

## PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**  
**The meeting was chaired by Cyndie Gould and attended by 19 Peaslakers**

### **Welcome & Introduction**

**Present:** Julie Barham, Andrew Clayton, Jim Collin, Nigel Downer, Christine Harrison, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Zoe Horton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Julie Knight, Sam McCormick, Drew Nicholson, Gerry Reffo, Martyn Warrell, Janette Weller, Nick Wells, Pennie Wells, Jane Williams

**Apologies:** Kier Schiltz, Deb & Kevin Stevens & Adrienne Golightly

### **Matters arising from meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

No comments or corrections. Anything arising was dealt with during the meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The new Treasurer, Jane Williams, was introduced to those present. There has been no handover of the accounts as yet but, further to Marion's report at the last meeting, Jane has opened a new bank account with Lloyds Bank (the CC's current bank is no longer offering accounts to organisations).

**Shere Parish Council:** Report from Gerry Reffo.

Shere Parish Council was scheduled to meet on 8th September shortly after the death of HM the late Queen was announced. The meeting was cancelled as a mark of respect. The next meeting is on 5th October. As a result, there was little to report to the Community Council.

### **Dates for Diary:**

**26th November 2022 – Guildford Shakespeare Company performing "Macbeth" in Peaslake Village Hall.** More details will follow. Tickets will be sold via Peaslake Players.

**24th June 2023 – Peaslake Village Hall Centenary.** Please keep this date in your diary. The Hall Committee is planning a celebratory event. More details to follow.

**Conservation Area:** Adrienne sent a report saying she had heard from Guildford Borough Council that the Planning Department was too busy to carry out a review of the Conservation Area. Adrienne suggested that the Community Council approach landowners to request that they cut down trees. It was decided that Adrienne needs to be more specific about the trees and historic houses she is talking about, and she will be asked to seek advice on the best way forward.

**Walking Routes:** There has been some interest in documenting some of the walking routes around the local area. Please contact Adrienne if you are prepared to document any walking routes. Once recorded, details of these routes will be uploaded to the new website (Jane Williams will let Gerry have a copy of the Millennium Trail route). John Greenwood of Cranleigh U3A Towns & Villages Group is leading a Peaslake walk on 21<sup>st</sup> October – if anyone wants to join it, they would be very welcome and should contact John through U3A.

**B4SH Update:** Report from Nick Wells

- Ducting, which carries the main fibre, has almost completed its journey from Hound House Road to Peaslake Farm where the southern cabinet will be sited.

- Connection preparation work is about to commence in Ewhurst Road, including road crossings. For residents who have chosen not to take the service, a fibre spur will be left at the boundary to enable connection at a later date.
- B4SH should be highly visible at the southern end of the village over the next few weeks as connections progress.

Volunteers are always welcome and contrary to expectation, digging is not a top 10 activity. Road or community co-ordinators are important as it helps B4SH to understand local sensitivities and ensures that route planning is accomplished smoothly and with agreement of the community.

**Overhanging Trees and Hedges:** This was discussed again and the situation can only get worse. Cyndie has a picture showing the acceptable widths and heights of vegetation bordering a road, which she will send to Gerry for the website. The address of any hedges or trees causing a particular problem can be sent to Gerry and she will ask the Parish Clerk to write to the house-owner.

### **Reports from Local Organisations:**

**School:** Andy Clayton reported the dangerous parking on Peaslake Lane at the junction with Mackies Hill. This is mainly because there is work being carried out on two houses in the area and the builders park their vans between the corner and the garage. Andy said he would speak to the owners of Bankside, one of the houses involved, and find out when building work will be completed.

**Friends of the Hurtwood:** Zoe Horton reported that there have been some complaints about B4SH work changing the look of areas in Walking Bottom. This will right itself when the vegetation grows back.

**Peaslake Players:** No-one present to report but see SPC Dates for your diary.

**Church:** Christine Harrison reported that work is due to begin on wheelchair access to the Old School Room.

**Lunch Group:** This restarted in September and future dates have been booked (Christine again!)

**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** This was held in the OSR on September 30<sup>th</sup> and Christine reports that sales of coffee and cake, plus the raffle raised £550 + Gift Aid.

### **Peaslake Fair:**

- It was an excellent and very well-attended event and everyone concerned must be congratulated and thanked for all their hard work. As usual, there was a shortage of helpers on the day and future organisers will try to address this. There will a round-up meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

- Jane was unable to report on the final takings from the Fair as there are still some outstanding invoices to be paid. One sponsor backed out at the last minute and advertising revenue was down but Jane is hoping the final figure will match the last Fair in 2019 (around £4,000).

- £320 was retained from the 2019 proceeds to put towards the purchase of a shed to store all the Fair signs, cones etc. The plan was to erect this shed behind the Village Hall but there are insurance and fire-safety issues that have to be ironed out before this can go any further.

**Remembrance Day:** The Royal British Legion must arrange an official road closure for the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial. Jim sought permission from those present to allow the RBL to use the Fair's "Road Closed" signs and bollards.

### **A.O.B**

**Date of GBC Election:** There was some confusion around the date – it is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 pm.**