

Peaslake Community Council

Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8pm

The meeting was chaired by Julie Barham and attended by 23 Peaslakers

Welcome and Introduction

Present : Julie Barham (Chair), Rhys Thomas (Minutes), Shiona Bacon, Adrian Bell, Mark Cobbett, Jim Collin, Nigel Downer, Caroline Earle, Adrienne Golightly, Rob Hedgcock, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Ted Horton, Zoe Horton, Jenny Janse, Sue Milne, Peter Motchman, Gerry Reffo, Deb Stevens, Kevin Stevens, Martyn Warrell, Janette Weller, Alice Williams, Jane Williams.

Apologies : Sally & Nick Bray, Andy Clayton, Lesley Perry, Keir Schiltz.

Treasurers Report

The current account balance remains at £261.97

Matters arising from the June minutes

Hurtwood Inn, Bike Shop and Cyclists

There was an update on the suggested actions from July's meeting, particularly around signage. This was discussed at Shere Parish Council where the feeling was that additional signage may lose its impact. There was a suggestion that SPC and Friends of the Hurtwood would collaborate over the coming weeks and months to explore further options. Thanks were given to FotH for moving swiftly on organising overflow parking at Walking Bottom car park.

Suggestions were made around additional posters in certain key locations within the village to signpost non-locals to appropriate parking. Adrian Bell (Riders Hub) offered to promote parking locations on relevant social media platforms. More discussion to follow.

B4SH report

Nick Wells gave the latest update: The holiday period has slowed installations, but the concentration of laying core fibre in the area comprising Wonham Way and Rad Lane has now been successfully completed. About 12 physical installations are left which will be accomplished with speed.

Planning for the loop running on the eastern side of the village is almost complete. The sensitive route from the road crossing at Peaslake Farm to the road crossing of Radnor Lane has been agreed with much community help, notably Martyn Worrell and Sophie Blackburn. The triangle of land immediately to the south of Brackenside has also been agreed. The conundrum of providing a service to Plaws Hill and the east side of Peaslake Lane is almost complete.

On a lighter note the B4SH team thoroughly enjoyed the Peaslake fair and were delighted to meet so many existing and soon to be connected villagers.

Village Events

1. Peaslake Fair – Monday 28th August.

Alice Williams reported that the Fair was a great success with lots of visitors, lots of stalls, musical entertainment, lovely weather and a great atmosphere. Final figures are still being worked through but a good result is anticipated. Thanks were given to the Riders Hub and Terra Cotta for sponsoring the entertainment and signage; also Shere Cinema and other donors and sponsors. The B4SH internet connection was of enormous benefit especially for payment devices. She thanked all stallholders and volunteers for their time and effort.

Julie Barham thanked Alice on behalf of the meeting, and the village, for all that she and the committee had done, and was warmly applauded.

2. Shere Parish Eco Weekend – 16th-17th September at St. James Church, Shere

Jenny Janse gave details of this inaugural event which is being run in collaboration with Tillingbourne Earth and other local partners. There is a David Attenborough film on Saturday evening, and the Eco Fair on Sunday from 12 to 4.30pm. All events are free and she hoped that there would be lots of visitors to these events. Further details attached.

Reports from Local Organisations

2. Peaslake Memorial Hall and the Community Hub.

Ted Horton reported that they were closing in on £70K out of the total £200K required, and asked everyone to consider the [Buy a Brick](#) scheme. These are pledges to buy a brick if the project goes ahead - no payment yet required. A brick costs £50. Many villagers have also pledged more, such as £5K, for which we are very grateful.

To pledge or for further information, please see the Hall website www.peaslakevillagehall.com

2. Peaslake Free School

School starts back on 5th September. This year the Nursery is likely to see a greater intake following the recent closure of Friends Forest Nursery in Shere.

There is no concern around the recently reported RAAC concrete.

Shere Parish Council matters. Gerry Reffo gave the following update -

Community Proposal for Peaslake Farm Fields

- SPC agreed to a request by the authors of the community proposal to allow more time for research.
- Surrey Wildlife Trust presented on the opportunities to secure Bio-diversity Net Gain credits from the fields. Apparently new Government legislation will be unveiled in November.

Car Parking Issues

Friends of the Hurtwood responded to the discussion at the July meeting about car parking pressures by opening an overflow car park at the front of the Walking Bottom car park. Gerry Reffo and Paul Carter will seek to meet with FotH to discuss what more can be done to alleviate the parking pressure on neighbouring roads.

