

Peaslake Community Council

Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8pm

The meeting was chaired by Adrienne Golightly and attended by 23 Peaslakers

Welcome and Introduction

Present : Adrienne Golightly (Chair), Jim Collin (Minutes), Nicola Anstey, Shiona Bacon, Nick Bray, Sally Bray, Nigel Downer, Tania Florent, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Zoe Horton, Julie Knight, Sam McCormick, Rosi Millar, Matt Morris, Lesley Perry, Gerry Reffo, Keir Schiltz, Sarah Small, Martyn Warrell, Nick Wells, Pennie Wells, David Williams

Apologies : Julie Barham, Andy Clayton, Marion and Jeff Jones, Deb and Kevin Stevens, Alice Williams, Jane Williams.

Matters arising from the June minutes

1) Walking Routes around Peaslake. Adrienne reported that a booklet of six walks has now been published and is being sold for £3 per copy. Sale proceeds will be donated to Peaslake Village Hall and Peaslake School. Many thanks to Gerry Reffo for help with organising the printing, and to the Shop for their efforts selling it. Additional help in publicising and selling the booklets would be much appreciated – contact Adrienne at golighaj@gmail.com

2) Incomplete Cemetery Records. Chris Lewis holds these records and is the person to contact cmjlewis@btinternet.com if you have any information about the unmarked graves (not David Harrison as previously mentioned).

Treasurers Report

The current account balance remains at £261.97

B4SH report

Nick Wells gave the latest update. The cabinet at the end of Wonham Way has been installed and fibre now connects it to the cabinet at Peaslake Farm, thus facilitating connections to properties in Wonham Way and Rad Lane.

Planning continues on the 'eastern' loop which includes Plaws Hill and Mackies Hill. Residents who have yet to declare their intentions should contact B4SH to record their interest - <https://gigupanddown.net/contact/>

With connections to the Church, Memorial Hall and the Old School Room completed, the B4SH technicians are devising a local network for Peaslake Fair whereby a service will be provided to stallholders to operate card readers – Peaslake leaps into the 21st century!

B4SH will also have a stall at the Fair and look forward to meeting residents particularly those who have yet to declare an interest and/or have questions they wish to raise.

Peaslake Farm Fields

Rosi Millar gave a short presentation about the Community Led Initiative for the Peaslake Farm Fields and copies of the draft proposal were distributed, and now attached. This will be put before Shere Parish Council at their meeting on 5th July, along with a request that an extension of three months be given to enable a full and comprehensive Land Management proposal to be submitted.

Various points were raised, particularly about grazing and orchards, and a lively discussion followed.

At the 5th July meeting, the Council agreed that more time be given as requested.

Village Events

- 1) Peaslake Open Gardens. Beautiful gardens, lovely weather and lots of visitors from near and far made for a really successful day - and raised a superb £5000.
- 2) Memorial Hall Centenary Party. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled as there were too many competing events on 24th June
- 3) Arts Week 19th-25th June. This parish event in Shere Church was very successful, very well attended and much enjoyed.
- 4) Peaslake Fair – Monday 28th August. Alice Williams sent the following update noting that the co-operative organisation mainly by email is working well:

- The **central themes for the Fair** this year will be the Hall Centenary and the Community Hub
- Stuart Pearson has raised **Sponsorship** - currently from Shere Cinema and The Riders Hub - **and Advertising** to £1364. (For reference these netted £2385 in 2019 and £1342 in 2022), and he's hoping to improve on this figure over the next two months. Any additional advertising please let Stuart know at stuart@shiftpr.co.uk
- **Programme production** will be pulled together in July, so any content should be sent to Ted Horton at ted@hortonlink.com
- **Street Stalls** are maxed out at the moment and there's a waiting list in case of drop-outs. The **Book Stall** has hundreds of books – 75 boxes at the last count!
- Julie Knight and Sam McCormick have some great **raffle prizes** and are only looking for a few more.
- "**Peaslake Presents**" has three exciting new bands, including a Sea Shanty group.
- Sean Griffin and Kevin Stevens will be putting up the **promotional signs** for the Fair later this month.
- **Road Closures** will happen as usual, starting a little earlier this year to ensure the safety of stall-holders and organisers.

Reports from Local Organisations

Peaslake Memorial Hall and the Community Hub. Pamphlets had been distributed to all houses in Peaslake explaining how to support the proposed extension of the Hall by "buying a brick". The Hall is also looking at other ways of gaining larger sponsorship from local and national grant organisation, companies and other benefactors. It is estimated that around 20% of monies has been raised so far. For further information, please see the Hall website www.peaslakevillagehall.com

Peaslake School. Andy Clayton sent the following update.

