

Peaslake Community Council

Meeting held on Monday 6th July in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8pm

The meeting was chaired by Adrienne Golightly and attended by 18 Peaslakers.

Welcome and introduction.

Present: Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Andrew Clayton, Jim Collin, Zoe Fowle (Minutes), Adrienne Golightly (Chair), Jim and Anne Heyes, Alan Hilton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Julie Knight, Sam McCormick, Lesley Parr, Gerry Raffo, Martyn Warrell, Nick Wells, David Williams, Jane Williams (Treasurer)

Apologies: Nicola Anstey, Julie Barham, Amanda Cobbett, Nigel Downer, Tania Florent, Ted Horton, Zoe Horton, Jill Luckan, David Mercer, Drew Nicholson, Jeanette Weller, Pennie Wells

Matters Arising from November Minutes:

- Shere Parish Council (SPC) have cleared the vegetation around the gate leading to the cinder track.
- GBC refused to carry out pest control because of budget constraints. SPC have contracted a local pest control company (PGH) to deal with the rat infestation at the bus stop.
- Graham Rapley (SPC Contractor) conducted the Tree Survey residents requested on Pond Lane Car Park. Before the resurfacing work is started he will remove two sycamore trees, fell one unstable yew tree and lift the tree canopy. GBC permission is required for the tree work
- The Skudges: SPC have agreed to clear the land of litter and plant inhospitable plants to deter further trespass. Jenny Janse (Climate Café) has been asked to advise on suitable plants that will enhance bio-diversity as well as being prickly.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane Williams reported a balance of £378.00 in the account.
- Jane has been exploring alternative banking arrangements, as the current account incurs a monthly charge. NatWest offers a free account. Gerry will ask the PCC Chairs to volunteer as signatories. An update will be provided at the September meeting.

West Surrey Unitary Authority (WSUA)

Jim Collin suggested that residents should inform the new local WSUA councillors about the services that will be taken over from Guildford Borough Council in 2027. Main services provided by GBC are Planning and Building control, Household Waste Disposal and Recycling, Housing and Council Tax, Parks and Green spaces, Environmental

Health, Licensing, Leisure and Culture, Parking, Community Services and local elections.

Jim said he would prefer to keep the existing household waste system with only 3 types of bin. Residents expressed support for the suggestion that the local councillors might update residents on proposals at the September Parish Council meeting which will be held in Peaslake Village Hall on Thursday 3 September at 7.30 pm.

Peaslake Community Fund:

The PCF will be providing the stage and arranging music for the upcoming Peaslake Village Fair. They are also booking the jazz duo for the Lawn.

Peaslake Cemetery Fence:

The like-for-like fencing is currently being installed.

Peaslake Fair:

Donations: A call for books, good quality bric-a-brac, bottles for the Tombola stall and homemade cakes.

Volunteers: can you give 1-2 hours of your time as a Street Marshal? Get in touch by email pcc@peaslake.org or call Gerry on 07788 428340

Classic cars :14 cars promised so should be a very good display. A new addition this year is classic motorcycles.

Sponsorship: Terracotta Estate Agents have generously agreed to sponsor the Fair again.

Publicity: banners and notices advertising the Fair will go up in July.

Reports from Village Organisations

Peaslake School:

Andrew expressed his thanks to all the villagers that opened their gardens for Peaslake Open Gardens in July, the event raised approximately £3,500 for the school, an enormous success.

Friends of the Hurtwood:

Over a 100 people attended the Centenary Celebration on Holmbury Hill on 14 June. Speeches were made by Chairman Assheton Don and Handa Bray. FoTH will have a stall at the Fair.

Peaslake Players

Auditions for the Murder Mystery Evening and the Railway Children will both be held on the 15th and 17th of September. More information to follow, or you can look at the website for up-to-date information and bookings <https://www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk/>

Peaslake Village Hall:

Local resident Sophie Blackburn approached fellow resident Trevor Hall of Simmons Taylor Hall to ask whether he would be willing to help the Village Hall by carrying out a building survey. Trevor very generously agreed to undertake the work free of charge. The inspection has now been completed, and the resulting report will set out the maintenance and repair work required over the next five years. This will help the Trustees plan future budgets and inform future fundraising. The Trustees are extremely grateful to Trevor for his generous contribution.

Villagers group:

Adrienne reported that the Villagers Group enjoyed a Summer lunch kindly hosted by Ann Taylor on Sunday 5 June.

Peaslake History Group:

Martyn Warrell reported that a meeting was held in the Old School Room on 29 June to gauge interest in forming a Peaslake History Group. Sixteen people attended, with several others sending apologies. Some attendees were former residents who retain a strong interest in the village.

There was broad support for establishing the group on an informal basis and seeing how it develops. Longer-term ideas included creating a collection of local documents, photographs and artefacts, with the possibility of producing a shared catalogue and, eventually, digital copies where practical.

The group also discussed recording the memories of older residents and collecting historic photographs and films. It was suggested that attendees share contact details, with everyone's agreement, to help coordinate future activities.

A follow-up meeting is likely to be held at the Old School Room in September. The enthusiasm and support shown have been very encouraging.

Shere Parish Council matters:

Shere Toilets:

A contractor has been selected to carry out the planned refurbishment.

Peaslake Farmyard:

SPC have agreed Heads of Terms. Concerns about flood impact and the effect on surrounding roadside verges are being communicated to the developer.

New Unitary Authorities:

Bob Hughes (SCC councillor and WSUA councillor) said it was early days, but this would be the biggest devolution project in the UK. SPC were encouraged to take a cautious approach to taking on devolved services.

Pursers lane Flooding:

Repairs to stop the longstanding flooding on Pursers Lane will be designed in this financial year but the work will not be carried out until 2027/2028. Residents questioned the impact of the local government unitary authority reorganisation in 2027 on financial commitments scheduled for 2027/28. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for discussion with Bob Hughes when SPC meets in Peaslake on Thursday 3 September.

Dates for your diary:

- Peaslake Fun/charity Quiz 20th July 7.30pm at the Hurtwood Inn.
- Peaslake Fair 31st August
- Shere Parish Council meeting in Peaslake Village Hall 3rd September at 7.30pm

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By popular demand, a new print run of Maggie's Walks is now in publication, copies are available from Peaslake Village stores.

Date of next meeting – 7th September