

Parish Magazine – April 2016 issue

Peaslake Farm – public consultation meetings – there has been extensive consultation on the future use of Peaslake Farm, Ewhurst Road, Peaslake. This culminated in a series of public meetings in local village halls in early March, to answer questions from the public on the three proposed uses for the Farm - subsidised housing, commercial barns or a mix of the two. A good range of questions were asked by local residents and a full report appears in Village Voices.

Thank you to those residents who completed the Parish-wide questionnaire on the future use of the Farm. The results will be presented to the 12th April meeting of the Council. One of the three suggested uses will then be selected by the Parish Council at a special meeting of the Council, at Peaslake village hall, on the evening of Thursday, 2nd June.

Peaslake Farm Queen's 90th birthday celebrations – the Parish Council would like to support local residents who want to organise street parties by contributing £250 towards the cost of each of the villages' events.

Community Speed Watch: call for volunteers – Community Speed Watch is a locally driven initiative where active members of the community join together with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

Volunteers receive appropriate training, and are supported by their neighbourhood policing team staff. The scheme aims to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

The Police lend Speed Watch equipment to local communities where there is a need to monitor speed on local roads. They have lent some to the Parish Council but would now like it back because it has not been used regularly, in recent times. Part of the problem is around encouraging volunteers to undertake the training and then to implement it on our local roads. If the equipment is not used then the police will take it back to use in an area where there is greater demand for it. So, please – if you think that the roads in and around your village would benefit and you would like to volunteer for training, please forward your details to the Parish Clerk at clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Shere War Memorial – has been awarded Listed Building status at Grade II. The memorial has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. The Parish Council is delighted that this important memorial, which it maintains regularly, has been given this recognition.

Community buildings grants - funding has recently become available to improve the energy efficiency of community buildings. It is only for not-for-profit community based organisations like village halls, a parish council, an independent charitable organisation or a residents association (not churches or schools). For more details and an application form, please visit <http://www.actionsurrey.org/grants/community-building-fund>

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.

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 - or speak to your Ward Councillors; details are on web-site: 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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