

PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm

The meeting was chaired by Julie Barham and attended by 26 Peaslakers

Welcome & Introduction

Present: Julie Barham (Chair), Janette Weller (Minutes), Adrian Bell, John Brame, Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Andy Clayton, Jim Collin, Mark Cobbett, Matt Cobbett, Tom Davies, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Ted Horton, Zoe Horton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Carole Kile, Drew Nicholson, Lesley Perry, Gerry Reffo, Martyn Warrell, Nick Wells, Pennie Wells, Alice Williams, Jane Williams

Apologies: Shiona Bacon, Nigel Downer, Adrienne Golightly, Julie Knight, Sam McCormick, Keir Schiltz, Deb & Kevin Stevens,

Peaslake Fair

Treasurer's Report

Jane Williams reported that, following the reimbursement of the insurance charge for the Fair, the CC bank balance is £373.97.

She also presented the accounts for the Fair which showed a total profit of £6,144.36. It was proposed, and supported by all present, that the proceeds be split with £2,000 to each of the beneficiaries – Peaslake Memorial Hall, Peaslake School and The Friends of the Hurtwood – and the remainder given to the Hall towards the cost of the proposed new storage shed for the Fair signs, etc. Jane also thanked Martyn Warrell for his cash donation to the Fair, and to Shere Village Cinema for their donation to each of the beneficiaries.

Presentation to Fair Beneficiaries

Many people were involved in the Fair's success, but especial thanks were given to Alice Williams, without whom the Fair would not have got off the ground, and a shrub presented in appreciation. Many thanks too to the splendid committee – Jim Collin, Sean Griffin, Zoe & Ted Horton, Julie & Pater Knight, Sam McCormick, David Mercer, Stuart Pearson, Gerry Reffo, Deb & Kevin Stevens, Lucy Taber and Jane Williams. It was a real team effort.

"Cheques" were presented to the beneficiaries so a photo could be in the Parish Magazine, the actual amounts having already been sent by bank transfer!

Matters Arising from October Minutes

None

B4SH Update from Nick Wells

Despite the bad weather good progress has been made in the ascent of Plaws Hill. The core cable ducting is complete but the route utilising the boundary of properties on the west side of the road and the east side of Peaslake Lane has yet to be completed.

An increase in interest from residents of Crest Hill has provided an opportunity for a 'road meeting' with B4SH which is scheduled for 15th November. This will help with route planning and ultimately installation.

Although B4SH is a community based business it does compete with commercial broadband providers. It is particularly pleasing to record that B4SH has been short listed for two industry awards. The awards are in two categories - Best Community Project and Tom Brook (a B4SH volunteer) for the Outstanding Contribution award. Fingers crossed...

Replacement A.E.D.

As reported in the Parish Magazine, Shere Parish Council is proposing to replace the A.E.D.s in the parish and they are seeking financial support from residents. The Peaslake Village Lunch Group will hold a raffle at their Christmas lunch and will donate the proceeds. Adrian Bell also kindly expressed his intention to contribute in some way. Further information on how to donate can be obtained from clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk Kevin Stevens is following up Defibrillator training. Adrian will liaise with him as he is arranging a training update for the Bike Shop staff.

Communication Recommendations to address Increased Visitor Numbers

Adrian met with Sue Milne this week to discuss action he is already taking to actively discourage people from riding irresponsibly in the village.

Gerry Reffo reminded us that SCC is proposing to reduce the speed limit through the village to 20mph, which might help, and Jim Collin suggested speed limit countdown lines being painted on all the access roads to the village be considered.

Tom Davies and Adrian have made requests to the admin people of FoTH and various cycling websites' Facebook pages to add reminders about behaviour and parking in and around the village centre.

There followed a long discussion about traffic and visitors to the village. It was stressed again: this is a problem that will need to be managed as there is no real fix, just a need for patience and consideration on both sides.

Village Events:

18th November - Bring & Take Toy Swap, Old School Room

2nd December - Concert by Candlelight, St. Mark's Church - Please let friends and family know tickets are still available through the school website. www.peaslakefreeschool.com

8th December - Peaslake Players 75th Anniversary - Celebratory Concert, featuring pieces and songs from the past 75 years of Peaslake Players. Tickets will be available shortly.

Reports from Local Organisations

Peaslake Memorial Hall and the Village Hub – Ted Horton reported that £75,000 has already been pledged by members of the community and the committee is in the advance stages of a grant application which should amount to over £100,000. This will leave a shortage of around £25,000.

Alice Williams' efforts are increasing the numbers of hirers of the Hall which is generating much-needed extra income.

Jim Collin reported that there is an issue with subsidence on the south side of the building. This is being investigated.

Peaslake School –The school children enjoyed a trip to the Winchester Science Centre on the day of the meeting. The School wreath will be laid at the War Memorial on Sunday November 12th.

Shere Parish Council matters, Gerry presented her report

Peaslake Farm fields - Flood Prevention.

Surrey County Council tell us that they will not contribute funding towards the proposed flood prevention measures. We are meeting them on site on 8th November.

Old School Room Handrail: work should be completed within a week.

Additional “No Parking” signs for Pond Lane: should be installed within a week.

Elephant Walk: “No Cycling” signs installed at both ends of footpath. Many thanks to Martyn Warrell for putting them up.

Electronic speed warning sign (VAS) on Pursers Lane: Many thanks to Rhys Thomas and Keir Schiltz for volunteering to change the battery every couple of weeks. Having local people able to maintain the sign should mean that it works more consistently. SPC is arranging training for Keir and Rhys.

Various long-standing Highway issues: there are a number of issues including resurfacing the footway on Pursers lane, reinstating white lines on the corner by the school steps and long standing water course maintenance disputes. Bob Hughes (SCC Councillor) is helping us resolve these by arranging contact with Highways and allocating some money from his budget for the white lines.

Planters at the bus stop in the Village centre:

An application for funding to replace them will be considered by the Parish Council in November.

Any Other Business:

Peaslake Players Pantomime – January 2024 - Look out for information about tickets.

Lunch Group Thanks – Marion Jones passed on thanks to all who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised £763.

Village Christmas Tree – Drew Nicholson has taken this over from Dave Colebrook. The tree will be put up on December 14th.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th December 2023