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**SHERE PARISH COUNCIL
PEASLAKE FARM PROJECT GROUP
WEDNESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY 2015, STARTING AT 7.30 PM
AT TANYARD HALL, 30 STATION ROAD, GOMSHALL GU5 9LF**

MINUTES

Present: Parish Councillors R Davey, M Taylor-Cotter, J Tenner, J Collin, C Carlisle, R Smith and M Urban; P Carter (Peaslake Protection Group (PPG) representative) and the Parish Clerk, J Millett.

Apologies for absence were received from J Bahram (none-PPG representative)

Introductions and welcome to first meeting – introductions were made and the Chairman of the Parish Council, R Davey, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Group.

Appointment of Chairman – M Taylor-Cotter nominated and C Carlisle seconded R Davey as Chairman of the Project Group. **AGREED** that R Davey be appointed Chairman.

Appointment of Co-opted Members - **AGREED** that P Carter and J Bahram be appointed as the PPG and non-PPG representatives, respectively.

Agenda items for future meetings – P Carter raised objections to the Project Group's terms of reference. The Chairman explained that it wasn't for the Group to change these. They had been set by full Council and any changes to them would have to be agreed by the Council.

The Chairman outlined the options for the future of Peaslake Farm that needed to be looked at, as set out in the presentation at the public meeting at Peaslake Village Hall at the end of 2014, and annexed to these minutes.

It was recognised that there needed to be a formal, commercial valuation of the land, to include financial implications, costings, and social benefit of the different possible uses.

Suitable firms would be approached with an outline brief and a report made back to the next meeting.

It was recognised further that a land survey would need to be undertaken for most of the suggested uses. It was noted that a housing association would undertake a ground survey, at their cost, carried out by an independent specialist company/consultant and provided the Parish Council supplied a Letter of Intent. The 'Intent' would be that, should a housing development on the site proceed, then the Parish Council would use that housing association to deliver the development, subject to satisfactory, normal, commercial negotiations.

As one of the options for the future of the Farm, if it was agreed to retain the existing tenant, then the Parish Council could work with him to assess his storage needs but the yard would need to be cleared and a formal agreement made with the former tenant about his possible continued use of the fields.

Date of next meeting - Monday, 9th March, at 7pm, at Tanyard Hall, Gomshall



The Yard area – Uses to consider

Do nothing	Business Barns/Retail unit(s)	Low cost homes for locals
Sheltered housing development	Facility for bikers	Community room/surgery
Stables for rent	Public toilets & parking	Vehicle machinery storage

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The Field Area – uses to consider

Leave natural	Lease for grazing	Allotments
Divide for horses	Public access (Picnics & games)	Equine business – with stabling
	Contract silage for Council	

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