

PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

The meeting was chaired by Julie Knight and attended by 17 Peaslakers

Welcome and introduction

Present Julie Knight, Sam McCormick (minutes), Julie Barham, Zoe Horton, Gerry Reffo, Nick Wells, Drew Nicholson, Tania Florent, Janette Weller, Anne & Jim Heyes, Mark & Amanda Cobbett, Adrian Bell, Jane Williams, Zoe Fowle, Carolyn Hopewell

Apologies Andy Clayton, Nicola Anstey, Adrienne Golightly, David Mercer, Ted Horton

There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

There was a Surrey Police talk on shed & house burglaries in the Area by Freya and Emma. People are encouraged to make sure they lock up their back gates, leave cars on drives when away and use sensor lighting. Car steering wheel locks and dashcams recommended. Surrey Police are running 2 free bike registering events at Newlands Corner, where your bike can be etched with a unique code on Saturday the 9th and 23rd November, 12 – 4pm. If burglary is in progress in your house call 999, if they have left call 101. Surrey Police also have a live chat system on their website. You can also contact them by typing Surrey Police into messenger on your phone or alternatively visit a police station.

Treasurers Report The balance in the account was £172.37 with insurance yet to be paid. All the beneficiaries for the fair have now been paid. The Lloyds bank account for the Fair and the CC is introducing fees. It may be that the accounts can be merged into one account. Other banks are being explored.

Reports from organisations

Peaslake School – “This term marks a milestone for the school – it was 30 years ago that the government withdrew funding. Only with the huge support of the Village were we able to re open, this term in 1994, at Margaret and Lesley’s home at Ridgemount, and that support has kept us open ever since. To mark this 30th anniversary we are holding a little celebration at School on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm, with drinks and a few nibbles .We will be having our general meeting and there will be a short presentation on how much we have achieved and our current challenges. We would love to see as many supporters as possible and everyone will be very welcome.”

Memorial Hall – The building of the new extension is due to commence in early December.

Peaslake Players - The next event is “The One Act Plays Performances”, November 14th to 16th details and tickets available on the website.

Shere Parish Council (SPC) Issues

A prospective Housing Association(HA) developer was incorrectly reassured by the Chair of Shere Parish Council (SPC) and Councillor Taylor-Cotter that there were no **flood risks** associated with

Peaslake Farm. This information was subsequently challenged by Gerry and Tania. As a result, SPC agreed to send the HA the report prepared by Gerry. This report, along with the concerns raised by Surrey Highways (who are responsible for surface water management), is available on the community council website.

Old School Room Handrail extension: SPC have set a deadline of end of November 2024 for the work to be completed.

Skudges: Surrey County Council have agreed to cut back the grass to make the footpath to the school steps easier to use but no date has been set. SPC has cut back the hedgerow which is much tidier. A meeting to discuss how to make a safe space for Forest School behind the children's playground with the head of the Nursery at Peaslake School is planned.

The new **defibrillators** have arrived and should be installed soon.

Telephone Box, Rad Lane. SPC accepted the Community Council's wish to keep the telephone box.

Gerry has reminded Bob Hughes (SCC/GBC councillor) of residents' wishes to reduce the **speed limit** on **Pursers Lane** between the School Steps and Hoe Lane Junction to 20mph and the rest of Pursers Lane to 30mph. He will raise with SCC.

Car park charges in Shere will be waived for 3 weeks over Christmas and New Year.

Thames Water: the installation of a one way pipe between Pewley Down Reservoir and Netley Mill is designed to future proof the local water supply. Work is due to complete March 2026. More information is on the SPC website.

Separate Independent Peaslake Parish Council - There will be an opportunity to drop in to the Village Hall or Old School Room for a coffee, pick up a leaflet and to ask questions in January. Dates to be confirmed.

Christmas Tree - Shere Manor Estate has kindly donated a tree again this year. Our team headed up by Drew Nicholson will be putting the tree up outside the Hurtwood Inn on the **12th December**. The school children will be decorating the tree with handmade baubles. At **6.30 villagers are invited to join in the festivities** with reduced price pizzas available. There will be a raffle and if people could bring home made mince pies they would be very welcome. New lights are required this year and funding is being sought including a quiz. Thank you to the Hurtwood Inn for their support.

Any Other Business

- There will be a quiz in the Hurtwood Inn raising money for the new Christmas tree lights on the 18th November at 7.30. This will be organised by Richard Sherlock – details to follow
- Plans to reinstate the pond at Walking Bottom will not go ahead at present. This was due to an unused footpath that runs directly through it which means it did not qualify for the grant.
- Concerns were again raised about the fencing around the cemetery at St Mark's Church. Many parts are in dire need of repairs and replacement – The Church is aware and there is currently an appeal to raise funds.

Date of next meeting Monday 2nd December 8pm in the Memorial Hall