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**SHERE PARISH COUNCIL
PEASLAKE FARM WORKING GROUP
TUESDAY, 31ST MAY 2016, STARTING AT 7.30PM
AT TANYARD HALL, 30 STATION ROAD, GOMSHALL**

MINUTES

Present: Parish Councillors R Davey (Chairman), R Andrews, C Carlisle, P Carter, J Cross, A Golightly, B Harrap and G Reffo; Peaslake Protection Group (PPG) representatives K Harrap and C Gould, J Barham (non-PPG representative), the Parish Clerk, J Millett and one member of the public.

Apologies for absence – were received from Parish Councillor A Collingwood and D Roe (non-PPG representative)

Declarations of Interest – to receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.
(Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.) - Gerry Reffo and Paul Carter declared interests as members of the PPG

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2016 – approved.

Report on the Peaslake Farm Consultation Survey – the report was discussed. Group members made several points on the interpretation of the data. There was some discussion around the existing sewage/water problem in Peaslake and also the future use of the fields. Although considered to be outside the terms of reference of the Working Group, G Reffo proposed that the following recommendation be made to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council, on 2nd June:

‘ - Housing on the yard

- By the time the building starts the water & sewage problems would be solved by Thames Water.
- The fields to be let by competitive process for agricultural use. The Council to invest in the land to bring it up to a suitable standard (fencing, drainage) and the rents will be fixed at agricultural rates for the duration of the lease (25 years).’

This was seconded by P Carter. Following discussion, a vote was taken. 6 members present voted in support of the recommendation and 2 against it. R Davey, C Gould and J Cross abstained.

C Gould said that she hoped the Parish Council would closely consider a Community Land Trust option for delivery of affordable housing if that option was chosen, as stated previously.

Completion of the Working Group’s work – members of the Working Group were thanked for completing their task of evaluating options for the future use of Peaslake Farm. Thanks were also given to the Chairman who had given everyone the opportunity to contribute to the debate.