PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 5th October in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8pm

The meeting was chaired by Julie Knight and attended by 22 Peaslakers

Welcome and introduction

Present Sam McCormick (minutes), Julie Barham, Nick Wells, Tania Florent, Lesley Perry, Deb Stevens, Andy Clayton, Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Martyn Warrell, Janette Weller, Fiona Laskaris, Rosemary Carr, Jane Williams, Adrianne Golightly, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Zoe Fowle, Jack Roadly, Alan Hilton & Nicola Anstey

Apologies Gerry Reffo, Ted Horton, Zoe Horton, Amanda Cobbett

Matters arising from last minutes

No matters arising.

Treasurers Report The balance in the account was £408.03 including a donation of £8. In order to open the new Nat West bank account two people are required to approve payment, one has offered so one place to fill. Anyone interested contact Jane Williams. Jane announced she would be standing down as treasurer and Zoe Fowle offered to take on the role. The Community Council would like to thank Jane for her many years of dedication.

Peaslake Fair Treasurers Report – The Fair was a huge success with more footfall than anyone could remember. This resulted with profits up from last year:

Profit 2026 - £9150.00

Profit 2025 - £6556.00

Money was up across the board including teas, car parking, dog show, bric a brac , books and programmes. There will be a presentation to the beneficiaries at the November meeting. A huge thank you to all who made the fair such a success.

Reports from Village Organisations

Peaslake Players - Sadly the Peaslake Players were unable to cast the Murder Mystery mainly because they were auditioning for two plays on the same evenings (Murder Mystery and the Railway Children). They needed a total of 21 actors which was ambitious with hindsight! The PPs cast the Railway Children but the Murder Mystery is postponed.

Instead, the PPs are putting on Voice & Verse on Friday 13 November at 7:30pm. This is an informal night of poetry, spoken word, live music, food, drink and good company. No hushed theatre etiquette, no need to know anything about poetry and definitely no need to be a poet. Expect a relaxed evening around shared tables, with performances broken

up by plenty of time to eat, drink, chat and catch up. There'll be poetry and spoken word alongside Irish folk and other live music, with different voices and styles throughout the night. Your £12 ticket includes slices of pizza, nibbles and dips — so fill your boots. The bar will be open throughout the evening.

Come with a group of friends and book a table together, or join one of our mixed tables and meet some new people. Coming on your own is absolutely fine. And if you've got something you'd like to perform, we'd love to hear from you for future events. Poetry, spoken word and original work are all welcome, whether you've been performing for years or have never stood up in front of an audience before.

Also, come along to the PP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday October 14th 8.00pm in the Old School Room. Everyone invited. Meet old friends and hear about everything we have been doing in the last year and our plans for the future.

Peaslake School –There is a Halloween trail on 31st October. The Peaslake Schools Trust AGM is on Wednesday 11th November. The Concert by Candlelight will be going ahead in early December date to be confirmed. School open mornings will be 13th October and 10th November 9.30 to 10.30. Please see the website for further information.

Peaslake History Society- There is a meeting on the 26th October in the OSR at 7.30.for anyone interested. There is an ongoing need for a storage space to keep the many years of local artifacts that we have so Peaslakers can benefit from this amazing resource .

Village Hall– The hall is looking for a volunteer with some accounting experience to help with an ongoing project. Please contact Jane Williams.

There are boxes of books on the table in the hall committee room, these books are free so please browse.

The Winter Warmer fundraiser is on Saturday 21st November starting at 10.30 - 2.30 there will be Christmas bric a brac & other gift stalls, mulled wine & mince pies, tea , homemade cakes, raffle and lots more. Please come and catch up with friends and neighbours and get some original Christmas gifts.

B4SH Update - At last weeks AGM B4SH announced that the number of connections had increased to 705 (more than 200 were Peaslake residents). Of more immediate concern, the government has announced that the Gigabit Voucher Scheme (GVS) is going to end. Last applications must be submitted by 31st March 2027 with the build out completed by 31 March 2028.

The cost of installing a full fibre connection is around £3,000 which makes the voucher scheme (£1,500 residential; £3,500 business) a valuable source of income which will disappear within six months. If you are still considering a connection it is worth

contacting B4SH https://b4sh.org.uk/ as soon as you are able. Most of Peaslake is covered by fibre cabling which means you should be connected very quickly.'

Shere Parish Council Matters:

SPC have arranged for English Rural Housing with their Flood Engineers to answer questions about the proposed housing development and flood risk and mitigation at Peaslake Village Hall on 12 October 2026 at 7.15pm.

Any Other Business

It was raised by several residents that there are piles of fencing waste left over after the fencing work around the cemetery and can this now be tidied up.

Jane and David Williams would be very grateful for plastic bags, the normal supermarket type to assist with their rubbish clearing around the village. If anyone has any to spare please contact Jane.

Date of next meeting Monday 2nd November 2026, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.