

# HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES** of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 16th September 2019** Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe at 7.30pm.

**Attendees:** Mr P Lye –Chairman  
Mrs A Nash – Vice Chairman  
Mr T Dwyer – Member  
Mrs S Sullivan – Member  
Andrew Thornton - Member  
Mrs B Weddell - Clerk

Cllr Richard Seaborne and three members of the public were in attendance.

**Apologies:** There were no apologies for absence.

**ACTION**

**19/064**            **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.

**19/065**            **Representations from members of the public**  
There were no representations from members of the public.

**19/066**            **Minutes**  
The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July, as circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**19/067**            **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman reported that the parish council's comments regarding the proposed telecommunications mast in woodland behind School House had been submitted and there were no further developments.

The Chairman had heard nothing further regarding the UKOG applications for oil exploration; Cllr Seaborne advised that both applications were due to be considered by Surrey Planning Committee in the middle of October.

The Chairman reported that the parish council could nominate parish residents who had been exceptional volunteers throughout the year to attend the annual Mayor's reception. Members would submit recommendations to the Chairman.

It was understood that Surrey CC had agreed to evaluate the possibility of a relief road from Dunsfold Park to the A3 at Milford. The Chairman would check the Waverley Local Committee agendas and minutes for any updates.

P Lye

The work to replace the water main in the village had created a great deal of exasperation, although it had been completed by the deadline and there had not been a need to close access to Mare Lane. It was noted that the clear up

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	had not been very good and that the road should still be swept, which had been reported to Waverley.	
<b>19/068</b>	<p><b>Projects for the Current Term</b></p> <p>Following on from the previous meeting, the following projects were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Refurb/repair of fountain stonework. Mrs Sullivan had not yet received a quote from the specialist stone contractor and would chase.</li> <li>b) Benches around the pond. Benches did not need replacing and were being rubbed down. Mr Thornton was awaiting a quote for replacing one base and also for strimming around the benches.</li> <li>c) Hedge between the Fountain and the White Horse. It was agreed that this needs to be replaced. The Chairman would discuss with Toby Anstruther the possibility of joint funding.</li> <li>d) Duck island/house. After further consideration, it was agreed not to proceed with this project.</li> <li>e) Vegetation at the back of the pond. A second quote for clearing this annually was awaited.</li> <li>f) Cricket. The Clerk would submit a funding request to Waverley for new top mat and shock pad for the nets. The parish council had funded repairs to the lawnmower, which was now securely stored and would be added to the parish council risk register.</li> <li>g) Spring bulbs to plan around the village. It was agreed funding would be provided up to £100.</li> <li>h) Summer and Christmas Seniors' Lunch. It was agreed the parish council would give a grant of £100 to support this.</li> <li>i) Village Hall funding for new marquee, barbecue and hearing loop system. Mr Dwyer would obtain quotes for consideration at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>S Sullivan</p> <p>A Thornton</p> <p>P Lye</p> <p>A Thornton</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>T Dwyer</p>
<b>19/069</b>	<p><b>Highways, Bridleways &amp; Footpaths</b></p> <p>There were three footpaths in the parish that had become overgrown. Surrey CC had advised that work couldn't be carried out unless volunteers could be found. The Clerk would try to find out what had happened to the Path Warden scheme.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the parish had been allocated a vegetation clearance team for 2.5 days to be used before the end of March 2020. It was agreed this would be used to clear the corner opposite the pub, vegetation either side of the footpath from the White Horse to the fountain and the hedge opposite the village hall. The Clerk would ask Stuart Copping of SCC to make contact with the Chairman.</p> <p>The Clerk would send information about the Community Payback Team to Mrs Nash and Mr Thornton to consider asking them to do vegetation clearance work around the pond.</p> <p>Mr Dwyer had received a quote from Surrey CC regarding the verges in Mare Lane parking which he would circulate to members.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/P Lye</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>T Dwyer</p>

