**PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**

**The meeting was chaired by Keir Shiltz and attended by 18 Peaslakers**

Welcome and Introduction

Present: Keir Shiltz (Chair), Rhys Thomas (Minutes), Julie Barham, Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Mark Cobbett, Jim Collin, Adrienne Golightly, Jim Heyes, Anne Heyes, Zoe Horton, Marion Jones, Jeff Jones, Gerry Reffo, Kevin Stevens, Martyn Warrell, Nick Wells, Jane Williams.

Apologies: Andy Clayton, Nigel Downer, Christine Harrison, Deb Stevens

**Matters arising from last meeting - 3rd October**

Correction to the Treasurer’s Report. The Current Account quoted was in fact a Treasurer’s Account, which Nationwide were no longer providing.

B4SH. Ducting had been completed from Hound House Road to Peaslake Farm. The next phase is to insert the fibre cabling, which should take two days. Once this has been completed and the cabinet installed, it is anticipated that the first properties will be connected within a fortnight.

Conservation Area: Adrienne Golightly reported her latest findings, most particularly in relation to Memorial benches, especially those where the views that were previously enjoyed are now masked by overgrown trees and dense undergrowth. There are five seats, the first two have lost their view

1. Jean Brodie Memorial Seat, on road up to Cemetery. This replaced the Harding seat dedicated in 1967 to the memory of Sir Edward & Lady Marjorie Harding. It was suggested there should be a new plaque to remember the HardingarHardings.
2. Seat dedicated to Ron and Pat Weller, on footpath from Radnor Road to Plaws Hill
3. Seat in Walking Bottom car park, in memory of Ernest and Sarah Elms
4. Seat at Walking Bottom – no dedication as plaque missing. Sandy Eve to be asked if she has any information.
5. Seat by pond at Walking Bottom. The pond was restored in 1996 by John Greenwood in memory of his wife and son.

It was pointed out that Guildford Borough Council are unable to support the clearing of trees at present; this would need to come from the local community and would require the landowner’s permission. There was broader discussion about other trees in the village, and there was consensus that the management of trees beyond the immediate Conservation Area was deemed to be a bigger issue likely requiring wider consultation.

- It was agreed that the Community Council would support the restoration of the seats’ plaques.

- Keir Schiltz offered to determine the process for management of trees in a Conservation Area and report back.

- Adrienne had received a donation of £32 from John Greenwood for his recent U3A walk and it was agreed this should be passed to The Friends of the Hurtwood.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- The Community Council wanted to acknowledge the contribution Marion Taylor-Cotter, the previous treasurer, had made over many years and which was much appreciated. It was agreed to invite Marion to the next meeting so that the PCC could present a gift as a token of their gratitude.

- Jane Williams reported the current balance being £659.24. £6.00 recompense for a Flash Drive was agreed.

- Distribution of proceeds from Peaslake Fair. There was a profit of £4,671.60 of which £4,500 was made available to beneficiaries; the agreed breakdown as follows:

Peaslake Memorial Hall,33%, £1,500

Peaslake School, 33%, £1,500

Friends of the Hurtwood, 33%, £1,500

Thanks were given to a parent at the school who had generously covered the cost of the programme printing.

**Village Reports and Events**

1. Village Lunches. Christine Harrison reported that now the lunches had resumed, they are much enjoyed and looked forward to, and will continue over the winter.

2. Old School Room – Christine reported that approval for wheelchair access is still awaited from GBC.

3. Macbeth – Friday 26th November. There are still some seats available - tickets are on sale at [peaslakeplayers.co.uk](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fpeaslakeplayers.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C19b1c9b8697f4188947008dabf32eaa9%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638032522642678063%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0HJTPVWxSsWL4nqsD6%2BSbtu5e2ZM0lIVmXMU6jS9dI8%3D&reserved=0)

4. Concert by Candlelight – Saturday 3rd December. Tickets still available from the school website - [www.peaslakefreeschool.com/events](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peaslakefreeschool.com%2Fevents&data=05%7C01%7C%7C624926b8ab67444098bc08dabac17728%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638027637327578225%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GT9ZnHgzQt59A7V95ArDO59tfsDy5EbrfrbTAxvWqo4%3D&reserved=0)

**Shere Parish Council**.

Gerry Reffo gave a comprehensive report of recent Council meetings, which is attached at the end of the minutes.

