

## **PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**

**The meeting was chaired by Cyndie Gould and attended by 28 Peaslakers**

### **Welcome & Introduction**

**Present:** Cyndie Gould (Chair), Janette Weller (Minutes), Nicola Anstey, Shiona Bacon, Julie Barham, Adrian Bell, John Brame, Marsha Brame, Nick Bray, Andrew Clayton, Mark Cobbett, Jim Collin, Nigel Downer, Adrienne Golightly, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Ted Horton, Zoe Horton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Julie Knight, Sam McCormick, Drew Nicholson, Lesley Perry, Kevin Stevens, Keir Schiltz, Martyn Warrell, Nick Wells, Pennie Wells.

**Apologies:** Deb Stevens, Jane Williams, Sue Milne, Sally Bray & Gerry Reffo

### **Matters arising from February's Minutes**

There were no comments or corrections.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting. The balance in the CC bank account is £373.97 following payment for insurance.

Jane now has all the income from this year's Fair and will finalise the accounts by the November meeting.

### **Village Hall Update**

Ted Horton reported that the fundraising for the extension is going well, with some £70k raised or pledged so far. They are hoping to obtain £140k from Go-fund Surrey and then there will be a final push to secure the rest of the funding. New quotes are being sought as the current figures are out of date.

### **B4SH Report**

Report by Nick Wells:

Good progress has been made over the past month which has also passed the milestone of 400 connections. The Wonham Way /Rad Lane installation has been completed and the route planning for Plaws Hill has received final agreement. A big thank-you to all the residents that have contributed to the planning process. Planning has also commenced for East View Cottages in Pursers Lane. With easy access this should be a relatively straight forward installation.

The take-up of the B4SH service has been higher than initial expectations with Pond Lane, Walking Bottom and Wonham Way/Rad Lane all exceeding 70%. This is certainly validation for the need of high speed, reliable broadband in rural areas.

### **Shere Parish Eco Weekend**

Shiona Bacon reported on a successful event attended by approximately 300 people. The talks, stalls and children's activities were very popular and she thanked all who came and/or contributed in any way. They hope to run another Eco event in May 2025.

She also said there was a SCC survey about strategic planning for the future but that climate change had not been included. The survey had to be completed by 6<sup>th</sup> October and Julie Barham said she would send details to all on the mailing list.

### **Peaslake Free School**

Andy Clayton began by thanking Anne Heyes and her team for decorating St Mark's for the School's Harvest Celebration. He reported that seven children have joined the Reception class this year. A lower number than in previous years, but there is a general dip in numbers in that age group around the local area. All the children have settled back into school and nursery life well.

### **Shere Parish Council**

Gerry was unable to attend the meeting and Julie Barham read out her report.

- The new Playtower for Peaslake playground is installed and in use. Many thanks to the School mums who helped choose the design. It was funded by SPC and GBC.
- At the General Purposes Committee, I raised the poor service Peaslake gets currently from SCC Highways. It was agreed to take this up with SCC drawing on the range of recent examples.
- The Parish Clerk has asked Thames Water for a site meeting to discuss the continual leak in Peaslake Lane. No response to date. We will follow up again.
- Decisions are being made by SPC regarding the Peaslake Farm Housing Development but SPC have ruled that these should not be shared with the public. I have questioned this and not got a satisfactory response.
- Peaslake Farm Fields: Surrey CC are withdrawing their financial support for putting flood prevention works into Peaslake Farm fields. I have asked for clarity on their thinking.

Nick Bray pointed out that several items raised at the last meeting have not been addressed. This will be passed on to Gerry.

Concern was expressed that SPC is discussing the proposed affordable housing development in Peaslake but is not prepared to make their discussions public. Can we send a Freedom of Information Request?

Andy remarked that the virtual/shared footway in Peaslake Lane is not being recognised by some car drivers and asked for the edges to be repainted. This will be passed to Gerry, but it was thought that this would be part of a rolling scheme of maintenance to be carried out around the Parish according to the time of installation of these footways.

### **Defibrillator Training Update**

Kevin is pursuing this. He has spoken to St John's Ambulance to find out more about the courses they offer. The most suitable is likely to be a non-certificated 2 to 3-hour demonstration of basic First Aid and defibrillator training. The next step is to gauge the amount of interest. He will draft a note for the Parish Mag and will send some wording to Janette to send out to school parents.

Julie B will speak to Parish Clerk, Suzanne, about checking the use-by dates on the single-use items in the Parish defibrillator cabinets.

### **Accommodating increased visitors and the effect on the village**

Sue Milne was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a comprehensive table of proposed actions to communicate information about parking etc to visitors to the village. (A copy of the plan is on the Home Page of the website). Please let Julie or Gerry have any comments/suggestions before the November meeting, when this will be discussed and a plan of action will be drawn up. Sue has clearly put a lot of time and effort into this for which the CC is very grateful.

Friends of the Hurtwood have commissioned a map of the car-parks for their website. This can also be reproduced on posters and signs around the village, as well as on social media.

There was some discussion about the speed of both road- and mountain bikes around the village. Adrian has some ideas which he will put in place on a trial basis.

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

**Planters at Village Bus-stop** These are in need to repair/replacement. Julie will add this to her list for Gerry.

**Misuse of Footpaths by Cyclists** An elderly resident of Plaws Hill was recently involved in a collision with a mountain biker who was cycling on the footpath between Plaws Hill and the top of Mackies Hill. Adrienne will let Adrian have details of the exact location and he will check, and correct if necessary, the designation of this footpath on cycling maps.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**Next meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 8pm**