

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 20th May 2019**
Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe at 7.00pm.

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

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Audrey Nash and Cllr Martin D’Arcy

ACTION

- 19/027 Election of Chairman**
Proposed by Mr Dwyer, seconded by Mr Thornton and agreed unanimously, Mr Lye was elected Chairman of the parish council for the ensuing year.
- 19/028 Election of Vice Chairman**
Proposed by Mr Dwyer, seconded by Mr Thornton and agreed unanimously, Mrs Nash was elected Vice Chairman of the parish council for the ensuing year.
- 19/029 Declarations of Acceptance of Office**
Members signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office.
- 19/030 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.
- 19/031 Report by Borough Cllr Richard Seaborne**
Cllr Seaborne reported that following the Local Council elections on 2nd May, Waverley was a council with No Overall Control. Decisions would be made at the Full Council meeting about how the Council would be run. As well as Cllr Seaborne, Cllr Martin D’Arcy had been elected in the Bramley, Busbridge and Hascombe Ward and both councillors would work together to represent Hascombe. The Chairman thanked retiring Cllr Maurice Byham for all his help over the years as Borough Councillor representing Hascombe and wished him well for the future.
- 19/032 Representations from members of the public**
There were no representations from members of the public.
- 19/033 Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held 18 March, as circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

- 19/034 Chairman's Report**
The Chairman gave his Annual Report, which is appended to these minutes.
- 19/035 Areas of Responsibility**
After consideration, the following areas of responsibility for the ensuing year were agreed.
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| Hascombe Pond | Mr Thornton |
| Highways, Bridleways, Footpaths | Mr Dwyer |
| Planning | Mrs Sullivan & Mr Thornton |
| Neighbourhood Watch/Speedwatch/Police Liaison | Mrs Nash |
| Communications | Mr Thornton |
| Emergency Planning | Mr Lye |
| PC Rep Surrey CC Waverley Local Committee | Mr Lye & Mr Dwyer |
| PC Rep Eastern Villages Task Group | Mr Lye & Mr Dwyer |
| PC Rep Surrey ALC | Mr Lye |
| PC Rep Village Hall Committee | Mrs Sullivan |
| PC Rep Friends of Hascombe | Mr Thornton |
- 19/036 Adoption of the accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31.3.19**
- The Annual Governance Statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. The council gave authority for the Clerk and the Chairman to sign the statement as approved.
 - The Accounting Statements had been circulated prior to the meeting. The council gave authority for the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chairman to sign the statement as approved.
 - The Certificate of Exemption was completed and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chairman.
- 19/037 Henry Smith Charity**
The Balance Sheet for Hascombe's Henry Smith Charity for the year ended 31.12.18, as circulated, was approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as approved.
- 19/038 Risk Register**
The parish council's Risk Register was reviewed and approved.
- 19/039 Highways, Bridleways & Footpaths**
Mr Dwyer reported that the contractor had been unable to remove the dead tree outside Lamberts before the year end in order to use Localism funding, which was disappointing. Mr Dwyer would now report it to Highways using the online portal.
- Mr Lye would speak to Hascombe Estate regarding the fallen beech tree on Hascombe Hill that was restricting access.
- 19/040 Matters relating to Hascombe Woodyard**
The Chairman advised that the planning application for Change of Use had been submitted to Waverley and that the legal process was in hand.

T Dwyer

P Lye

- 19/041 Public Forum**
The next Forum would be held on Saturday 8th June from 10am to 11.30am at the White Horse. Inspector Gary Smith would also attend.
- 19/042 Speed Watch Report**
There had been a number of ideas for traffic calming in the centre of the village and Mrs Nash would expand on these at the next Public Forum.
- The Police had been present at the Speedwatch session the day of the meeting, as part of their Operation Dragnet. Hambledon had followed Hascombe and was holding Speedwatch sessions, which would help with the connectivity of people moving from one village to the next. There was a problem with people travelling from West Sussex speeding through the village and Mrs Nash was trying to find out what happens to those from outside the Surrey jurisdiction. In terms of figures, there had been some downtime between the end of January and May due to black boxes in the village, but 17 sessions had been held, recording 277 first offences, 16 second offences and two third offences which trigger a visit from the Police. The average speed was 38mph. A wifi facility had been set up in the village, which was a requirement so that Police could be contacted if needed. This had been provided by a resident and it was agreed the parish council would reimburse the cost.
- 19/043 Planning**
- a) To receive list of Planning Applications for information of recent decisions made by WBC.
- NMA/2019/0067 Amendment to WA/2017/2309 to plots 1&2 – minor alterations to fenestration plot 3 – removal of integral garage and minor alterations to fenestration and plot 4 – minor alterations to roof profile and fenestration. Wheel Cottage, The Street. **Full permission**
- TC/2019/0001 Mobile telecom mast and equipment. Recreation Ground, Mare Lane. **Refused**
- b) Planning applications for consideration.
- WA/2019/0622 Certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for rear ground floor extension and alterations with roof lights. White Cottage, The Street. **No comment**
- WA/2019/0438 – Change of use from Class B2 to B1, The Wood Yard. – **Letter of support appended**
- 19/044 Correspondence**
Mr Kay had written to say that as a way of thanking local residents for their support during his application process, he would like to make a donation of £500 to a village charity. It was agreed that the parish council would propose the Village Hall.

