



## SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

### EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Present:** Councillors P Tompkins (Chair), B Harrap, T Florent, R Smith, M Keeble, J Cross, M Taylor-Cotter, R Davey, J Hutton and Q Jayne  
Sixteen members of the public  
Clerk & RFO S Hoyland

**25.24 To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s85(1) (LGA 1972) – Councillors R Findlay, W Esplen and G Reffo**

**25.25 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) Declarations** by Councillors on any of the agenda items below in accordance with The Localism Act 2011, ss.27-34 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464) – **None**

**Chair P Tompkins asked all participants to follow the Civility and Respect Pledge and explained that the council was discussing the Community Governance Review and gave a short explanation of that and the meaning of governance.**

**25.26 Questions or requests from members of the public to the Council** in relation to the business on the agenda or future items for discussion. **Concerns were expressed both in favour and against Peaslake becoming its own parish council. There were significant concerns over cohesiveness of the Parish, the actions of both the Peaslake Community Council and Shere Parish Council and the need to leave the past in the past.**

**One member of the public left**

**25.27 To consider whether Shere Parish Council (SPC) thinks it will be in the best interests of the residents of the parish, that the boundary is changed to enable Peaslake to form its own parish council - Councillors expressed their opinions and a vote took place – 8 Councillors voted that it was not in the best interest of the residents of the parish, that the boundary is changed to enable Peaslake to form its own parish council; for the boundaries to remain unchanged. 1 councillor voted in favour of the boundary being changed to enable Peaslake to become its own parish council and 1 councillor abstained.**

It was **Agreed** to draft an official response to Guildford Borough Council, to be agreed at the full council meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**3 members of the public left**

**25.28** To consider whether SPC will issue the drafted Public Community Governance Review Information Sheet to all to the residents within the parish, regarding the Corporate Governance Review being carried out by Guildford Borough Council, to determine whether Peaslake should form its own parish council. **The draft was reviewed in full at the meeting and notes on the amendments were taken by the Clerk. The Information sheet was Agreed subject to the changes being made and reviewed by council members.**

**25.29** To agree how and when that statement (if agreed) is to be communicated to all residents in the parish – it was **Agreed** to send the information sheet out to all households in the Parish, first class using the Election Budget Code. Also **Agreed** to add to the website and social media. Councillor Q Jayne requested copies to circulate and for Peaslake Community Council to be asked to publish the information sheet on their website.

**25.30 Date of next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 5th June 2025 at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary**

**Meeting Closed 9.39pm**