19/070	<p><b>Waste Bins</b> The Clerk showed pictures of waste bins for consideration and would send links to the website. There had been no response from Waverley regarding the new waste contract and the Clerk would chase.</p>	Clerk
19/071	<p><b>Matters relating to Hascombe Woodyard</b> The decision to sign the contract for sale of the parcel of Wood Yard land was ratified. The Chairman advised that completion was imminent.</p>	
19/072	<p><b>Speedwatch and traffic calming</b> Mrs Nash reported that there had not been any recent Speedwatch sessions due to the road closure but that sessions were due to start again that week. Sessions would take place once a week at different times with the Police joining now and again.</p> <p>The only traffic calming currently possible was refreshed white lining and new 43/30mph signs and roundels. Mrs Nash would keep chasing Surrey Highways for the work to be done.</p>	A Nash
19/073	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a) To receive list of Planning Applications for information of recent decisions made by WBC.</p> <p>WA/2019/1125 Erection of an extension. White Cottage, The Street, Hascombe. <b>Refused.</b></p> <p>WA/2019/0438 Change of use of existing building from Class B2 to B1. The Wood Yard, Hascombe. <b>Full permission.</b></p> <p>b) Planning applications for consideration.</p> <p>WA/2019/1275 Installation of solar panels on stables and workshop. Old Rectory, Godalming Road, Loxhill. <b>No comment.</b></p> <p>WA/2019/1351 Change of use and alterations of outbuilding to provide a private dining room and a cookery school. The White Horse, The Street, Hascombe. <b>No comment.</b></p> <p>WA/2019/1277/1265/0515 Change of use of and to residential use for gypsy families. Land north of Lydia Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh. <b>Letter of objection appended.</b></p>	
19/074	<p><b>Next meeting</b> Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:35**

# Hascombe Parish Council

30 September 2019

Ms Jessica Robinson  
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Dear Ms Robinson,

**WA/2019/1277 Change of use of land to residential use for 5 gypsy families. Land North of Lydia Park Centred Coordinates 502403 137861, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh.**

**WA/2019/1265 Change of use of land to residential use for 9 gypsy families. Land North of Lydia Park Centred Coordinates 502403 137787, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh**

**WA/2019/0515 Change of use of land to missed use to provide 4 gypsy pitches with stabling and keeping of horses. Land North of Lydia Park Centred Coordinates 502164 137703 Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh**

Hascombe Parish Council has considered the above applications and objects on the following basis.

The parish council strongly believes there should be no further extensions to the existing Gypsy and Traveller sites on Stovolds Hill unless or until there is an overarching development policy for this area.

The parish council acknowledges the sequential approach to identifying sites, with the second preference for suitable extensions to available existing sites, and the parish council also acknowledges the proposed allocation of 13 new gypsy and traveler pitches for Stovolds Hill identified in the emerging Local Plan Part 2. The three applications currently being considered will provide a total of 19 new pitches. If granted permission without the protection of adopted development plan policies in place, this will set a precedent for further extensions of the existing sites, where the local population is already dominated by the gypsy and traveler community.

Policy ANH4 of Local Plan Part 1 states that allocations or proposals for sites for gypsies and travellers will only be permitted if the site does not have an unacceptable impact on the physical and visual character of the area or on the amenities of neighbouring land uses. There is no doubt that the most recent extensions to Lydia Park and the inability of Waverley to enforce planning conditions is already having an unacceptable impact on the physical and visual character of the area and on the amenities of neighbouring land uses. It is for this reason that no further applications should be permitted unless and until there is an overarching policy capable of protecting the physical and visual character of the area and the amenities of neighbouring land users.

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The parish council also objects to the proposed development due to the harmful impact on the protected views from Hascombe Hill AONB. The most recent development has already had a harmful impact on the views, which will only be exacerbated if further development is permitted.

The following images illustrate the sweeping expanse of tarmac over the fields in ten years.



*2009 Land North of Lydia Park*



*2019 Land North of Lydia Park*

For these reasons, Hascombe Parish Council requests all these applications be refused.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell  
Clerk to the Council