PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm
The meeting was chaired by Julie Knight and attended by 22 Peaslakers

Welcome & Introduction

Present: Nick & Pennie Wells, Jim & Anne Heyes, Nick & Sally Bray, Marion Taylor-Cotter, Adrienne Golightly, Zoe Horton, Jeff Jones, Amanda Cobbett, Julie Barham, Georgia Smith, Gill Lucken, Zoe Fowle, Janette Weller (Minutes), Adrienne Golightly, Kate Dennie, Martyn Warrell, Tania Florent, Drew Nicholson & Simon Hallett. Penny Tomkins, Chair of Shere Parish Council, was also in attendance.

Apologies: Deb Stevens, Ted Horton, Sam MacCormack, Marion Jones & Gerry Reffo

Actions from Last Meeting

Cemetery Fence – The Parochial Church Council has chosen to erect like-for-like wooden fencing around Peaslake cemetery. The work should begin soon. The dangerous and unsightly state of the fence around the Church was raised again. Last month, Tim Heaney assured us this was on the PCC's list of jobs.
Any other outstanding items are covered within the agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Jane Williams was unable to attend the meeting.

Shere Parish Council Chair's Report and Q&A

Penny Tomkins was welcomed to the meeting and she read out the report she had given at the recent Parish Council Annual Meeting. (See the SPC article).
We were delighted to hear that another Housing Association is interested in developing the Peaslake Farm site. SPC is hopeful that this project will be successful but decisions may be delayed by the council restructuring process.
The Parish Clerk is checking if Planning Permission is needed before the resurfacing of Pond Lane car-park can begin. All being well, this will be done at the beginning of the summer.
Concern about the condition of the Peaslake Farm site was expressed once again and we were assured that this will be raised with the developer, should their plans go ahead. Penny has promised to ensure that the village is kept fully informed.
A Ewhurst Road resident has concerns about potential flooding in the village if the building plans go ahead. Penny assured him that SCC's Flood Risk Management Team will be involved.
It was requested that a tree survey be carried out and any remedial work is done before the Pond Lane car-park is resurfaced.
The Parish Council has money available for local organisations and they are encouraged to apply for grants to aid their projects. This is income from Shere car-park, which is going to be used to fund projects around the whole Parish. There was a fear that car-park charges might discourage visitors from visiting Shere or make on-street parking worse, but that doesn't seem to be the case: visitor numbers appear to be increasing.

Peaslake Fair

The organising committee met on 9th March, bringing together representatives from the four village charities alongside a fantastic group of volunteers. The Fair will take place on 31st August – mark your calendars now!
You can look forward to all the much-loved favourites: bric-a-brac, raffle, BBQ, Pimms, Live Music, Bottle Tombola, the very popular Dog Show and a fabulous Classic Car Exhibition – plus plenty more on the day. The Climate Café will be serving teas in the Village Hall and, by popular demand, homemade cakes are back, alongside even more stalls and games in the School Field.
While it's a brilliant day out, the Fair also plays a vital role in supporting our four charities: Peaslake School, the Village Hall, Friends of the Hurtwood and the Community Fund. Bring your friends and family to support it, with your four-legged companions and help make the day a great success.
A huge thank you to everyone who has already volunteered – we couldn't do it without you. That said, we still need more helping hands, even if you can only spare a couple of hours. If you're able to help on the day or in the lead-up, we'd love to hear from you. Email Gerry at pcc@peaslake.org

Village Organisations

Peaslake School – Teddy Bears' Picnic – Friday 15th May, 4.00 – 8.00pm at Abinger Cricket Ground.
Peaslake Open Gardens – Sunday 7th June, 12 noon – 4.30pm. Based in the centre of the village with teas in the Village Hall. Please put the dates in your diaries.

Peaslake Players – Their latest production, *Things I Know to be True* will be in Peaslake Village Hall on 7th, 8th & 9th May. Tickets are available at peaslakeplayers.co.uk

Friends of the Hurtwood– The recent Annual Meeting included a very interesting talk on archaeological investigations taking place around Albury Park.
The organisation is celebrating its centenary with a members-only event on Holmbury Hill and new car-park signs have been installed.
There will be a talk by Dr Ralph Schoenrich from the Mullard Space Laboratory in Holmbury St Mary Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th April. The subject is *The Milky Way – from the sun's long migration to dark matter*. See website for details foth.co.uk/foth-events/

Village Hall – Nothing to report this month.

Climate Café – Around 25 people attended a litter-pick covering a wide area around Peaslake, which yielded a variety of discarded items. Thanks to all those who took part.
Wilderlife with Dylan Walker will take place on Sunday 17th May. Email ecopeaslake@gmail.com for more information.

Community Orchard – Grants amounting to £6,000 have already been received from Surrey National Landscape. Further funding is being sought to purchase materials for raised beds and bases for sheds. Most of the new hedging survived last year's hot summer and the fruit trees will be watered throughout their first year to ensure their survival.

Community Fund – Places are still available on the First Aid course taking place in Peaslake Village Hall from 10 am on Saturday, 30th May. Please contact Sam MacCormick samjmcc@yahoo.co.uk to book a place. The Community Fund will subsidise the cost for Peaslake residents, reducing it from £30 to £15.

Peaslake Village Stores – Georgia Smith and Gill Lucken asked for patience while they bed in a new till system. They both thanked all the locals who use the shop and Post Office on a regular basis, but stressed the need for continuing support from current and new customers. They are looking forward to adding new products to their shelves over the summer. If you'd like them to stock anything in particular, please let them know.

Peaslake History Society – Martyn Warrell intends to arrange an inaugural meeting in the Old School Room in the near future. 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 Matters

Parish Council Election – Simon Hallett and Adrienne Golightly are the candidates for the Parish Council vacancy.

A.O.B.

We were all very sad to learn of the deaths of two long-term village residents: Martin Nicholson, who quietly in the background, played a vital role in so many village events. He will be missed in innumerable ways. And Chris Lewis, a stalwart supporter of many village associations. Condolences are sent to both families.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 11th May 2026

Janette Weller