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Annual Parish Meeting – the meeting was held 7th April 2022 at Peaslake Village Hall with guest speaker Leigh Thornton, Business and Biodiversity Manager, Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) who gave a talk on the potential plans for Peaslake Farm Fields, to protect the fields from development and enhance the biodiversity for future generations. Leigh was warmly received and he outlined the plans for protecting the fields on a 30-year lease, increasing the biodiversity and creating some wetland habitat to hold back water, thereby reducing the risk of flooding in the village centre. Members of the public were supportive and offered local knowledge to help the process. Hopefully the trustees of SWT will support the project and as the process moves forward, a public meeting will be held to include local resident's ideas and support.

Chairman Roy Davey also gave a report of the year and thanked both parish staff and members of the community for their support throughout the pandemic and going forward.

Peaslake Farmyard Development – Greenoak Housing Association (GHA) and Shere Parish Council have met with near residents to hear their concerns over the building phase for the four 2-bed houses and four 1-bed flats. Their concerns will be considered in the detailed plan for the building phase. There will be a public meeting in late summer/early Autumn, to address any further concerns. Building is planned to begin at the end of October/early November and will take approximately 43 weeks. If anyone has any further worries over the building phase, please get in contact and we will ensure your concerns are passed to GHA. Updated information can be found on our website <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/peaslake-farm/>

Some residents also expressed some unease over the retained land, which is a small strip of land retained by the Parish Council between the fields and the development. This is being retained to provide access to maintain (cut grass etc.) above the development and a place to put vehicles during the building phase (to keep vehicles off the roads) and is initially accessed via the site. The retained land will be on the 9th of June 2022 Full Council Agenda to discuss the final surface, after the development has been completed and whether a gate access from the road will be necessary for maintenance. This has not yet been considered by council and residents are able to express their opinions before or during the meeting.

The Queen's Green Canopy "plant a tree for the jubilee" – four trees were given to the Parish Council to plant for the Queen's Jubilee and are now being planted in each of the villages. The beautiful plaques have been purchased from the Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) and are wonderful memorials for the occasion. On a cold and blustery April day, Lord of the Manor Handa Bray MBE DL very kindly said a few words and planted the tree for Shere and Ben Bray did the same for Gomshall. Thank you to them both for coming out in difficult weather to plant them. Holmbury St Mary will be having their tree planting shortly. All the trees will be recorded on the Queen's Green Canopy website.

Anyone can buy and plant a tree and record the place on the official website <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> Be part of this wonderful initiative.

Next Council meeting – Thursday 5th May 2022 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at every council meeting for members of the public to address the councillors.

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