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Peaslake Farm – housing provider selected - Greenoak Housing Association has been selected by the Parish Council to build and manage the new, subsidised housing, on Peaslake Farm yard. Greenoak offered a particularly good deal for tenants on rents, sustainable building methods (meaning lower bills for tenants and the flexibility to change the internal layout of the homes to accommodate growing families), good parking arrangements and showed great sensitivity to the local community's environment.

Legal agreements have to be drawn up first, but it is hoped that the homes will be complete and ready for occupation by Spring 2020. Greenoak will be consulting local residents on the detailed design of the housing, prior to the build.

Flood prevention at London Lane, Shere – for many years now, following heavy downpours, Shere village has suffered from a deluge of mud and debris which sweeps down London Lane (next to the recreation ground) from the North Downs into Shere village centre. Guildford Borough Council's cleaning team have usually cleared up the mess fairly promptly. Now a more imaginative solution seems to have been found to this messy problem. With financial help from Surrey County Council, the Parish Council is arranging to install a 'catch pit' in London Lane. This is basically a large, deep, concrete lined chamber, covered by a safety grill and the whole mechanism will be fenced off. The flood water will be channelled from it into the existing drainage system and the debris will be cleared out of it periodically. It is planned to have this mechanism in place as soon as practically possible.

Holmbury St Mary traffic calming proposals – a local resident with expertise in highways improvement schemes has been providing the Parish Council with professional advice on managing traffic in the village. Following public consultation, he has presented the Council with an attractive scheme to address Holmbury's traffic problems. In particular, it aims to cut the speed of traffic, improve sight lines and provide landscaped parking. The Parish Council will now work with him to look at how such a scheme can be implemented.

Use of Goose Green by Albury Football Club – the Parish Council intends to allow football to be played on Goose Green again. Albury Eagles Football Club is planning to use the Green on Saturdays. If neighbouring residents have any concerns, please let the Parish office know.

New bench for Shere bus users – a very smart bench replaces the old, much-mended one at the bus stop outside Shere village hall. This was jointly funded by the Parish Council and Guildford Borough Council. The Parish Council hopes that bus users will now have a more comfortable wait for the No. 32!

Christmas lights for Gomshall – that area of Gomshall, by the bridge over the mill stream will look more festive, this Christmas! The Parish Council has agreed to buy a Christmas tree and lights for the village.

Future Meetings – the next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 7th November, at Tanyard Hall, Station Road, Gomshall. Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Council's meetings. The **Calendar of Meetings for 2018** is published on the Council's web-site.