

PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm
The meeting was chaired by Amanda Cobbett and attended by 24 Peaslakers

Welcome & Introduction

Present: Keir Schiltz (minute taker), Nick Wells, Jim and Ann Heyes, Kate Denny, Alice Williams, Zoe and Ted Horton, Gerry Reffo, Tania Florent, Amanda Cobbett, Lesley Perry, Martyn Warrell, Sam MacCormack, David Mercer, Drew Nicholson, Alan Hilton, Elena Marchidann, Nicola and Marc Anstey, Janette Weller, Marion Jones, & Julie Barham.

Apologies: Adrienne Golightly, Jane Williams, Julie Knight.

Peaslake Cemetery Fence: A consultation with residents showed a preference for metal fencing (17 responses) over wooden palisade fencing (14 responses), with no support for a post-and-rail option. The group discussed the merits of both remaining options, and it was agreed to obtain detailed quotes for both palisade and estate-style metal fencing. Kate Denny will also investigate the expected lifespan and guarantee on the wooden posts before they are likely to rot.

The Mega Quiz to raise funds for the fence was very well attended and huge fun. Congratulations to the winning team from Walking Bottom and a huge thank you to the brilliant quizmaster – Richard Sherlock.

Official Opening of The Studio at Peaslake Village Hall: The new extension at Peaslake Village Hall, known as *The Studio*, officially opens on 22 November. This modern, versatile space is now available for hire and offers an ideal setting for business meetings, team awaydays, classes, interviews, or use as dressing rooms for theatre productions in the main hall. Modern, adaptable, and thoughtfully designed, The Studio is ready to support a wide range of activities and events.

Alongside the official opening there is a **Winter Warmer** event. Doors open 10.30. Lots of Christmas gifts, tea, coffee, cake, mulled wine and mince pies available. Kiddie pot luck, create a bauble, raffle, antique fair. bric-a-brac, paintings and prints from a local artist, crocheted hand made gifts and more.

VIP opening of the Studio at 12pm. Exhibitions in the Studio on the history of the Hall and renovation. Peaslake Players short performance at 12.30. Raffle drawn 2pm.

Pond Lane Car Park Surface: A discussion took place regarding the most suitable surface for Pond Lane Car Park. Concerns were raised about the use of a non-permeable surface, and one resident suggested researching newer permeable materials that are also hardwearing. It was agreed to explore whether there is civil engineering expertise within the village and to seek assistance from Shere Parish Council.

Peaslake Fair 2026: There are new volunteering opportunities for Peaslake Fair 2026. It was agreed to publicise this by poster and social media.

Shere Parish Council Issues:

Local Government Re-organisation:

The Government has confirmed that Surrey will move to a two-unitary authority model from 2027.

Outstanding Items:

- Hedge cutting on Ewhurst Road remains pending.
- The two new bins for Pond Lane Car Park are on order.

Footpath 171, Peaslake:

Shere Parish Council (SPC) has agreed to replace the existing stile with an accessible gate.

The Skudges:

SPC has agreed to propose The Skudges as a community project for the Surrey Police Cadets.

Shere Shops:

SPC will run a six-month trial offering free parking from Tuesday to Thursday mornings until 12pm. Tania encouraged everyone to make use of this and support the local shops.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On – 11 December:

3.45pm: the schoolchildren will decorate the tree before the lights are switched on. Everyone is welcome.

5.30pm: At the Hurtwood Inn, an opportunity for the whole village to come together and start the festive season. Discounted Pizzas (thanks to Eileen and Matt), a raffle and lots of fun.

First Aid Course: Peaslake Community Fund is putting on a first aid course for the community. If you would like to take part please email pcc@peaslake.org

Next Meeting is 1 December in Peaslake Village Hall at 8pm. All residents are very welcome.