

## PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm  
The meeting was chaired by Keir Schiltz and attended by 18 Peaslakers, and two guests

**Present:** Keir Schiltz (Chair), Rhys Thomas (Minutes), Julie Barham, Jim Collin, Rob Hedgecock, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Ted Horton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Julie Knight, Sam McCormick, Michael Urban, Martyn Warrell, Janette Weller, Mark Weller, Nick Wells, Pennie Wells.  
Visitors: Alison Craze and Barbara Owen

**Apologies:** Sally & Nick Bray, Andy Clayton, Christine Harrison, Zoe Horton, Lesley Perry, Gerry Reffo, Lucy Taber, Marion Taylor-Cotter, Alice Williams and Jane Williams.

**Welcome & Introduction:** Keir welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Alison Craze and Barbara Owen from Merrow Horticultural Society.

### **Matters Arising**

The new mailing system from the website appeared to be working well.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There were no transactions this month so the balance at the bank remains at £403.97.

### **B4SH Update**

Nick Wells reported that a commercial broadband company, Gigaclear, has been active in the village canvassing for support. It utilizes Openreach infrastructure which included the familiar drop poles and will offer full fibre to properties. The introductory offer looks very attractive but is more expensive than B4SH thereafter. It is worthwhile checking the terms and conditions as the B4SH contract does not have an inflation escalator clause. Most broadband providers have increases of around 14% commencing from as early as April.

The dry weather of February has been replaced by a wet March which has slowed progress a little but road crossings and the installation of ducting have been completed at Pond Lane and Ewhurst Road. This should provide a beneficial impetus to residents of Plaws Hill and Peaslake Lane. Tower Hill Farm has granted permission for the second cabinet to be sited at the end of Wonham Way. Residents will have noted B4SH activity as route planning and property connection have also commenced in recent weeks.

**Coronation Celebrations 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May.** Events planned for Peaslake are:

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday 8<sup>th</sup>: Coronation Exhibition in the Old School Room. 10am to 6pm.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>: Coronation Big Lunch – Bring & Share.

Open to all residents. Memorial Hall and Car Park. 1pm – 4pm.

Music: The Shuttlecocks will be approached if they are available, and Ted Horton said he would ask Jane Kumar if she and her quartet would be able to play at some point in the afternoon too.

*Peaslake Players have a technical rehearsal booked for the Hall at 5pm, so help in clearing away from 4pm will be much appreciated, especially with the tables.*

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Garden Party at The Hurtwood Inn. 12 noon - 7pm. Adults £25, Child £15. Live music. Price includes a pizza or burger, and two drinks.

Matt Morris from the Hurtwood Inn has kindly agreed to produce a leaflet covering the above events. Support will be needed with distributing these around the village, perhaps at the same time as the May Parish Magazine is delivered.

### **Peaslake Fair 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Despite many requests, no-one has offered to chair the Fair Committee. Alice Williams has emailed a number of people previously involved in the Fair and some arrangements have been confirmed this way.

#### Sponsors.

Sponsors continue to be sought for the event to support with costs. "Specialized", a major supplier of bikes and equipment, with an established presence in the village and locally, were considered and Keir offered to approach them. Any other leads would be very welcome. Sponsors can give any amount but the aim would be for a main sponsor to give £500 which could, for example, cover all the costs of programme printing etc.

#### Pricing for Stallholders

There was discussion around whether or not raising the price was overdue. There was consensus that commercial stalls should be charged £35, and local or charity stalls a discounted rate of £20.

#### Volunteer for Programmes

Support is needed for this. The programme traditionally plays a very important part of marketing for the Fair as it raises money through car parking, raffle and advertisers and it is where the sponsors have their profile. Someone (or small team) is needed to get advertisers on board, produce the programme and oversee printing. There is a current document to use as a possible template if needed.

For specific details, contact Sam McCormick at samjmcc@yahoo.co.uk

#### Music

The "Peaslake Presents" stage has been a key "hub" of the fair outside the hall; it has proved popular and creates the fair atmosphere. David Mercer has very successfully arranged this before, and it's hoped he'll be able to do it again. If not, then someone else needs to be found. There is usually other music in the village; last year there was a string quartet on the lawn of Jasmine Cottage. Suggestions for other contacts would be very welcome.