Village Sign

At last! The Peaslake village sign has been returned to Peaslake and is in place on Walking Bottom. Many thanks to Bob Hughes (SCC Councillor) for pressing SCC to return it.

Peaslake Fair

- Thanks to Bob Hughes and SPC Parish clerk for their successful efforts to stop roadworks hampering our hugely successful Peaslake Fair.
- Danielle Newsome (our recently elected GBC councillor) visited the Fair and was briefed by Kim Ferguson on the new plans for the Village Hall. Now that she knows what's planned, we hope for her support.

Speed Limit changes in Peaslake

Speed limits in Peaslake village centre are scheduled to change. The original list published by SCC and shared with the community omitted some important roads. Since the meeting, SCC have confirmed that roads in the village centre and roads feeding into it will all be reclassified at 20mph. This includes Peaslake Lane, Pond Lane, Walking Bottom and Franksfield (which were omitted from the list).

Defibrillator

A question was raised about whether the battery in the defibrillator was out of date. The Parish Clerk reported subsequently that it was checked on 31 August and it had two bars on the battery and is good to use. We can change it, if residents want that. A new battery should last until July 2025 if unused, sooner if not. The defibrillator is checked monthly.

Outstanding Issues

- The handrail extension outside the OSR
- The missing white lines in the middle of the road at the bend by Dance-A-Ramics. Reported to SCC and to the GBC Road Safety Officer but no action taken.
- The need to reinstate the footway markings on Peaslake Lane. SCC have given this a priority 4. Bob Hughes has written to them emphasising the road safety risk.
- The new play tower for Peaslake playground - on order.
- The need to establish responsibility for monitoring and clearing the culvert in Walking Bottom. Awaiting a response from SCC for over 12 months despite follow ups.
- The continuous water leak in Peaslake Lane raised by a resident in June. The Parish Clerk will now call for a site meeting as written responses have been slow and unsatisfactory.

Any Other Business

Defibrillator Training. Kevin Stevens said he had been speaking to Darren Bartlett, the St. John's Ambulance attendee at the Fair, about defibrillator training and Darren had offered to provide this. Kevin said he would organise this, firstly seeking expressions of interest from the community.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm - but there was a lot of chat after that!

Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd October 2023

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SHERE PARISH ECO WEEKEND, 16th and 17th September, St James' Church, Shere

Saturday, September 16th, 7.30pm, St James' Church, Shere

Free film showing of: **'David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet'**. This truly powerful film describes "the tragedy of our time...the loss of our planet's biodiversity, the story of how we came to make this, our greatest mistake, and how, if we act now, we can yet put it right." Tickets are **free** via Eventbrite [here](#)

Shere Parish Eco Fair, Sunday 17th Sept, 12.30 - 4pm, St James' Church, Shere. This is a **free** family friendly event where you can learn, discover and be inspired.

- Come and meet conservationists, bee keepers, dormouse and badger protection groups. Children can help build a bug hotel and other eco crafts and enjoy **story reading** with author Zanna Davidson. NB Zanna will be selling signed copies of her book 'The girl who LOVES bugs' (Christmas present idea for small people?).
- **local produce, craft stalls** and a **vegan/vegetarian cafe** for yummy bakes. Live folk music with Tuppenny Creek!
- Meet and chat to local environmentalists and find out what they are doing and what we can all be doing to help protect and sustain our world: Surrey Wildlife Trust, Tillingbourne.Earth, Guildford Environmental Forum, Friends of the Hurtwood, Shere School Eco Club
- Take part in **Swap Stalls** (bring and take), sharing home produce and pre-loved clothing with no exchange of money. You will be contributing whether you bring something, bring and take, or just leave with a few useful things. This is sustainability though re-use, reducing living costs at the same time.
- **2.30 to 3.00pm Short talks** by experts about climate, sustainability and to inspire you to take action, including a talk by Prof. Alastair Skelton of the Bolin Centre for Climate Research, Stockholm University (via video)

Hope you can join us and do spread the word!

Very best wishes,

Jenny.



St James' Church, Shere
Saturday 16th September, 7.30pm

Tillingbourne.Earth Green Cinema presents:

David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet

Free tickets available via Eventbrite or with this QR



Sunday 17th September, 12.30 - 4pm

SHERE PARISH ECO FAIR

Meet local environmental groups; find out about sustainable living and local conservation

Produce and tasting stalls

'Swap' stalls: home produce, pre-loved clothing

Live Music Vegan Café

Kids' Zone: storytelling and eco crafts

2.30 PM - Getting to the Heart of it

Short talks about climate, sustainable living, positive action

