

PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 1st September in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8pm

The meeting was chaired by Julie Knight and attended by 23 Peaslakers

Welcome and introduction

Present Julie Knight (Chair) Sam McCormick (minutes) Lesley Perry, Julie Barham, Andy Clayton, Zoe & Ted Horton, Marion & Jeff Jones, Gerry Reffo, Nick Wells, Adrienne Golightly, Martyn Warrell, Mark & Janette Weller, Kate Denny, Kevin & Deb Stevens, Alice Williams, Tania Florent, Amanda Cobbett, Zoe Fowle, Marc & Nicola Anstey

Apologies Jane Williams, Marion Taylor-Cotter, Pennie Wells, Martin and Cyndie Nicholson.

Matters arising from July minutes

The secure bin for Pond Lane car park will be discussed by the Shere Parish Council General Purposes Committee in September. (Update: SPC advise that dog waste bins are no longer provided). It was noted that Peaslake's support for the local businesses in Shere, with their call for help regarding car parking charges affecting foot fall, was registered at the July Parish Council meeting.

Treasurers Report The balance in the account was £116.87.

B4SH Update (Broadband for the Surrey Hills) Work is ongoing in Hoe Lane, Sweet Lane and surrounding fields. The school is connected and live. There are now 635 connections and Hoe Lane will be connected in the next few weeks.

Reports from organisations

Peaslake Players - The Panto "Aladdin" is now cast for January.

Peaslake Memorial Hall - The new extension is very close to completion and is being admired by all.

Peaslake Fair- 25th August— The weather was good and all agreed it was another successful fair this year and a great team effort by all involved. Special thanks to Alice Williams for doing a fantastic job coordinating the organisation of the fair and to everyone else involved. A more detailed Fair report is below.

A number of people have confirmed that they will continue to contribute to putting on the Fair in 2026 which is great. New volunteers are needed to replace those standing down and to bring new energy to the event. It was agreed that the best way to bring new people in is by individuals talking to their friends and neighbours and encouraging their involvement. A strategy is being worked on to get the word out over the winter that new volunteers for next year are urgently needed to fill several roles, these include overall co-ordination, assistant car park manager, running social media and our very successful bric a brac stall is looking for a new leader. It was suggested that the main beneficiaries of the Fair, could also help with recruitment of volunteers.

A special thank you to The Villagers Group for their outstanding contribution to the fair, doing the teas for nearly 50 years, they will be missed.

Community Governance Review (CGR)

The outcome of the CGR was no change to the existing parish council arrangements. Nick, Tania and Gerry thanked everyone who sent detailed responses to the consultation (145 Peaslakers wrote in support of a Peaslake Parish Council and 54 were against). It was disappointing that the GBC review made no reference to the reasons for or against a Peaslake Parish Council and only gave borough councillors a numerical analysis. At the GBC Council meeting, there was a heavy agenda and a brief discussion of the CGR. Reference was made to the low turnout across the whole Parish; and both local borough councillors

supported no change. (More information and a link to a webcast of the Council discussion is on the PCC website).

Invitation to SPC Chair to speak to the PCC

Penny Tomkins (SPC Chair) suggested to Martyn Warrell that she would like to speak to the PCC. Following discussion, it was agreed to offer Penny an invitation to a PCC meeting at her convenience.

Shere Parish Council Matters

- Planning permission has been granted for refurbishment of Shere Public Toilets.
- The WASP Community Bus charity has been boosted by Mike Keeble securing new trustees which should enable it to continue to operate independently.
- Reinforcement of the bank on Ewhurst road was completed to stop soil erosion blocking drains and leading to large potholes which damage tyres. SCC have repaired the road surface and cleared the drains, so now we need to see whether the reinforcement makes a positive difference.

Community Garden

The Community Garden has received a grant to erect a fence between the Peaslake Farmyard and the garden and installation is expected this month. Alice Williams asked for a gate to enable access for Peaslake Fair.

Cemetery Fence Options

The fund has reached an amazing £16,000 and there are 3 types of fencing proposed for the community to consider and share their views. See document attached.

The PCC felt it was important to consult the wider community (especially those with family and friends buried in the Cemetery and from donors to the appeal) through the Parish Magazine, Peaslake Pages and the PCC website. Once views have been collected there will be a report back to the PCC in November. Please support the fundraising Mega Quiz in the Hurtwood on 20 October 2025.

Date of next meeting Monday 6th October 8pm in the Memorial Hall

Peaslake Fair Detailed Report

The weather was good and all agreed it was another successful fair this year and a great team effort by all involved. Special thanks to Alice Williams for coordinating this year – not an easy job. Back this year, Classic Cars, a great success with 19 stunning cars and a fantastic attraction to walk through as you enter the Fair from the car park. The Dog show, after a couple of years off, had over 60 entries.

Everyone felt the music stage, organised by The Peaslake Community Fund was really popular it and has become a mainstay of the fair.

In the heat the Memorial Hall was packed with visitors enjoying tea, cake and a sit down in the cool, all brilliantly organised by The Villagers Group.

Much effort went on behind the scenes with car parking, signs, coordinating and booking of stalls (which starts in February) and weeks of preparation, thanks go out to everyone involved.

As this was the last year of the Villager's Group doing the teas, there is an opportunity for another group to take it on. It is a good money earner and advice and some equipment is available from the Villagers Group.