**PEASLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 in Peaslake Memorial Hall at 8.00pm**

**The meeting was chaired by Anne Heyes and attended by 18 Peaslakers**

**Present**: Julie Barham, Nick Bray, Andrew Clayton, Mark Cobbett, Jim Collin, Tania Florent, Christine Harrison, Anne Heyes, Jim Heyes, Zoe Horton, Jeff Jones, Marion Jones, Matt Morris, Gerry Reffo, Deb Stevens, Marion Taylor-Cotter, Rhys Thomas, Martyn Warrell.

**Apologies**: Sally Bray, Adrienne Golightly, Kevin Stevens, Ann Taylor, Michael Urban, Nick Wells

**Treasurer’s Report**: There was no change in the balance since last month, remaining at £706.36. Marion announced she would like to resign as Treasurer but would continue until a replacement had been found.

**Shere Parish Council Report by Gerry Reffo**

**Peaslake Farm Fields**: Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) will be invited to present their plans for the fields at the Annual Parish meeting in Peaslake Memorial Hall on 5th April at 8.00pm. All residents are welcome to attend, and there will be refreshments afterwards.

SPC are proposing a 30-year lease. Priorities for the lease include flood prevention measures and restriction of public access. Gerry suggested that residents should use the opportunity to ask about plans for the land and how these will be financed using carbon credits. SWT have been asked to discuss leasing part of the land to a local farmer. Another option might be to divide the lease between both parties enabling a local farmer to manage the lower part of the field (between the road and the ditch) and SWT managing the upper part including the ditch up to the Hurtwood land. With this option, if one party had to withdraw the other could continue to manage their part of the field and avoid any risk of vacancy leading to further housing development on the fields.

**Peaslake Farm Housing Development – Construction Traffic Management**: In response to a letter from the Community Council asking for a meeting to discuss traffic management during the construction, SPC agreed with Green Oak Housing association to hold a site meeting with Community Council members and Ewhurst Road residents. It was suggested that Peaslake Lane residents and the Duke of Kent School might also be invited. The meeting would help Green Oak avoid busy school traffic times, ensure that construction lorries knew the best route into the village, and also ensure that traffic management plans avoided causing the type of damage seen in Ewhurst to road verges and the environment. See pictures attached.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee - Canopy Tree**: SPC will receive four trees, one to plant in each village. A discussion followed regarding where this tree should be planted as Friends of the Hurtwood are also planting trees in various places. Gerry agreed to report back on the tree size. She subsequent found out that SPC will have two copper beeches and two birches. Both are substantial trees that require space to grow to maturity.

**Household Support Fund**: Guildford Borough Council has funds available to help lower income families with food, fuel and other essential bills in the wake of the pandemic. People over 16 and living in Guildford borough are eligible for the scheme, which runs until 31st March 2022 or until all funds have been allocated. It is not widely known about so if anyone would like more information here is a link: [Household support fund - Guildford Borough Council](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.guildford.gov.uk%2Farticle%2F26088%2FWhat-is-the-Household-support-fund&data=04%7C01%7C%7C1a6da6dc561b48353f5c08d9ecb48de3%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637801082492485292%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=ZiOTVsfWHNjEl7Qd1IF%2FWl6iiD3LuQC4RAeZRrYqSt8%3D&reserved=0)

**Replacement Play Tower Equipment**: Gerry would like to know what type of replacement play climbing tower should be erected in the Play Area on Peaslake School playing field, and is keen to hear the views of parents of children who use the playground. Andy Clayton offered to help get feedback.

**Defibrillator and other Maintenance Issues**:

- Gerry agreed to check on progress and reported after the meeting that the Parish Clerk is looking for an electrician to arrange the resiting of the defibrillator.

- Other road repairs have been reported to SPC and SCC Highways

- SPC are waiting for clarification from Surrey Highways on ownership of various ditches that require clearance.

Memorial Hall Car Park Silt Trap and Drainage System between Pond Lane and Walking Bottom: GBC agreed in October to share their investigation into the water drainage system, and to act on their recommendations to remove the silt traps under the Hall and the Hurtwood Inn car park. After no response from GBC to emails, the matter was referred again to local Borough Councillor Diana Jones to chase up. The good news since the Community Council meeting is that Diana has got GBC to share their report and to commit again to implement the removal of the silt traps.

Community Council Website: It was agreed to set up a simple website that could be developed further if needed. Gerry agreed to put this together.

Traffic Calming: Ongoing discussions are planned about parking around the Cycle Shop, including lowering the speed limit, putting a virtual footpath around the corner plus any further suggestions to improve the situation. There is also an opportunity to learn from the planned Holmbury St. Mary traffic calming scheme.

Vehicle Warning Speed Sign: The speed sign opposite Dance-a-Ramix is now working. It will be moved further north opposite East View Cottages once Surrey Highways Road Safety erect a new pole in the new financial year.

**Other Village Matters**

**B4SH Update**: Nick Wells was unable to be at the meeting but emailed the following:

"The group of "road champions" continue to engage with residents. Investment is key and we are making steady progress towards our target. Residents are understandably taking time to consider the service. It is unlikely that anyone in the village has experienced a high-tech community business which will future-proof computing, TV and streaming needs for decades to come."

**Peaslake Fair Update**: Andy Clayton reported that School has formed a Committee for the Summer Fair. With the event not having run for a couple of years, those with prior experience have moved on from School so the Committee is meeting with past Chairs to organise this year's event, with input from Zoe Horton liaising with The Hurtwood Control and assistance from the Village Hall Committee as has been the case in the part.

**Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations**: Christine Harrison has been involved in previous Jubilee celebrations and offered to organise this along with other ladies who have helped out in the past. A Street Party will take place on the Sunday afternoon as per National guidance. Village Hall users will arrange separate events over the holiday period and Matt Morris said he hoped to arrange a Garden Party in the Hurtwood garden, following the success of the event last year. Jim Collin will apply for the road closure and Tony Robinson will enquire about Jubilee Celebration grants being offered. Tony and Matt will look at relevant insurance quotes.

**Cemetery Path**: The Church PCC are looking into this and are obtaining quotes for remedial work.

**Public Footpath sign** behind the Church is broken and is currently propped up against a tree.

The meeting closed just after 9.30pm

**Date of Next Meeting**: Monday 7th March at 8.00pm in Peaslake Memorial Hall