

Comments:

(These are actual unedited comments as received, default anonymous, but can be named if the sender so wishes)

1: There is one grant which Holmbury St. Mary are getting and sharing with Peaslake which they won't continue to get., worth I think about £2k according to Ray Smith (councillor).

I worry about Peaslake councillors losing the experience and expertise of the council members collectively. They will be reliant on much less going forward to make the right decisions.

When we voted for the farm buildings a few years ago to be converted for affordable housing the nimbys of Peaslake persuaded by Gerry actually voted against and the vote was only saved by residents of Shere and Holmbury. It could happen again. (anon)

2: Thank you so much for doing this. Good information is always needed, I am concerned about any new council being too small to cope, as all the councillors would have to sit on all the committees, and there is a lot to do. (anon)

3: The whole issue is very dividing. Already there are some people now who will not speak to another over this- Why is this necessary? (anon)

4: If I had known the facts before, I would not have signed the petition- I wonder how many others signed up to this? (anon)

5: I am grateful for your efforts to inform everyone about the proposed changes for Peaslake. We have received nothing in our mailbox about any of this. I didn't think it was a good idea to separate. My thoughts being that there might be some people now who feel they can run Peaslake independently. But I can't help wondering if a) they have any idea how to run Peaslake independently and b) will there be suitable people to continue it for years to come? (Edited and anon).

6: What you are doing is amazing. It seems to be a single handed effort, and you might feel 'out on a limb ' but rest assured, you are not alone. Many are behind you on this one, we think its ridiculous to have a stand alone Peaslake council, the parish has always been as one. How dare just 2 people initiate and bring this in, driven it seems by personal pique at 'poor treatment' by SPC? If they are unhappy, they could always have resigned. We will all be the worse for it, if this change ever comes in, and no-one really wants this, apart from a small fringe. Keep going, Our letters have already gone in.

(received by telephone and transcribed from memory --- name and details withheld.)