**AOB**

Peaslake Walks: Adrienne thanked all those who had responded.

- Two walks have already been documented, approximately 90 minutes each, starting in Peaslake. She hopes to have close to six in total, of varying lengths, and is keen to hear from anyone with suggestions of local walks. Jim Collin offered to bring some more walks to the next PCC meeting.

- She hopes that with help from Sandy Eve and Scilla Roe, more walks – especially those with an historical angle – could be devised.

- Keir offered to explore printing costs.

Jubilee Tree: The copper beech sapling is looking rather sad; it has outgrown its protective cover and needs replacing with a wider one. Thanks were given to Martyn Warrell who had been investigating various options, and would be following these up.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 5th December at 8.00pm RT/JB/12.11.22

**Parish Councillor’s Report**

**Peaslake Farm Housing Development**

Greenoak Housing Association have started the tendering process, costs are higher than expected and they are revising their plans. The planned consultation with residents will now take place in the New Year.

**Peaslake Farm Fields**

Shere Parish Council are considering bids from Surrey Wildlife Trust and Friends of the Hurtwood. A decision will be made on 10 January at the Parish Council meeting which will be held in Peaslake. Please do come.

**Flooding in the Centre of Peaslake**

Surrey Highways are going ahead with improvements to the stream running alongside Ewhurst Road including wider drainage channels from the road because the existing ones are too narrow. On the corner as the road curves round into Walking Bottom the grips allowing surface water to enter the drainage system will be reinstated. The pipes will be angled downstream at residents’ request.

**Road Safety Village Centre**

Keir suggested making the Village Centre a ‘shared space’ to make it safer for pedestrians, dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders who all share this narrow space with cars and commercial and residential properties. SPC has registered with Surrey CC their strong interest in taking this forward. Responsibility for this type of scheme is transferring to Guildford Borough Council who are recruiting someone to take responsibility for various road schemes in the Borough. We will pursue this with the postholder as soon as possible. No meeting as yet.

**No Parking Signs Pond Lane**

The new No Parking signs in Pond Lane are working. An additional No Parking sign will go up as soon as possible outside Northfield.

**Electric Car Charging Points**

Peaslake’s interest in getting an Electric Charging Point was registered at the August General Purposes Committee in SPC. Shere are investigating installing a charging point in the Shere car park drawing on the power supply from their village hall. Peaslake will have the opportunity to learn from the work in Shere. Keir suggested that Peaslake may be able to draw power direct from the sub-station. In the meantime, Surrey CC are doing a survey of demand for electric charging points so a good way to push Peaslake up the list of villages in line for funding is for members of the community to register their support online. Here is the link to the survey [Have Your Say Today – Surrey EV – Commonplace](https://surreyev.commonplace.is/)

**Sign post to Children’s Play Area**

Expenditure approved at General Purposes Committee.

**Log Play Area**

The Log play area next to the playground is under construction and should be ready soon.

**Ditches and Walking Bottom Drainage**

Jim Collin and I have inspected all the ditches where responsibility for maintenance is debateable. A report is with the Parish Council for endorsement.

Despite regular follow up, Surrey CC have not responded on ownership of the Walking Bottom underground drainage system. The next step is to lobby Bob Hughes our Surrey County Councillor and re-emphasis the risk to Jasmine Cottage in particular.

GBC recommended removing the silt traps under the car parks in the Memorial Hall and the Hurtwood Inn about 12 months ago. Diana Jones, Borough Councillor, has repeatedly pressed the officer responsible for action. He responded by saying that he will speak to the contractor in the next week.

*Update: Council meeting 8 November: Paul Carter stressed the urgency of action to both Diana Jones and Bob Hughes and that the removal of the silt traps and the monitoring and maintenance of the underground drainage system are linked*.

**Outstanding Actions**

No action to report on repainting hatched lines junctions of Radnor Road and Ewhurst Road and Walking Bottom and Pond Lane; Walking Bottom erosion to side of the roads adjacent to the WB car park; white lines on road close to the School Steps.

**Hedges in Peaslake Lane**

Concerns were expressed about road safety because of overhanging bushes in Peaslake Lane. The Parish Clerk has asked Surrey CC if they could trim them. If they do not have the resources to do it then the Council will write to landowners.

Gerry Reffo