

## PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm

The meeting was chaired by Cyndie Gould and attended by 15 Peaslakers

### Welcome & Introduction

**Present:** Janette Weller, Julie Barham, Nick & Pennie Wells, Jim Heyes, Jeff & Marion Jones, Nigel Downer, Zoe Horton, Jim Collin, Andrew Clayton, Lesley Perry, Sally & Nick Bray & Gerry Reffo

**Apologies:** Kier Schiltz, Deb & Kevin Stevens, Adrienne Golightly, Julie Knight, Sam McCormick, Rhys Thomas, Jane Williams, Richard Morris, Anne Heyes & Martyn Warrell

### Matters arising from February's Minutes

There were no comments or corrections.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting. The balance in the CC bank account is £403.97.

### B4SH Update

Nick Wells reported: The kind, late winter weather has permitted good progress to be made.

Ducting has been mole-ploughed to Hazel Hall, and beyond to Oak Farm in Jesses Lane as well as east, to a chamber, behind Yew Tree Cottage on Peaslake Lane.

Fibre has also been blown over the entire length and connection to properties on the west side of Peaslake Lane are about to commence.

Road crossings of Ewhurst Road, opposite the cabinet at Peaslake Farm and an additional crossing in Pond Lane are scheduled for 21st/22nd March. The Ewhurst Road crossing will enable the eastern loop of the network to progress towards Plaw's Hill and the school.

### Coronation Celebration 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May

A committee to organise the village event is needed but, so far, no-one has come forward. Marion will speak to Christine Harrison to ask her to oversee the organisation. Gerry Reffo and Julie Barham are happy to assist.

Gerry will contact all on the CC mailing list to ask for help.

Julie will speak to Matt Morris at the Hurtwood Inn to find out more about the planned Garden Party on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

A decision will have to be made about music as many bands are already booked for that weekend.

### Peaslake Fair 28<sup>th</sup> August

A committee is being formed and a school representative has already come forward. A chair, who is independent of the beneficiaries, is being sought. Janette Weller will contact past parents to ask for help and a possible chair.

Alice Williams will organise the stalls again this year, but she needs someone to work with her with a view to taking this on next year.

Janette has contacted Jane Williams to find out how much commercial stalls were charged last year. (The feeling is, they should be charged more).

Jim Collin, who's been putting out the road signs for the Fair for many years, said that Kevin Stevens and Sean Griffith had kindly offered to do this in future.

## **Community Council Website**

An email had been sent to all on the mailing list to let them know that the website was up and running. A further email had been sent to all the rolling chairs suggesting that they might like to set up an email address for use on the website, separate from their personal one, to receive messages relating to the Community Council.

## **Shere Parish Council**

### **Overhanging Hedges**

The SPC General Purposes Committee has referred this to SCC requesting that they write to the house-owners.

### **Peaslake Sign in Walking Bottom**

It is important that this sign is replaced as soon as possible to warn motorists and cyclists that they are approaching the village.

### **20 mph Speed Limit**

This is still being discussed by Surrey County Council.

Gerry Reffo reported:

### **Silt Traps in Village Hall and Hurtwood Inn**

Guildford Borough Council completed their site visit in February and are returning to remove both silt traps on 13-14 March. GBC recommended removing the silt traps because they consider the risk of a blockage in the culvert running from Walking Bottom into Pond Lane is higher if the silt traps remain in place.

Many thanks to all who have helped to get this work done especially Borough Councillor Diana Jones.

### **Police**

At the request of Borough Councillor Richard Morris, the local community Police team attended February's Parish Council. They are aware of recent reports of drug dealing in Shere Surgery Car Park and thefts from outbuildings. They asked the community to help by reporting all incidents including suspicious behaviour so that they can build a picture of what is happening and when. Please report anything suspicious to the Police on

Tel: 101

Online: <https://www.surreypolice.ro/report/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SurreyPolice/>

### **Coronation**

SPC are supporting village celebrations with a donation of £250 to each village towards bunting etc.

### **Village Larder**

Jonathan Duffy (SPC Drop In Centre co-ordinator) is setting up a pilot project food bank to support parish residents facing financial difficulties. Surrey CC have donated £1000 and SPC £500 to get the initiative off the ground. The Village Larder will be situated in Tanyard Hall. Residents can drop food off to support the Larder once it is up and running.

To find out more about the Village Larder, the very successful Drop In Centre and its associated activities and trips, Jonathan is giving a talk at the Annual Parish Meeting on 21 March at 8pm in Tanyard Hall.

### **Become a Parish Councillor**

Local elections on 4 May 2023 will include Parish Councils. Being a Parish Councillor is an opportunity to serve your community and push for improvements for the village and the parish. If you may be interested and would like to find out more you can do any of the following:

- Look at <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/become-a-parish-councillor>
- Get in touch with Gerry Reffo email; [gerry.reffo@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:gerry.reffo@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)
- Go to the Annual Parish Meeting on 21 March, 8pm at Tanyard Hall, Gomshall and meet a cross section of parish councillors.

### **Voter ID**

For the May 2023 elections, you will need voter identification (passport, driving license, travel cards with photos). If you don't have any of these then you can register for a Voter Authority Certificate. More information is available on the Shere Parish Council website, telephone helpline 0800 328 0280 or from the electoral commission [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

### **Peaslake School**

A query was raised about the result of the School's latest inspection. Andy Clayton explained the difficulties the new inspection framework is posing for small schools and suggested anyone who would like more information should look at the School's website for the report and the Governors' response.

<https://www.peaslakefreeschool.com/>

### **AOB**

Julie reported the broken window pane in the telephone box near Rad Lane. Gerry will pass this to SPC.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Diary date: Annual Parish Meeting, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 8.00pm, Tanyard Hall.** Light refreshments. All welcome.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, 8.00pm, in the Memorial Hall

