**PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**4th July 2022 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**

**Adrienne chaired the meeting, attended by 14 Peaslakers**

**Present**: Julie Barham, Andrew Clayton, Nigel Downer, Adrienne Golightly, Christine Harrison, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Zoe Horton, Gerry Reffo, Keir Schiltz, Deb Stevens, Marion Taylor-Cotter, Rhys Thomas, Mark Weller,

**Apologies**: Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Jim Collin, Caroline Earle, Cyndie Gould, Julie Knight, Sam McCormack, Martyn Warrell, Janette Weller, Kevin Stevens, Marion Jones, Jeff Jones

**Treasurer’s Report:**

No changes since last month and the balance remains at £556.86.

**Matters arising from the June Minutes:**

Thames Water Proposed Work: No update has been received

Overgrown Hedgerow – Lenten Close: Guildford Borough Council cannot act on overgrowth coming from a neighbouring field. Keir Shiltz suggested that a particular team within Surrey County Council might be able to help the homeowner. Shere Parish Council will take this forward with Keir/SCC and the homeowner. No further action for PCC.

Peaslake Conservation Area: Strimming has been undertaken on Plaws Hill. The importance of maintaining a Conservation Area was agreed and further updates expected at a future meeting.

**Village Events:**

Plant Sale - 11th June: Message received from Jeff and Marion Jones - “Thank you to everyone who came to the Plant Sale in our garden. £413 was raised for the St. Luke’s Cancer Unit at the Royal Surrey Hospital in Guildford. Thank you for your support”.

Peaslake Open Gardens - 12th June: Thanks were given to all who supported the event, especially those who opened their gardens for so many to enjoy. The event was a success as previously described.

Peaslake Fair - 29th August

Everything going ahead nicely with the fair. The signs will go up in the first week of August and final preparations will be starting including the printing of the programme.  Someone to run a plant stall is still needed. A full-page notice was put in the Parish Mag and it’s hoped this will produce a response. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic bottles are needed for the Village Hall tombola and a request was made for these to be passed to Marion Taylor-Cotter.

Regarding the school all the prep is well underway with the Programme taking shape. Posters will be going up as the school prepare for the summer break.

 **Shere Parish Council Matters:**

Peaslake Farm Housing Development: No new information to communicate. There will be a community event in September/October, the date still to be confirmed - date TBC.

Peaslake Farm Fields: The two prospective management companies (Surrey Wildlife Trust and Friends of the Hurtwood) will be provided with the assessment criteria ahead of any bid responses being evaluated. The scoring will be completed in readiness for the Shere Parish Council meeting in September. The criteria are attached for those who are interested.

Parking Signs: The signs for Pond Lane are still a work in progress.

Electric Cars and Charging Points: This to be added to SPC General Purposes agenda for August; the topic is also being discussed with the Diana Jones, our GBC councillor. Update to be provided when available.

Deep channels on either side of the road by Walking Bottom car park: These are predominantly present on the left hand side. Photographs have been taken and a request will be made for repairs to be undertaken. There may be some advantage to having a shallow channel to prevent excess water running into the road.

Locating ditches, identified by Jim Collin, to determine ownership criteria: No update has been provided, and ownership remains to be confirmed which may require escalation to our Surrey County Councillor.

White lines eroded on sharp bend at School steps: This has been reported, and an update now awaited.

Hatched lines by telephone box on Radnor Road: These have faded. SPC have reported this to SCC and a site visit is scheduled with them to assess repainting of the hatching at the corner of Pond Lane and the Bus Shelter as well.

Speed indicator: The 30mph indicator opposite East View Cottages is now operational and everyone thought it very effective in its new position. There is a possibility that it may be temporarily removed as it is rotated between the villages. A request will be made to acquire an additional indicator to ensure one remains in Peaslake.

Richard Billington: Richard Billington faithfully served Peaslake as Borough Councillor for many years.   A Memorial Service to celebrate Richard’s life will be held at **2.30pm on Monday 18 July**, at Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3RR.  All are welcome.

Local Charity Support: At the May meeting, the Community Council expressed the wish for SPC to continue supporting local charities. Gerry reported that at the upcoming meeting on 19 July, SPC is voting on cutting the annual donation (£1000) to Friends of the Hurtwood. The Hurtwood is widely used by Peaslake residents. Gerry wanted residents to be aware of this vote and to have the opportunity to share their views with the Parish Council Clerk - email clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Playground: Plans are underway for the new log play area to be implemented in the near future. A copy of the plans will be shared with Peaslake school/parents for any feedback they wish to provide on the final design.

Painting of the Old School Room: A letter was shared with Gerry detailing concern about the condition of the Old School Room’s external paintwork which is identified as being in urgent need of attention. This was confirmed as being a Church matter and therefore outside of SPC’s purview.

**Broadband for Peaslake:** B4SH continues to plan ducting routing for the fibre cable and is about to start holding “road meetings” where there are sensitive or difficult boundaries. Pond Lane, Plaws Hill (West side) and Peaslake Lane (East side) demonstrate such sensitivities. Way leaves from property owners are also being obtained although the holiday season may have slowed progress a little. The fact that road communities are being involved seems admirable as it should provide a solution that has minimal impact on the village.

**Matters Outstanding from previous meetings:**

Defibrillator and First Aid Training

The defibrillator is now in its more accessible position on the front Hurtwood Inn wall. Refresher training has not yet been organised but it was agreed that this would be necessary to ensure confidence and competence in the use of the Defibrillator. Adrienne said she would speak to Cyndie Gould about this. There are already two trained operators, one at the Hurtwood Inn and another at Peaslake Stores, but it would be good to have someone from the bike shop trained too.

*From the January minute: This matter was discussed and Cyndie offered to contact John Young who had given an excellent presentation on First Aid and defibrillator use at the SALV meeting in October.*

Hopefully Cyndie will follow this up or perhaps SPC may be able to help with identifying a trainer if required.

**Any other Business:**

Signpost at the top of Walking Bottom: The sign for Peaslake is facing in the wrong direction and Gerry said she would bring this to the attention of the Parish Clerk.

School AGM: This is being held at 0900h on 7th July 2022 - all welcome. Please let the office know if you wish to attend.

Peaslake Book: Final few copies available - first come, first served! Please contact Christine Harrison if you are interested. Email - christine.ndcott@btinternet.com

Community Council: Julie thanked all those who had agreed to help out on an occasional basis with chairing and minute-taking future meetings, but a few more would be even better. *(Many hands etc!)*

Traffic outside the Hurtwood Inn: Reports of a recent incident outside the Hurtwood involving a car and some parked bikes highlighted the need to exercise caution when driving through the village. Similar near-misses were described. With the shop now under new ownership, an opportunity to revisit the matter for any potential solutions was identified. Other suggestions such as a “Slow” sign painted on the road and designating the central village area (again through signage) as shared space were offered. These will be passed to Shere Parish Council.

History of the Village: An enquiry was made if there was a guided walk of Peaslake available, including about the history of the village, similar to the one available in Shere. Regrettably not at the moment but perhaps if anybody is interested in this, they could contact Adrienne Golightly at golighaj@gmail.com

Pub Quiz: This is held on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Hurtwood Inn, with the proceeds shared between Peaslake School and Peaslake Royal British Legion. £1066 has been raised so far this year and a target of £2000 has been set for the end of the year.

**The meeting closed at 21.15h**

**Next meeting: Monday 5th Sept 2022 at 8pm at Peaslake Memorial Hall**

RT/JB/9.07.22