

# HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES** of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 22nd July 2019**  
Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe at 7.00pm.

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

Cllr Martin D’Arcy and three members of the public were in attendance.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Dwyer and  
Cllr Richard Seaborne

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>19/051</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.	
<b>19/052</b>	<b>Report by Borough Cllr Martin D’Arcy</b> The Chairman welcomed Cllr Martin D’Arcy, who was a newly elected Borough Councillor representing Hascombe with Cllr Richard Seaborne.	
<b>19/053</b>	<b>Representations from members of the public</b> There were no representations from members of the public.	
<b>19/054</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May, as circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>19/055</b>	<b>Chairman’s Report</b> There was nothing to report that wasn’t covered elsewhere on the agenda.	
<b>19/056</b>	<b>Projects for the Current Term</b> The following projects for the current term were discussed: a) Refurb/repair of fountain stonework. Mrs Sullivan will seek advice and a quote from a specialist stone contractor. b) Benches around the pond. It was thought these could be rubbed down rather than replaced. Mr Thornton to assess their condition and get a quote for ad hoc strimming around the seats. 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. d) Duck island/house. Mr Thornton will investigate and advise costs for consideration. e) Vegetation at the back of the pond. Mr Thornton would get a quote for clearing this annually in the autumn.	S Sullivan  A Thornton  P Lye  A Thornton  A Thornton

	f) Cricket. The Clerk would submit a funding request to Waverley for new top mat and shock pad for the nets. Funding for repairs to the lawnmower would be considered.	Clerk
<b>19/057</b>	<p><b>Highways, Bridleways &amp; Footpaths</b></p> <p>It was reported that on the footpath running by the side of Fountain Cottage, the drainage pipes had shifted which may cause a trip hazard. The Chairman would report via Surreys online portal.</p> <p>There was a pole that previously held a sign advising no access for horses. It was agreed there was no need to replace the sign and that the pole could be removed. Mrs Nash would report via the online portal.</p> <p>It was agreed the parish council would send a joint letter with other parish councils requesting that Highways enforce restrictions regarding housing developers' yellow signs.</p>	P Lye  A Nash
<b>19/058</b>	<p><b>Proposed Traffic Calming Measures</b></p> <p>The Chairman, Mrs Nash and Mr Thornton had met with Surrey Highways and Inspector Gary Smith to discuss possible traffic calming measures in the village. Unfortunately, none of the measures suggested were viable due to technical issues or funding. It would be possible to refresh the white line painting, including the strips at each end of the village that were put in years ago but surfaced over. A speed roundel on the tarmac at each end of the village adjacent to the 30mph signs could also be added. The Police had also suggested a single white line down the centre of the road through the village. Mrs Nash would put together a formal request to Highways.</p> <p>In addition to this, the Friends of Hascombe would organise a working party to include repainting of the village gateways.</p>	A Nash
<b>19/059</b>	<p><b>Dog Waste Bins</b></p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the situation with dog owners discarding bags of dog waste was worsening and that dog waste bins were required, however, it was agreed that these should be general waste/litter bins. The Clerk would get a quote for bins and enquire whether emptying of the bins could be added to Waverley's new waste contract starting in November; it was accepted that there would be a cost to the parish council for this, currently c.£2.50 per bin per fortnight in other areas.</p> <p><i>Mrs Nash left the meeting.</i></p>	Clerk
<b>19/060</b>	<p><b>Matters relating to Hascombe Woodyard</b></p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p> <p>The maturity/size of the new hedging plants was debated. The Chairman would discuss with the Estate.</p>	

**19/061**

**Planning**

- a) To receive list of Planning Applications for information of recent decisions made by WBC.

There were no recent planning decisions to report.

- b) Planning applications for consideration.

There were no planning applications to be considered.

**19/062**

**Correspondence**

A letter of consultation had been received regarding the proposed siting of an emergency services telecommunications mast on land between School House and Hascombe Place. The Parish Council's letter of response is appended to these minutes.

**19/063**

**Next meeting**

Monday 16th September 7.30pm, Hascombe Village Hall (Note this is a change from the previously scheduled meeting. All dates would be rescheduled for earlier in the month to accommodate copy dates for the parish magazine. Meetings would also start at the later time of 7.30pm.

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

# Hascombe Parish Council

30 July 2019

Mr Gary Smith  
Savills  
Wessex House  
Priors Walk  
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Dear Mr Smith,

**RE: EE Emergency Services Network (ESN) Pre-Consultation Proposed Base Station Installation at: ESN40053 School House Woods, Church Road, Hascombe GU8 4JD**

Hascombe Parish Council has considered your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> July and accompanying plans. The parish council would object to a planning application submitted to Waverley for the proposed installation at this site for the following reasons:

The proposed installation of a 30m high self-supporting latticework steel tower is inappropriate in this setting within the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Rolled steel angle section tower construction on a concrete base along with its associated 8m x 5m compound, generator, cabinets etc. would be the dominant feature in the landscape. The mast will be clearly visible across the Surrey Hills and surrounding countryside by inhabitants of the central core of the village of Hascombe, Public Footpath 533 and Public Bridleways 201 and 203.

A lattice work tower mast located on this hillside and located within 3 miles of an airfield could be considered necessary to have night marking lights. The number of lights installed at the top of the tower depends on the width of the base of the tower and they act as an aircraft warning and flash red light across the skies. These lights are essential for aircraft safety but the installation onto this tall tower already located over 130m above sea level will contribute to light pollution and harm our Dark Night Skies in the Surrey Hills. We think our star-studded skies overhead the village of Hascombe are valuable to this beautiful rolling landscape.

The proposed access road runs along Public Bridleway 203, through a farmyard of listed buildings, creating a new trackway 10m wide (30ft) across a field and up a steep incline, across public footpath 533 and into woodland. There is also the creation of an area the size of a sandschool (20m x 40m) in the Surrey Hills AONB. The 10m wide trackway runs immediately adjacent to the area of high archaeological potential (AHAP), Landscape Character Area GW8 and the proposed base station is within the historic landscape 406.

The NPPF 2019 Chapter 15 – Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment, such as protecting and enhancing valued landscapes. This proposal goes against these policies set out in the national planning policy documentation.

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**Alternative Sites**

There are better sites in the vicinity that have not been properly considered, including the former Emergency Services mast site in Mare Lane.

**Conclusion**

The proposed telecommunications tower mast, generator, compound and cabinets will have a negative environmental and psychological effect on the village of Hascombe.

Through its careful control over development, Waverley Borough Council has, over the years, sought to protect and maintain the special character of this area. To approve this installation would be contrary to what has been achieved by the Council to ensure new development is of an appropriate nature and will not cause harm.

The parish council and Hascombe residents would welcome a mobile phone signal in the village, which currently has limited coverage. However, we consider this proposal to be inappropriate and are strongly of the opinion that it will cause harm to the setting of the wider village landscape. The parish council urges EE to submit revised proposals for a more appropriate location.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell  
Clerk to the Council