

## PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**  
**The meeting was chaired by Julie Barham and attended by 22 Peaslakers**

### **Welcome & Introduction**

**Present:** Julie Barham (Chair), Martyn Warrell (Minutes), Adrian Bell, John Brame, Nick Bray, Andy Clayton, Jim Collin, Mark Cobbett, Matt Cobbett, Tom Davies, Adrienne Golightly, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Ted Horton, Zoe Horton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Sam Mathewson, Drew Nicholson, Deb Stevens, Kevin Stevens, Nick Wells.

**Apologies:** Shiona Bacon, Sally Bray, Paul Carter, Nigel Downer, Beverley Harrap, Julie Knight, Gerry Reffo, Lesley Perry, Keir Schiltz, Marion Taylor-Cotter, Janette Weller, Pennie Wells, Jane Williams.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance held in account – £373.97

**B4SH Update** - Nick Wells reported good progress in November. A recent meeting has generated good interest for the service in Crest Hill, whilst in Fulvens a resident has begun canvassing support from others. Meetings are proving a useful introduction of B4SH to the village as a wide range of questions can be raised directly with the company. Despite poor weather Plaws Hill has received core fibre and the test connection successfully tested. TV is now instantaneous, no buffering and an improved picture, whilst a 40GB game was downloaded in five minutes which previously would have taken 6-7 hours overnight. The aim is to complete all (Plaws Hill) installations before Christmas.

**Replacement A.E.D – and possible Defibrillator training** - Many residents are aware of Shere Parish Council's proposal for each village A.E.D to be replaced and its requirement for funding, so in discussion one suggestion was to promote a 'Just Giving' page for Peaslake. Adrienne Golightly however queried why funding was not direct from SPC.\* Adrian Bell said he might be able to access some funding and could help with defib training. Kevin Stevens has also been investigating possible trainers, and both will arrange to liaise together. It was also mentioned that there might be volunteers from Peaslake Players. The recent reported local fatality incident highlighted the importance of these First Aid devices.

*\*Note added by G Reffo post meeting – The genesis was Adrian Bell's kind offer direct to the Parish Clerk to raise funds in the Community.*

**Communication Recommendations to address increased visitor numbers** - Julie Barham said that various responses had been made, and some positive actions taken. Zoe Horton reported that all the Hurtwood Car Park locations are now on the FoTH website, and that a copy could be provided for the PCC website also. It was mentioned that despite being unofficial the 10mph warning sign for cyclists by the OSR steps seemed to be having a beneficial effect. A new resident reported his front garden being used for unloading/adjacent parking by cyclists, and there was some discussion about trying to resolve this and similar problems.

### **Village Events**

**1) Toy Swap, OSR - 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Shiona Bacon reported that 20 or so families came along and it was very successful. There were lots of happy faces, children and parents swapping /finding books, toys & clothes. She thanked all who attended and for the generous donations received beforehand.

**2) Peaslake Players 75<sup>th</sup> year celebration** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm, Peaslake Village Hall. Ted Horton gave details of this event commemorating the birth in 1948 of Peaslake Players with their first production 'The Six Wives of Calais', as well as the subsequent 175 Players' shows staged over the years. The cast will be performing song, dance & drama from archive extracts of musicals and shows gone by and sharing memories with those who have supported the Players for years, and to offer a flavour to others new to them. It will not be a ticketed event so bring cash for donations, the raffle and the bar. All profits to the Peaslake Village Hall Extension Fund.

**3) The Peaslake Panto: Sleeping Beauty** - 26<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. The Peaslake Players Panto returns in the New Year with 'Sleeping Beauty' (complete with her 40 Winks), along with a festive hamper packed full of gags, songs, dances and all round family entertainment. To book tickets go to the website [www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk](http://www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk)

### Reports from Local Organisations

**Peaslake Memorial Hall and the Village Hub** – Jim Collin reported that the apparent subsidence issue to the hall frontage appeared due to problems with underground drainage but is currently undergoing investigation. Ted Horton reported that work for pledges and grants for the Village Hub are still in progress and all is going well.

**Peaslake School** - The Community Council had received a letter of thanks from Sara Dangerfield, head teacher, for the donation from the Peaslake Fair, which was much appreciated.

**Peaslake Lunch Group** – Julie Barham gave a brief description of the Lunch Group and its activities and encouraged those at the meeting to mention it to any residents who may be eligible.

### Shere Parish Council Matters

Gerry Reffo was unable to attend but sent the following report:

**Speed Limit Changes** - A map (on the News page of the Community Council website) was provided showing the location of planned changes, together with verification that SCC had confirmed a 20mph limit for Franksfield. There was some discussion at the meeting regarding the changes and how the signs seemed to vary in places, but it was also noted that the change-over was still in progress and signage not yet complete.

**Planters** – The Parish Council had agreed a budget and were looking for quotes from carpenters or joiners (or those with these skills) to manufacture them. The meeting requested recommendations regarding such tradespeople who would be interested in quoting for the work. Kevin Stevens said it would be useful to know the budget figure; *SPC confirmed the requirement is for three hardwood planters (from a sustainable source). However, it is not permitted by Government procurement rules to disclose the budget in advance of receiving quotes from interested suppliers.*

**Missing Hoe Lane Sign** – This has been reported to Highways Dept.

**Peaslake Farm Fields** – A site meeting was held with the Chief Flood Prevention Officer from SCC. He confirmed the withdrawal of the offer to part fund the proposed flood prevention measures while also agreeing that the Environment Agency are forecasting 40% surface water increase over the next three decades. The increased surface water projection is a serious concern for areas of Peaslake. He suggested investigating other options to manage flood risk, which will need more research and secured funding. SCC are looking measures to reduce the flow of water down the Church path into Walking Bottom. Adrienne Golightly observed that the rainwater run-offs to the west side of Radnor Road now appeared to require clearing again. Zoe Horton reported the landowner had now opted back into a management agreement with FoTH.

**Vehicle Activated Signal (Pursers Lane)** - The VAS is working again. Keir Schiltz wrote to say he had completed speed camera training, had a spare battery with charger for the VAS, so now should be able to keep it running. Rhys Thomas has volunteered too for training and Keir will also speak to Stuart Pearson in this respect.

**Old School Room Handrail** - This is still outstanding but Gerry will continue to follow it up.

**Shere Car Park** - There was general discussion regarding SPC intentions to introduce car park charges in Shere and for further information it was suggested to go to SPC website [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) especially the FAQs page. Not surprisingly there was particular interest if the charges would be applied to residents, ie Council taxpayers!

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**Date of Next Meeting :** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024