

PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm
The meeting was chaired by Zoe Fowle and attended by 25 Peaslakers

Welcome & Introduction

Present: Nick & Pennie Wells, Jim & Anne Heyes, Nick & Sally Bray, Kate Denny, Deb Stevens, Adrienne Golightly, Zoe & Ted Horton, Marion & Jeff Jones, Julie Barham, Drew Nicholson, Georgia Smith, Gill Lucken, Janette Weller (Minutes), Martyn Warrell, Simon Hallett, Lesley Perry, Alan Hilton, Elena Marchidann, Nicola Anstey, Tania Florent & Gerry Reffo.

Apologies: Amanda Cobbett & Jane Williams

Actions from last meeting –

Centre of the Village – Gerry has asked Shere Parish Council about tidying up the area around the bus shelter. The stile at the bottom of the cinder track needs to be cleared of vegetation before it can be established if any repairs are needed. SPC reported a rat problem behind the bus shelter to GBC. The Clerk has contacted them again to find out if anything was done and is awaiting a reply. There is no sign of any traps.

Pond Lane Car-park Tree Survey – Graham Rapley has been unwell but is due back at work soon. The Parish Council office will speak to him. The deadline for comments about the planning application for resurfacing is 16th June. Any other outstanding items are dealt with during this meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Williams was unable to attend the meeting but sent a note saying, following payments of £33.59 for website charges and the monthly bank charges of £4.29, the current balance is £345.03.

Peaslake Fair – Almost all of the stall pitches have been booked and the committee will meet in the next few weeks. This year's teas in the Village Hall will be led by Jenny Janse, one of the organisers of the Climate Café. A request for cakes and help on the day will be sent out nearer the time, but please put it in your diary now!

Village Organisations

Villagers Group – Although this group will no longer be doing teas at Peaslake Fair, they do still meet regularly and have a Book Group, a Trippers Group and a Culture Club. It's open to all and new members are always welcome. Please contact Julie for further information. julie_barham@hotmail.com

Peaslake Players – Their next event will be a Murder Mystery Evening in November and the Young Players will be staging The Railway Children in the new year. See their website for more details.
<https://www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk/>

Peaslake Village Hall - To enhance the facilities on offer to hirers, a large TV has been installed in the new Studio to create a bright meeting space. Marketing of the Hall and the activities on offer is continuing and all villagers are encouraged to spread the word among family and friends. This is one of the village's greatest assets and we want as many people as possible to know about it and make use of it.

Peaslake School – Peaslake Open Gardens – This is taking place on Sunday 7th June from 12 noon to 4.30pm. Gardens around the centre of the village will be open and a barbecue, tea and cakes, accompanied by live music, will be available in the Hall.

New School Sign – We are delighted with the sign at the bottom of the school steps and are very grateful to former pupil, Tom Best of Simon Best Associates, for preparing and submitting the planning application on our behalf.

Friends of the Hurtwood – A members-only Centenary Celebration is planned for June 14th on Holmbury Hill.

Peaslake Stores – Copies of the new newsletter were handed out. It contains information about their products and services.

They are continuing to investigate the installation of another handrail and grant funding from SPC or Peaslake Community Fund should the cost be prohibitive.

Peaslake Community Garden – All the major groundwork, fencing and gating has now been completed courtesy of the grant from SPC. We are still waiting on our raised beds to be completed and we will be organising a working party to complete (essential!) rabbit fencing. We hope to be able to open properly to members later this summer but in the mean time for those who are interested, we would like help with tree watering & strimming as well as any donations of surplus tools. Anyone who can offer help in any of those ways is encouraged to contact Shiona Bacon at Shiona.bacon@me.com or 07966 718478

Peaslake History Group – Martyn Warrell has arranged an inaugural meeting in the Old School Room on the last Monday in June. If you would like to get involved or have any material which might be of interest, please contact him at m.warrell@btinternet.com

Shere Parish Council – Litter at The Skudges will be discussed at the next General Purposes Committee on 4 June. Residents raised concerns about traffic management and potential damage to the verges should the Peaslake Farmyard housing development proceed. Tania confirmed that these concerns had been raised with the English Rural Housing Association.

A.O.B.

Cemetery Fence – Work has started on the new fence. Unfortunately, none of the serviceable pieces of the old fence have been salvaged to repair the fence round St Mark's. It is hoped that this will be repaired in the near future.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6th July at 8.00pm