The recent Ofsted inspection of the Nursery had been a much more positive experience than a previous school visit, and the overall rating is "Good"

Sincere thanks to all those who supported Peaslake Open Gardens recently, both by attending and particularly those who worked so hard to open such beautiful gardens for us.

Peaslake Fair plans are progressing well, with each beneficiary taking responsibility for tasks undertaken in previous years. He stressed the importance of individuals having a good background knowledge of the event, plus helpful records – especially as far as the school was concerned with the inevitable turnover of parents.

Hurtwood Inn, Bike Shop and Cyclists.

Updates were given about cyclists and visitors to the village. Matt Morris (Hurtwood Inn) explained what he and Adrian Bell (Bike shop) are trying to implement and suggested what could happen:

....They are trying to keep larger groups of cyclists who have booked bikes to hire together in the pub gardens before riding off.

....Matt suggested supplying an easy and inexpensive way of securing bikes left outside the pub after recent incidents of theft of costly bikes.

....They are looking to meeting with these groups outside the village centre, i.e. at Walking Bottom car park.

....They are trying to find different ways of communicating with cyclists regarding keeping the centre of the village clear.

....They asked if more of the “nice green” No Parking signs be made available for Ewhurst Road and other areas

....What would be the possibility of “Residents Only” parking in the village centre?

....Provision of leaflets with details of other local car parks.

....Could the Peaslake Farm hardstanding be used as a temporary car park?

....Perhaps the Friends of the Hurtwood could reconfigure Walking Bottom Car Park to accommodate more vehicles?

Shere Parish Council matters. Gerry Reffo’s report is attached

Any Other Business

WASP BUS – Help with your Shopping.

The Wasp Bus operates a scheduled service between villages east of Guildford and major supermarkets. Passengers are collected from their homes and returned to their doorsteps complete with shopping. Volunteer Drivers are happy to accommodate individual’s needs and to offer assistance when necessary. A £5 donation is asked for the round trip.

Interested, why not give the Wasp bus a try?

Contact Rachel on 07802 460069

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th September 2023

SPC Report for Community Council Meeting 3rd July from Gerry Reffo

Peaslake Farm Fields

Many thanks to the community for their response to the survey. We received 108 replies in a 10 day period which was fantastic. The survey results are on the website in full. In summary: there was very strong support for protecting and preserving the fields and for restricting public access and not allowing parking.

On uses: very high levels of support for enhancing bio-diversity and wildlife; and for grazing. There was also a good level of support for planting an orchard and growing food.

We have two proposals for managing the land: Coverwood Farm with plans for grazing and contributing to enhancement of bio-diversity and wildlife; and a community led initiative. Rosi Millar authored a very strong proposal which is on the Peaslake Community Council website, and attached. *(Note: SPC considered the proposals briefly in July and have now deferred until October to allow for plans on flood prevention to be drawn up and to see Government legislation on Bio-diversity Net Gain credits)*

Flood prevention: SCC, AONB, and SPC have agreed in principle to install shallow basins on Peaslake Farm to capture surface water. SCC have deferred production of a draft plan to September. But it is very good news this is going ahead and that the AONB is the major contributor to the cost.

Car Parking

A notable point in the survey results were calls for more parking from residents in the village centre/Walking Bottom who take the brunt of the overflow parking from the Walking Bottom car park. Gerry Reffo and Paul Carter are exploring options and will report back to the Community Council and SPC.

Extension of the Old School Room handrail

Julie Barham requested this a few months back to make the slope safer to navigate especially for less mobile residents. SPC has approved the work and allocated funding. They are clearing lines with the Church and we hope this work can start soon.

Missing Village Sign

SCC have the sign and we have been unable to get it back. I asked Bob Hughes (SCC and GBC councillor) to intervene. He wrote to SCC and they have promised to return it (although not install it).

Road Safety

A few issues: the need to repaint the white lines in the middle of the road on the bend by the School steps and progressing the shared spaces scheme in the village centre. Bob Hughes is chasing SCC on the white lines (which were reported over a year ago. We have had no satisfactory response from GBC on the shared space proposal and more lobbying is required.). Residents were encouraged to contact Bob Hughes regarding these matters – Robert.Hughes1@surreycc.gov.uk and bob.hughes@guildford.gov.uk The final issue is the erosion of the footway on Peaslake Lane. It has been reported to SCC who have allocated it a Priority 4 which seems too low considering that pedestrians use it all the time. *(Following the July SPC meeting: Bob Hughes has written to the GBC Road Safety Officer requesting urgent action on the footway – which is much appreciated).*

Dog Fouling Sign

At Mrs Milne's request, a sign is on order from SPC asking dog owners to pick up after their dogs; this to go on the gate leading to the footpath that runs between the Pub and Jasmine Cottage.



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