#### Peaslake School

Confirmation has been received from Lucy Taber on behalf of the School around their support.

#### Dog Show

To check with School as this is usually an event that they run.

#### Road Closures

Zoe Horton offered to arrange this with GBC. The Community Council have Road Closed signs, and Kevin Stevens and Sean Griffith had previously offered to put these out on the day of the Fair.

**Shere Parish Council:** Gerry was unable to be at the meeting and sent an update which was read out, and now appended to these minutes.

**Merrow Horticultural Society:** Alison and Barbara said the Society had been active since 1874, had four meetings annually, with guest speakers, and two shows in the summer months. Meetings are at St. John's Hall, Merrow, and a warm welcome is extended to Peaslakers to come along initially as visitors, and if interested to join as members.

For more details visit: <https://e-voice.org.uk/merrowhorticulturalsociety/>

## **AOB**

**Overhanging Trees.** A Franksfield resident reported some badly overhanging trees there; it was suggested they contact Gerry Reffo in the first instance, or Shere Parish Council regarding responsibility and subsequent action

**Peaslake Players.** Ted Horton informed the meeting of two future events, and encouraged everyone to come along:

1. "The Wind in the Willows" Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Peaslake Hall.

Tickets and further information from: [www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk](http://www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk)

2. Peaslake Village Hall Centenary Event. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, from 6pm. Tickets £12.

There is a 1920s theme. Please save the date and join in the fun!

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 8.00pm, in the Memorial Hall**

## **Shere Parish Council News**

**Chambers Recycling Lorry** – Beverley Harrap successfully complained to Chambers through the Parish Clerk about their lorry parking on Pursers Lane, churning up the grass verge and forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. Chambers have apologised and spoken to the driver who will not park there again.

**Volunteers needed to drive people to and from the Drop in Centre, Tanyard Hall, Gomshall – Monday and/or Thursday morning.** The Drop in Centre is offering a much valued service to the community. If you can help even occasionally, please contact [jonathan.duffy@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.duffy@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Thankyou to B4SH** for using surplus tarmac to fill a hole in Pond Lane car park.

**Reducing the risk of a flooding incident in the village centre.** In March, Guildford Borough Council removed the silt traps in the Village Hall and the Hurtwood Inn car parking areas. The purpose is to avoid foreign bodies getting stuck in the Walking Bottom underground culvert (as happened before) impeding the water flow and causing flooding. Thank you again to Borough Councillor Diana Jones

for persistent lobbying of GBC to do the removal. SPC will continue to monitor the entrances to the culvert from the road to keep them clear.

**Shared Space road designation in Village centre** – slow progress. Guildford Road Traffic Officer reported back that Surrey CC do not have a policy on shared spaces. He suggested a speed survey and a possibly a road hump opposite the Village Hall car park. This, of course, misses the point that cars travelling at 25-30mph are within the legal speed limit but still going too fast to be safe when the village centre is thronged with people. A speed hump (which apparently costs £40K!) on one access to the centre does not address the cars accessing from the other direction. Next steps are to provide more ideas on how to create a shared space (perhaps Peaslake could pilot a policy for Surrey CC) and seek support from County Councillor Bob Hughes who was supportive when he visited Peaslake.

**Work-in Progress:** Bus stop in Pursers Lane (awaiting advice from Surrey CC); new Playtower (awaiting another quote); Old School Room handrail extension (applying for permissions); reinstatement of the Peaslake sign in Walking Bottom (still pushing for its return!).

**Coronation Street Party 7 May:** Gerry has submitted an application for road closure between 12.00-16.00.

**Peaslake Farm Fields:** SPC awarded the land management lease to Friends of the Hurtwood in January this year. SPC decisions have a timespan of 6 months before they can be re-opened. Given the value to the community of FotH implementing their bid plans, Gerry Reffo asks that they put some urgency into submitting Heads of Terms to SPC and their rep (Zoe) reports on progress to the Community Council at each meeting. Gerry will report on action at SPC.