish Magazine – December issue**

**Parish Council's budget for next year - Funding the Parish Council in 2016/17** - your Parish Council gets its annual funding by receiving a small amount of local Council Tax from Guildford Borough Council. This funding is called the parish precept figure and that figure translates to the parish 'levy' on your council tax bill. There will be a modest increase of 1.2% in the Parish Council's precept figure for 2016/17.

**Tesco local community scheme** – Tesco, in association with Groundwork (a charity which works to enable sustainable communities) is funding a new grant scheme from the money it gets from the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags, as a result of the government carrier bag levy. This funding is for local community green space projects that provide community benefit and have free and open access to all members of the community. For example, parks and open spaces, play areas, rivers, sports facilities and so on. The Parish Council is applying for a grant from the scheme to tidy up the **verge outside Shere surgery**, which gets very muddy, especially at this time of year, making it difficult for patients of Shere Surgery to make their way onto the footpath. Another project that funding is being applied for is **works to improve the drainage at Goose Green, Gomshall**.

**Shere Village Hall Entertainment Package** – the Parish Council is helping out with the cost of up-grading the village cinema. It has agreed to fund the purchase of new stage and side curtains, black window curtains/valances and new padded chairs. This should all make for a more comfortable viewing experience for users of this popular community facility.

**Parking Scheme for Middle Street and Gomshall Lane, Shere** – Guildford Borough Council (GBC) has consulted local residents and the Parish Council on a new parking scheme for this area. The draft scheme incorporates a 2 hour waiting restriction outside the Co-op, during the day and a new disabled parking place outside Ivy Cottage (next door to the Co-op), as well as the existing one outside the school. The Parish Council supports provision of the disabled parking spaces but has suggested to GBC that the waiting restriction outside the Co-op, together with the associated, unsightly signage is neither desirable nor necessary.

**Peaslake Farm up-date** – following much deliberation and research by the Peaslake Farm Working Group (consisting of parish councillors and Peaslake residents), the Parish Council will be consulting on options for the Peaslake Farm site, early next year. Information on the options will be sent out to local residents in February, together with a questionnaire and guidance for filling it out. On the following dates, there will then be a display of the options in each of the three village halls all afternoon, followed by a public consultation meeting, in the evening:

Tuesday, 1 March – Peaslake

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Holmbury St Mary

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March – Shere

Then, in light of all the technical information and the comments of local residents, the Parish Council will decide on an option for the future use of this site.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** - the Parish Council would like to wish all local residents a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It was pleased to learn that a generous, anonymous donor will again be supplying a Christmas tree in the Pound.

**Next meeting** - the next Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, starting at 7.30pm, at Tanyard Hall.**

#### **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](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk), click on **roads and highways**.
- **leaking pipes** - **Thames Water** tel: 0845 920 0888 (free) or [www.Thameswater.co.uk](http://www.Thameswater.co.uk).
- **planning** - **Guildford Borough Council** tel: 01483 505050 or [www.guildford.gov.uk](http://www.guildford.gov.uk) or email [enforcement@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:enforcement@guildford.gov.uk).
- **flooding** – refer to the **Environment Agency** website [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.surrey.police.uk).

#### **Talk to us**

We can help you to have the Parish that you want to live, work and play in. Our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at them for the public to have their say. You can talk to me on 01483 203431 or e-mail me on [clerk2009@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk2009@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) - or speak to your Ward Councillors; details are on web-site: [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
The Parish Council's office is at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF. It is open to the public from 10.30am to 12.30pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or at other times, by appointment.

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