

PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 13 May in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8pm

The meeting was chaired by Martin Warrell and attended by 26 Villagers

Welcome and introduction

Present Martin Warrell , Sam McCormick (minutes), Julie Knight, Lesley Perry, Cyndie Gould, Zoe Horton, Marion & Geoff Jones, Gerry Reffo, Nick & Penny Wells, Janette Weller, Anne & Jim Heyes, Nick & Sally Bray, Mark Cobbett, Amanda Cobbett, Sean Griffin, David Williams, Tania Florent, David Pickford, Adrian Bell, Zoe Fowle, Richard Sherlock & Nicola Anstey.

Apologies Andy Clayton, Ted Horton, Jane Williams and Louise Collins.

A card was signed by all present wishing Julie Barham a speedy recovery and return to Peaslake.

There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

Treasurers Report The balance in the account remains at £261.97.

Reports from organisations

Peaslake School - The Teddy Bears Picnic, which had to be delayed to an evening after school, was more of a locals event. The turnout outweighed all expectations and there was a lovely family atmosphere with the BBQ selling out, always a sign of a success! The next event is Open Gardens on the 9th June – this will be based around Sweet Lane in the North of the village.

Memorial Hall – The fundraising efforts for the building of the new hub is very close to target and the building start date is now January. The “Buy a Brick” scheme is still available on the hall website.

Peaslake Players - – The recent production, Agatha Christies’s Go Back for Murder was a sell out and a great success. The next event is a Comedy Night on Friday 17th May.

Friends of the Hurtwood

Plans to ease car parking pressures - Maps with QR codes are being prepared which will go on the website, into bus shelters, and on the carpark notice boards to encourage visitors to spread out and use the 14 Hurtwood car parks. The Walking Bottom car park will be extended for summer creating another 20 spaces. The suggestion of a “Ringo” type parking system was suggested and further discussed.

Vandalism and theft of signs - There is an ongoing problem of vandalism and theft of signs in the car parks. 7 out of 14 new signs were stolen which is proving to be very costly and some may not even be replaced. Fly tipping is also an ongoing, expensive problem.

Overnight parking issues - It was reported by Zoe Horton that vehicles are staying overnight at the car parks. The “No overnight parking allowed” signs have been continually defaced. The situation is being monitored. It was suggested talking to larger organisations like The National Trust to see if any advice can be offered.

The Holmbury youth hostel is under new ownership and is going to be an activities hub including cycling. It may be that this could take some pressure off the village as they have their own car park and a café.

There was a request that the community council would like to see some accounts as it would be useful to see how the donations coming to the FotH were divided, ie what percentage were locals compared to visiting cyclists. The accounts are available to see on the website but Zoe will bring some to the next meeting.

It was noted that the recent resurfacing of Walking Bottom, Lawbrook Lane and Holmbury Hill car parks has made a huge improvement for users.

It was raised that some cycling visitors do not seem to realise that the Hurtwood is not a bike park. There are no dedicated cycle tracks, people should be aware of the “share with care” policy, this is reinforced on the car park information boards.

Peaslake Community Fund – The Fund will be again sponsoring and organising The Peaslake Presents Stage at the Fair and the booking of acts is underway. We welcome new, local talent so if you are interested in performing please get in touch with David Mercer on 01306 731466.

Peaslake Fair- Bank Holiday Monday 26th August – Stalls are booked and preparations are going well. Sponsorship is still needed as is help on fair day including a second person to assist with stalls and organising during the run up. General help is needed even for an hour on the day to man the roads and clear up after, please contact Alice Williams on 07812 491397

Shere Parish Council Issues

Tania and Gerry thanked those who came to the Council meeting on 9 May for their support. At that meeting, Tania read out a statement, on behalf of Gerry and herself, about the **misconduct complaints** made by SPC to GBC against each of them. As you know, these complaints were not upheld. Tania’s powerful statement is on the Peaslake Community Council website.

Peaslake Farm Fields: SPC has acceded to the PCC request for a meeting in Peaslake Memorial Hall to discuss the future use of Peaslake Farm fields (date tbc). It has also agreed to publish beforehand a note describing what is being proposed in the lease to Coverwood and the Community Garden licence, as well as anything that might be of public interest or concern. This will hopefully provide clarity and enable Peaslakers to understand the proposal, ask questions and give their views. All Peaslakers are encouraged to come to this meeting and to express their views. We will be in touch when more information is available.

Peaslake Farm Housing: Tania will join SPC’s Chair and Deputy Chair on a call with English Rural Housing Association about their interest in the development. It’s important that Peaslake is represented. Gerry has pressed SPC again to seek procurement advice from Guildford Borough Council on the requirements for seeking a replacement housing provider. Raymond Smith (HSM) commented that it could be complex which underlined the importance of early advice.

All four Peaslake councillors are now on the Peaslake Farm Steering Committee.

Surface Water Flood Risk: Tania has drawn SPC's attention to the request from SCC Highways to GBC for inclusion in consultation about the housing development because of downstream flood risks in Peaslake. Gerry has asked again for SPC formally to record in their minutes the comment made by SCC Highways Chief Flood Risk officer during a site visit in November to Peaslake Farm that houses built on the yard would flood unless built on stilts because of surface water increases and a water course on 3 sides of the development.

Other Issues:

Pursers Lane Floods: Bob Hughes, SCC is hopeful of getting funding/approval for the necessary remedial works.

Peaslake Nursery Forest School: Gerry has submitted a report to SPC asking for urgent safety assessment of branches overhanging the children's playground and SPC to meet with the Nursery School Manager to agree a plan in partnership to return the Forest School to behind the Children's playground when it is safe to do so.

Shere Car Park: A reminder that charging starts on 1 June for stays beyond 30 minutes.

New Planters: The super new planters are now in place by the Bus Shelter. Huge thanks to Keir Schiller and his SCC team for making them and to Iain Chapple for planting and to Sam (Assistant Clerk) for organising and keeping everyone informed.

Replacement Defibrillator in Peaslake: Richard Sherlock is running a quiz in the Hurtwood Inn on **2 July** at 7.30pm to raise money to buy a new one. £10 per head – all proceeds to the defibrillator. Do come, help raise money and have fun. Book tables via the Hurtwood Inn.

Any Other Business

Traffic in the village – To ease school traffic in the village there has been contact with the Duke of Kent School about car sharing. They replied that they encourage car-pooling and are putting it in their regular newsletter to drive slowly through the village. It was also mentioned that the traffic will also be for Cranleigh School.

Peaslake, now on Facebook - this long waited page, hosted by Amanda Cobbett is now live! Please join, post and spread the word. **[Facebook.com/groups/peaslakerspages](https://www.facebook.com/groups/peaslakerspages)**

Date of next meeting Monday 3rd June 8pm in the Memorial Hall

