

**Peaslake Farm Fields** – Shere Parish Council has had a very constructive site meeting with Surrey County Council Flood Team and Surrey Hills National Landscape on Peaslake Farm Fields. The discussion focussed on potential plans to slow the surface water which can flood the centre of Peaslake, during heavy rainfall. The Flood Team are drawing up plans for shallow basins taking water from the stream and slowing it down before it is fed back into the stream. Funding is available from Surrey Hills National Landscape, with small contributions from the Flood Team and Shere Parish Council. The council hopes to receive a rough plan from the Flood Team in the coming month but more detailed plans will take longer. This scheme will not dramatically alter the landscape but should reduce potential flooding in the future. Money is also available for trees to extend the hedgerow and hold back surface water. This could be a community venture to plant them.

**Peaslake Village Hall – Grant Application for extension and conversion of changing rooms** – all members of the council recognised the importance for supporting our local village halls and have agreed an initial £3,000 donation towards the project. Each ward of Shere Parish Council has a small level of ward funds, made up of reserves and filming compensation money. The £3,000 will therefore be made up from £1,000 from Peaslake ward funds and £2,000 from Shere & Gomshall ward funds, recognising that Peaslake Village Hall is important to the whole of the civic parish.

**Old Fire Station Public Conveniences in Shere** – the lovely Grade II listed building is having a face lift. Repairs are scheduled this summer for some minor external repairs and repaint. This has to be done every few years to maintain and protect this beautiful building.

**Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** – Shere Parish Council has agreed to buy another VAS for the villages, with the help of 50% Grant Aid amounting to £1,322.50 from Guildford Borough Council (GBC). They remind drivers to keep to the speed limit and are moved around the villages by our volunteer Richard Morris – thank you Richard for your support!

**Old School Room, Peaslake Handrail** – Although not council property, with the permission of the landowner, Shere Parish Council has agreed for our contractor to extend the handrail at the Old School Room in Peaslake down to the road to improve access. This should be installed shortly.

**Peaslake Play Tower** – the much-loved play tower in the Peaslake Play area is being replaced. Although no one wants to see it go, it has become very difficult to repair. With consultation with local parents, a replacement was chosen and will be installed in the coming months at a cost of £14,720. GBC has given Grant Aid of £5,930 towards the project.

Shere Parish Council looks after five play areas in the villages, which are constantly reviewed, risk assessed and maintained to give our littlest residents fun and activities. The locations of the play areas can be found on our website:

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/sports-activities/>

**Holmbury St Mary Village Hall** – the hall committee asked if the parish council could install a dog waste bin in our car park adjacent to the hall. The council has agreed and arranged with GBC to buy a bin at a cost of £200 and pay a yearly fee of £340 for GBC to empty it. It will be full bin rather than a dog waste bin and will take all rubbish, including dog waste.

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**Next Full Council meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** at Shere Village Hall, Gomshall Lane, Shere.

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