

## **Peaslake Community Council**

Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8pm

The meeting was chaired by Cyndie Gould and attended by 20 Peaslakers.

### **Welcome and introduction.**

Present: Cyndie Gould (Chair), Zoe Fowle (Minutes), Jane Williams (Treasurer), David Mercer, Martyn Warrell, Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Nick Wells, Anne Heyes, Jim Hayes, Lesley Perry, David Williams, Ted Horton, Zoe Horton, Tania Florent, Julie Barham, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Andrew Clayton, Julie Knight, Alan Hilton,

**Apologies:** Nigel Downer, Amanada Cobbett, Sam Mc Cormick, Pennie Wells, Debs Stevens, Kevin Stevens, Kier Schiltz, Janette Weller, Gerry Reffo, Kate Denny, Rhys Thomas, Drew Nicholson. Ali Wilson.

### **Matters Arising from November Minutes:**

- New anti-tamper bins have been installed at the Pond Lane car park.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Jane Williams reported a balance of £404.12 in the account.
- She also proposed assisting the Peaslake Community Fund to donate to the Old School Room bell costs.

### **Peaslake Community Fund:**

- David Mercer reported unanimous committee approval to fund the Old School Room, Bell Tower installation at a cost of around £795.
- Basic First Aid / refresher courses for local residents will be held Feb/March 2026 at £15 per person, with the Community Fund matching contributions. Posters will go up in the new year; residents may also contact Sam McCormick to reserve a place.

### **Christmas Lights Switch-On:**

- The children's tree decorating is scheduled for 3:45 pm, followed by a festive gathering at 5:30 pm at the Hurtwood Inn with discounted pizzas and a raffle (proceeds to Peaslake School).
- A discussion was held about villagers' singing carols after the tree decorating, Andrew Clayton to discuss with the School.

### **Peaslake Cemetery Fence:**

- No update available on fencing costs.
- Discussion took place about re-using sections of the old cemetery fence to repair broken panels around the church. This will be progressed in the New Year.

### **Peaslake Fair – Call for Volunteers:**

- Andrew Clayton reported that a letter had been sent to Peaslake School parents and alumni requesting volunteers for the 2026 Summer Fair.

### **Report from the Winter Warmer:**

- The event was very successful, raising £1,500 (before costs) towards refurbishing the ladies' toilets.
- County Councillor Bob Hughes attended the opening of The Studio and offered a donation of £2,000 towards the refurbishment. The Chair of Surrey County Council and the Deputy Leader were also present for the opening.

### **Pond Lane Car Park Resurfacing:**

- Tania Florent reported that a site meeting was held with the same company that resurfaced Shere car park. They recommended a permeable surface to limit flood risks. Tendering for the work will be open to other companies too. With no December SPC meeting, this proposal is likely to be considered in January.
- Further exploration is required into the possibility of installing a French drain and to identify costs..

### **Reports from Village Organisations:**

- Peaslake Players: Panto Aladdin this year. Performances on 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 January, including Saturday matinee and evening shows.
- Zoe Horten reported on the Holmbury Hideout official opening, with the head of Surrey County Council and the mayor in attendance. Facilities include an on-site café, refurbished secure bike store with new bike shop and extensive grounds.

### **Shere Parish Council matters:**

Tania Florent reported on SPC matters.

- English Rural Housing are considering a proposal for Peaslake Farm, which would include: 4 × one-bedroom dwellings, 2 × two-bedroom dwellings, 2 × three-bedroom houses. Flooding and parking were noted as major considerations that will need to be addressed if the proposal is to progress.
- Concerns were raised regarding Shere Parish Council being included within West Surrey, given the significant financial issues in the area, including Woking Borough Council's bankruptcy.
- Support for Shere Small Businesses: Please support local businesses in Shere wherever possible, as many have are facing a tough economic climate. Everyone is reminded to "use it or lose it."
- If you live in the Parish you can park for FREE in the Residents' car park.
- Parking in the main car park is free for the first 30 minutes, and £1 per hour thereafter.
- All parking in Shere will be FREE from 13th December for three weeks.
- Shere Surgery Extension: Shere Surgery is planning an extension to provide new consulting rooms, and donations are being sought to support the project.

### **Upcoming Village Events:**

- Saturday 6 December, 19:30 – St Mark's Church: Concert by Candlelight. Proceeds to Peaslake School. Tickets are available online.
- Sunday 7 December, 7 pm – Old School Room: Bring and Inspire evening with mulled wine, mince pies, gift swapping, and eco-themed sharing.
- Thursday 11 December: Christmas Tree lights switch-on (3:45 pm) and festive gathering at the Hurtwood Inn (5:30 pm).
- Monday 15 December, 7:30 pm – Hurtwood Inn: Pub Quiz supporting the Peaslake Cemetery Fence Appeal.

### **AOB:**

- Martyn Warrell reported that some villagers have expressed interest in forming a local history group. Many residents hold archives, stories, and photographs that could be collated to create a village timeline. Martyn emphasised the importance of including recent history, such as new architecture and developments, to ensure the record reflects the whole story of the village. Expressions of interest are invited from anyone who would like to be involved. Please contact Martyn directly.

- Tania Florent reported that the village phone box is fully operational, and calls are free to make! Villagers are encouraged to place the occasional call to help keep the service active. BT requires at least 75 calls per year for the phone box to remain viable.

Date of next meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026