**PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**9th MAY, 2022 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**

**Jim Collin chaired the meeting, attended by 19 Peaslakers**

**Present**: Julie Barham, Nick Bray, Jim Collin, Sue Duncan, Adrienne Golightly, Cyndie Gould, Christine Harrison, Zoe Horton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Sam McCormick, Gerry Reffo, Suzanne Rogers, Christian Staunskjaer, Lucy Taber, Rhys Thomas, Martyn Warrell, Pennie Wells, Nick Wells,

**Apologies**: Sally Bray, Andy Clayton, Nigel Downer, Deb & Kevin Stevens, Marion Taylor-Cotter,

Jim Collin opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking those present to introduce themselves, especially helpful for those who are new to attending the PCC meetings.

**Treasurer’s Report**

In Marion Taylor-Cotter’s absence Julie Barham reported that after the payment of a reduced annual insurance premium and the hire fees for the Village Hall there is £556.86 in the PCC account. She said she would forward details of the insurance policy to Christine Harrison and Lucy Taber.

**B4SH Update**

Nick Wells said that the banner hung in the village has generated several families to contact B4SH directly about using this service. Another public meeting will soon be announced to discuss further developments. He asked if someone could help to organize the residents of Hoe Lane and Mackies Hill. They are very encouraged by the momentum that is evolving for this service. A recent blog directed at Peaslake residents can be viewed on this link. It is very useful <https://gigupanddown.net/2022/05/06/do-you-live-in-peaslake/>

**Village Events:**

**Evening for Ukraine** – Friday 29th April.

The Peaslake Players organised this event speedily, and all those who took part and helped on the evening, and some who didn’t attend, contributed a total of £2,700. It was a very successful evening.

**Teddy Bears Picnic** – Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May.

It was good to see the return of this event run jointly by Peaslake School and Surrey Hills Primary School. The sun came out, so did hundreds of people and lots and lots of teddies! There was a lovely atmosphere, and some excitement at the end when the fire engine which had been on display all afternoon and clambered over by lots of children, actually had to put out a real fire.

**Queen’s Jubilee** – 2nd – 5th June

Christine Harrison gave details of the events planned. The Rector and his wife unfortunately will not be available to open the event. The street party for all Peaslakers will be a Jubilee Tea on Sunday 5th June from 3pm in the Village Hall car park. There will be music, a fancy dress parade for the children and other entertainment. Marion Jones is organizing residents bringing plates of food. The road closure for this event has been sorted.

The Hurtwood Inn are having a Garden Party on Friday 3rd June, and

Sandy Eve is putting on a Jubilee Exhibition from 3rd-5th June in the Old School Room.

Bunting and other decoration will be put up in the village on Thursday 2nd June. A leaflet giving further details will be distributed to all houses in the village.

**Peaslake Fair Bank Holiday Monday** - 29th August

Sam McCormick reported that with no fair for two years there is great anticipation for this year’s Fair. There will be local musicians playing throughout the day and - with a family fun field, a dog show, all the usual stalls and plenty to eat and drink - it will be a great day out. Volunteers are still needed for help organising beforehand, and on the day to help with setting up and clearing up at the end, even if only for an hour or so. There are a few spaces still available for stalls. Please contact Sam McCormick on 07788 420477. Unfortunately no estate agent has come forward to sponsor signs, though Century Storage is providing some sponsorship. John Murray will again be supplying the meats for the barbecue, but unfortunately a team to do the barbecue still needs to be found. The road closure application has been filed and someone is needed to organize the stall holders.

**Shere Parish Council Report.** Gerry Reffo gave the following update:

**Peaslake Farm Development**:

Following the site meeting with residents of Ewhurst Road to discuss concerns about traffic management during the development, Greenoak Housing Association have compiled a spreadsheet of issues and potential action. The spreadsheet is available to view on [Peaslake Farm - Shere Parish Council](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk%2Fpeaslake-farm%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cf46ef2d8c509402ce14408da3986e1ef%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637885548718404540%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eb9LRyX7RPYhnNhrCsh5%2FWqAGurj8IdQvDI%2BJo%2BU0rc%3D&reserved=0) Further information on timescale for the development is on the same page. Greenoak are planning a further public consultation this summer.

**Peaslake Farm Fields**:

1. Surrey Wildlife Trust presented their initial ideas at the Annual Parish Meeting in April on how they might manage the farm fields if awarded the contract. Their proposal is due for consideration by their Board later in May. Details of the proposal can be viewed here [Peaslake Farm Fields Nature Based Solutions (shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F04%2FPeaslake-Fields-Presentation-SWT.pdf&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cf46ef2d8c509402ce14408da3986e1ef%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637885548718404540%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6ZW8uVXKOXRlJ0a0WsvNhga7otJjEfcRGJ9RZN4PZ04%3D&reserved=0)
2. Zoe Horton presented Friends of the Hurtwood’s counter-proposal for managing Peaslake Farm fields to the meeting. This will allow more local control and let the fields remain closer to their current state with, from time to time grazing of cattle or sheep, managed by a local firmer on a 30-year lease

Shere Parish Council will discuss both proposals once they are approved by their respective Boards.

