

PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm
The meeting was chaired by Amanda Cobbett and attended by 21 Peaslakers

Welcome & Introduction

Present: Nick & Pennie Wells, Jim & Anne Heyes, Adrienne Golightly, Zoe Horton, Marion & Jeff Jones, Julie Barham, Georgia Smith, Gill Lucken, Zoe Fowle, Janette Weller (Minutes), Martyn Warrell, Simon Hallett, Sara Dangerfield, Lesley Perry, David Mercer, Andrew Clayton, Cyndie Gould, Alan Hilton & Gerry Reffo.

Apologies: Ted Horton, Sam MacCormack, Julie Knight & Tania Florent

Actions from last meeting – anything outstanding is dealt with during this meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Williams reported that the current bank balance is £382.87. The CC Event Insurance is usually paid from the CC account, then reimbursed by Peaslake Fair after the event. This year, the premium has been paid directly from the Fair account, so no reimbursement will be necessary.

Jane is still seeking a bank which will operate the Community Council bank account free of charge.

Peaslake Fair – It was agreed that the proceeds of this year's Fair will be split as follows:

Peaslake Community Council - £300, then the remaining profit will be split equally among Peaslake School, Friends of the Hurtwood, Peaslake Memorial Hall and Peaslake Community Fund. There is a possibility that the Community Council may receive a bequest, in which case, the £300 will be included in the amount to be shared among the four beneficiaries.

Peaslake Players – The latest production was staged in May and was well attended and very well received. Congratulations to all involved.

Peaslake Village Hall: Hire fees are increasing to help meet rising running costs, fund essential maintenance and improve facilities. New marketing initiatives are also in place to encourage more commercial bookings. Generous discounts remain available for local residents, businesses, clubs and societies. Free hall hire continues to support community groups, including the PCC, Community Fund, Baby and Toddlers Group, and Young Peaslake Players. Residents were asked to support the Hall when organising events or work activities and consider joining a class (pilates) or a club (Badminton, Pickleball, Peaslake Players or Whist).

Peaslake School – Teddy Bears' Picnic – Friday 15th May, 4.00 to 8.00pm at Abinger Cricket Ground. All are welcome to support this fun evening which is run in conjunction with Surrey Hills School. Do come along and enjoy the stalls, barbecue and refreshments.

Peaslake Open Gardens – This is taking place on Sunday 7th June from 12 noon to 4.30pm. Gardens around the centre of the village will be open and a barbecue, tea and cakes, accompanied by live music, will be available in the Hall.

Friends of the Hurtwood – Nothing to report this time.

Peaslake Stores - The new till is up and running and the staff are grateful for their customers' patience.

They are planning to produce a regular newsletter. Copies will be available from the shop.

The handrail leading up the steps is wobbly. Gill will find out about getting it repaired. There was also a request that another handrail be installed at the opposite end of the steps. Gill and David Mercer will look at this as it could impede the line of sight when entering/exiting his driveway. If it's possible to install a rail, Gerry will find out if funding might be available from Shere Parish Council.

Peaslake Community Garden – The committee is very grateful to Shere Parish Council for grant funding which will cover the costs of the access gates, bridge and raised beds.

Peaslake Community Fund – A grant towards an outing for the Lunch Group has been approved.

All places on the First Aid Course on May 30th have been filled. They are hoping to run another course later in the year. Please contact Sam McCormack if you are interested in attending. samjmcc@yahoo.co.uk

Peaslake History Society – Martyn Warrell has arranged an inaugural meeting in the Old School Room on the last Monday in June. 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:

Pond Lane Car Park: Planning permission is required because the resurfacing is classified as an engineering operation. An application has already been submitted and we hope this will not cause significant delay.

Peaslake Farmyard: English Rural Housing has produced an initial draft of the Heads of Terms and intends to submit a planning application by the autumn. The Council is also seeking legal advice to ensure that the land reverts to SPC if the proposed social housing development does not proceed.

New Parish Councillor: Peaslake was fortunate to have two strong candidates standing for election. Simon Hallett was elected and we thank both candidates for their commitment and willingness to serve the community.

A.O.B.

20 mph Skid Risk Signs – If anyone notices signs which are no longer applicable, please report them on SCC fix-my-street.

Rats! – Rats have been spotted around the bus shelter in the centre of the village. SPC has reported the infestation to GBC and Gerry will follow up on what happened.

Littering by Duke of Edinburgh Participants – It would seem that there are no overall guidelines/instructions given to teenagers participating in this scheme about their conduct when visiting the countryside. It was suggested that the CC write a letter to the D of E board pointing this out.

Kissing Gate – Gerry was asked to add repairs to the kissing gate at the bottom of the cinder path beside Jasmine Cottage to the SPC maintenance list.

Dog Owners – Please ensure you always clear up after your dog. Particularly in the Hoe Lane/Franksfield/Colmans Hill area. This is a route to School and Nursery.

Thanks - Residents want to thank Surrey Highways for their excellent resurfacing work on Hoe Lane and Graham Rapley and SPC for the clearance of the bridleway between Franksfield and the Hurtwood.

Centre of the Village – Residents felt the village centre could do with a tidy up and offered their help. Gerry will talk to the Pub and to SPC about what might be done. If appropriate, we will arrange a working party in the next few months.

Accommodation needed – A young female vet who works in the area is looking for self-contained, long-term accommodation locally. If you know of anything suitable, please contact Cyndie Gould at cyndiegould@aol.com

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 1st June at 8.00pm