19/045

Items of business for information of inclusion on a future agenda

Mr Thornton reported that a meeting had been held in the village regarding resurrecting cricket. The meeting had been well attended and there was a general desire for cricket to be played again in Hascombe. Mr Simpson had done some work to resurrect the square. There was a need for some new equipment. The parish council would consider giving a grant to help get the initiative off the ground and would await a proposal.

Thames Water had removed a number of trees around the pumping station, leaving an unsightly mess. The Clerk would contact them to ask them to tidy up and do some replanting.

Clerk

A number of Ash trees in the village had been spotted to have Ash Die Back. These should be reported online to the Forestry Commission and landowners.

P Lye/T Dwyer

Mr Thornton advised that Mr Elliott had put up mink traps around the pond area.

Cllr Seaborne advised that the local police had visited Bramley Parish Council recently, they had additional resources and were being encouraged to get out and engage with the public. It was agreed that they would be advised of future parish council meeting dates so they could attend.

Clerk

Cllr Seaborne advised that the Mayor of Waverley holds a reception each year for volunteers and asked the parish council to let him know if there were any local volunteers who should be recognised, to receive an invitation to the reception in October.

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Cllr Seaborne advised that the UKOG application for Loxley 1 well at Dunsfold had been submitted to Surrey CC and was currently being validated. It was agreed this would be a standing item on future agendas.

19/046

Next meeting

Monday 22nd July 7.00pm, Hascombe Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50.

Chairman's Annual Report

This is my first annual report as Chairman, Charles Orange stood down as Chairman and from the Parish Council last year. Audrey Nash was co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy Charles left.

Parish Council undertook the following during the year. An ongoing task is the scrutinisation of all planning applications in the Parish and we make comments when we think it is necessary. A recent planning application we objected to was the phone mast on the recreation ground. This application has been refused and we are starting discussions with Vodafone, with the objective of finding a more suitable site for the mast.

As we look after the fountain, we have tried to find out who the owner is but have not been successful. We also investigated if it was possible to claim ownership due to the fact that we have maintained it for many years, but it appears this is not possible.

Speed Watch was re-invigorated, mainly by the efforts of Audrey Nash who has built up a large and dedicated team. There are now regular speed watch sessions in the village. We have also been considering additional traffic calming measures in the village, these discussions are ongoing.

We have agreed to sell the piece of woodyard land, and the legal process is in progress at present.

A new venture was started during the year, and this is a village Forum. It is an opportunity for villagers to discuss topics of interest with Parish Councillors. It is hosted by the White Horse. There have been two Forums and they have been very well attended.

We have had discussions with UK Power Networks regarding the reliability of our electricity supply. We have also had discussions with the National Trust regarding their plans for the Arboretum. We have commented on Waverley's infrastructure plan.

As usual the pond area has been maintained and various areas of vegetation were cleared.

The access to the bungalows in Mare Lane was becoming very difficult and muddy. We managed to persuade Waverley Borough Council to improve this access. This was organised by Ted with the assistance of our Borough Councillors. We also arranged for the access to the parking area opposite the White Horse to be improved. We are also in discussion with Waverley Borough Council to improve the parking in Mare Lane.

Hascombe Parish Council

24 May 2019

Ms Kate Edwards
Planning Services
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

Dear Ms Edwards,

RE: WA/2019/0438 Change of use of existing building from use class B2 (general industrial) to B1 (office). The Wood Yard, Church Road, Hascombe

Hascombe Parish Council fully supports the proposed Change of Use from B2 to B1, being more suitable for this residential area and requests that this application be permitted.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell
Clerk to the Council

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