

Parish Magazine – February 2023 Issue

Peaslake Farm Fields – Full council approved the recommendation of Peaslake Farm Steering Committee, to enter into an agreement with Friends of The Hurtwood (FoTH) to manage Peaslake Farm Fields on a long lease. Works will include a flood management scheme to slow down the water entering the village during heavy rainfall, increased biodiversity and some livestock grazing. The FoTH bid is available on the website to view. The council is looking forward to working with them to protect this landscape.

Peaslake Farm Development – Greenoak Housing Association (GHA) who are building the small development of 8 units on Peaslake Farmyard is merging with a larger housing association called Stonewater. This will allow access for further grants but will not affect the Peaslake build.

Unfortunately, building has been delayed due to the quotes for the build coming in much larger than anticipated. This is partly due to the cost of materials but also due to the cost of managing the made-up ground which contains low level contaminants. The council has given GHA an extension of three months on the contract, to iron out these difficulties and is waiting to hear what cost savings may be necessary, within the planning permission received. Council approval would be needed if GHA wanted to make changes to the planning permission.

Peaslake Play Area – new log adventure!



A great new log adventure area has been installed in the Peaslake Play area. Designed by Assistant Clerk Samantha Robins and created by the council's contractor Graham Rapley, the new log area was suggested by parents at Peaslake School and based on the play area at Abinger Roughts. Surrey is the most wooded county in England, so the council decided to use some of our fallen local trees for this installation, providing a great eco-friendly zone.

For those who don't know how to access the play area (which includes a slide, roundabout, swings and more, as well as the new log area) – go up the steps from the junction of Pursers Lane/Peaslake Lane/Mackies Hill. There is a sign at the bottom of the steps (what3words – tribal.scouts.staple). There is also a field for picnics and games.

Village Larder/Micro Pantry – The parish council is considering starting up a village larder. This is to help those struggling during this cost-of-living crisis. A village larder is a cabinet placed in a public place where people can leave donations for anyone in need to collect (donations may also come from shops, the church or charities). You do not have to be referred or on benefits to take from the larder and it would be anonymous. It might be that someone needs a helping hand one week but can give back another week, or it might be someone that needs a little help, more regularly. Items would include foods such as pasta, soup etc. We know many residents already support the Guildford and Dorking Foodbanks but this would be neighbours supporting each other. If you have an opinion on village larders, have used one elsewhere or want to be involved please get in touch.

Do Not Litter Signs - Guildford Borough Council Councillor and member of Shere Garbage Gang Richard Morris asked the parish council to purchase two moveable 'Do not litter' signs to be put in busy locations around Shere, to attempt to reduce littering. The council has agreed to purchase them and hopes it will encourage people to take their litter home!

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Next Council meeting – Thursday 9th February 2023 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF.

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