**Children’s playground**: SPC are funding a new log play area at the request of local parents. It’s hoped this will be completed soon. A new bench will be installed next to the playground to provide additional seating.

**The Gardening Society** has closed down and they have kindly donated remaining funds for a new **replacement bench** by the bus stop on Pursers Lane, close to Crest Hill. The current one is full of splinters and moss! So very many thanks to Jeff and Marion Jones, and the Society, for their gift.

**Vehicle Speed Signal**: SPC are asking Guildford Borough Council to jointly fund a new vehicle speed warning signal. It will bring the Parish’s stock up to three, and allow each village its own signal.

**Jubilee Tree**: a temporary fence to protect the tree is on order. SPC have purchased a very smart plaque from the Queen’s Green Canopy - and made by the Royal British Legion, who get the payment. It’s hoped both will be in place shortly. Good news – the tree is looking healthy! Thank you to all who are watering it.

**Pond Lane** - residents have requested no parking signs in front of the houses at the village end of the road.

**Defibrillator** – this has now been moved to its new position close to the Hurtwood Inn entrance, and be much more accessible.

**Walking Bottom drainage system** - SCC have been reminded that their decision on ownership is outstanding.

**Ditch ownership criteria** - SPC are checking this for a number of other ditches identified by Jim Collin.

**Also outstanding are:**

Silt Trap Removal by GBC

Removal of fallen trees blocking car passing bays

**SPC donations:** Gerry asked for views on the continuation of donations. There was support for local charities.

**Thames Water roadworks** – if, like many, you have been inconvenienced by road closures, a note from TW may explain it. This is attached.

*And finally, the very sad news that our Borough Councillor Richard Billington died last weekend. He was a great supporter of Peaslake and helped the parish councillors on several occasions. His devotion to public service was second to none.*

**Peaslake School** – Green Initiatives

Suzanne Rogers reported various things that the school were doing – a plastic audit of all the things that the school uses, promoting the recycling of all plastics and encouraging plastic-free packed lunches, using reusable containers.

The Eco Club supports litter picking in the playground and every curriculum subject has an environmental impact theme included in it as well. Always thinking of a ‘green’ alternative. The school is encouraging the sharing of resources within the community for the lending of tools and skills and the like. Sharing of children’s party items is also encouraged among the parents.

**Tillingbourne Earth** – Wider Environmental Group

Christian Staunskjaer is part of a group initiative encouraging the sharing of ideas about biodiversity. They meet regularly at Albury Cricket Club’s new club house, and hope soon to announce dates for their Outdoor Green Cinema, showing short environmental themed films, geared to children as well as adults.

The group has equipment to borrow for thermal imaging of your home to see where the ‘heat leaks’ are. Very useful. Another initiative is a data base outlining where ordinary and out of the ordinary items can be recycled or disposed of. Teams of people for litter picking on our local roads are also organized.

**Future of Peaslake Community Council**

The future of the PCC was discussed and an appeal made for additional rolling chair persons and scribes for the minutes, as sadly age and other commitments were taking their toll on the current small team of volunteers. Ideally it would be great to have someone to take notes at the meetings and write them up. If more people don’t volunteer, then a couple of suggestions are to have quarterly meetings or operate solely on the soon-to-be-launched website (neither finding much support!)

Currently minutes from the meetings are sent out on Julie’s e-mail list and she writes a summary for the parish magazine; they are also sent to relevant local organisations. The new Community Council website will include the minutes and agendas for future meetings. Additional information from local organisations and Shere Parish Council can be included as well. By sharing information from all of these groups and reciprocal websites there will be improved distribution of information and details of events.

Interestingly, newcomers to the meeting said it was very informative and will come to future meetings. A good sign for going forward.

**Any other Business**

**Traffic from Duke of Kent School** was discussed, and it was hoped that the school will continue to encourage car-pooling and the use of their school buses for getting to and from the school. A **community speed watch** could document the situation more accurately.

**Walking Bottom** – **deep channel on right-hand side** going up which needs filling in; similarly the left-hand side that was filled in some time ago. It is very dangerous and damaging to cars who are forced to go into those channels to avoid cars coming from the opposite direction.

**‘Playground’ sign** - It was suggested that a sign be posted for visitors to the village. Anyone visiting anywhere with young children will be aware of the importance of knowing “where the swings” are!

**Peaslake bike shop** - Sunday morning parking can sometimes be difficult before church services at St. Mark's, but Marion Taylor-Cotter emailed to say that the Bike Shop hadn't opened on Easter Sunday morning, and she had been in personally to thank Howard Wagstaff for this consideration.

**Peaslake Baby & Toddler Group** – A reminder that the Group meets every Thursday in the Village Hall, from 9-11 am. For more details, please contact Sam Powick on 07557 444627 if you or someone you know are interested and would like to come along. You’ll be very welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

**Next meeting:** **Monday 6th June 2022 at 8pm** **at Peaslake Memorial Hall**

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