

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 9th March 2020** 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
Mr Andrew Thornton - Member
Mrs B Weddell - Clerk

Cllr Richard Seaborne, Cllr Martin D’Arcy, Waverley Borough Commander Inspector Gary Smith and six members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

Before the start of business, Inspector Gary Smith addressed the meeting. He said that his team, which consisted of himself, two sergeants and nine PCSO’s covered the whole of the Waverley area. The team’s work is driven by the community and surveys showed that burglary of dwellings, drugs and speeding were the three key issues that people were concerned about and this would form the Action Plan for 2021. In Waverley it is rare for houses to be broken into. For example, in February there were 27 burglaries across Waverley, with 19 of those being break-ins to sheds and outbuildings, 17 of which were insecure. One of the simplest crime prevention methods is to lock doors. There were 16 Community Speed Watch Teams in Waverley run by volunteers and these are supported by the Police contacting those who were caught over the speed limit. Additional Police Officers had been trained for Speed Watch and would be seen out with the volunteers more often. Finally, regarding drugs, the police work with the National Crime Agency to deal with those who supply the most harmful drugs. Residents can sign up to ‘In The Know’ for up to date information about policing and local incidents on the internet, or they can join the local Neighbourhood Watch system recently set up by Sorrel Morganti.

ACTION

- 20/015 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.
- 20/016 Representations from members of the public**
There were no representations from members of the public.
- 20/017 Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th January, as circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/018 Chairman’s Report**
The Chairman reported that the Parish Council Forum held the previous weekend had been successful with good attendance. Other items would be covered elsewhere on the agenda.

20/019

Projects for the Current Term

- a) Pond Clearance. Some members had met at the pond to discuss and agree what work would be carried out. Two quotes had been received for clearing one section of brambles and undergrowth from the corner by the outlet to 30m along the bank. The saplings and trees would be kept, and the area would be reseeded and then mowed regularly. It was agreed that the quote at £800 for a manual approach with the cuttings removed from site was preferable and the work would be put in hand to be carried out before the nesting season. The work to replace the bench base had already been put in hand.
- b) Village Hall Hearing Loop. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile project. Mr Dwyer would seek some additional funding from Cllr Victoria Young and the recently launched Calor Fund for rural communities. The Clerk would also investigate whether there was any PIC funding available.
- c) Fountain Stonework. Mrs Sullivan would continue to progress this project which would cost in the region of £4000. Mrs Sullivan was hopeful that the parish council could receive a grant from the Surrey Historic Buildings Inspector. Also, regarding the Fountain, the sign stating that the water is not safe to drink is still being taken. There was a concern that if the sign is missing and there is therefore a risk to public health, Waverley will shut off the water supply. Mr Dwyer had ordered a supply of signs and would monitor regularly. It was proposed that a permanent sign in stone could be inserted when the work to the stonework was carried out.
- d) Hedge from Fountain to White Horse. The Chairman had discussed the job with Richard Ferris and to remove the whole hedge and replant would be cost-prohibitive. It was suggested that the hedge could be cut down to six foot in the first stage and then fill in the gaps with new hedging at stage two. The Chairman would get quotes. The Clerk would ask Cllr Victoria Young if she could check SCC records for landownership.
- e) Cricket. The Clerk would pursue PIC Funding application.
- f) Friends of Hascombe Projects. The FoH grant application for several projects was approved subject to the items being purchased by the parish council as VAT would not be funded.

A Thornton

T Dwyer/Clerk

S Sullivan

T Dwyer

P Lye
Clerk
Clerk

20/020

Highways, Bridleways and Footpaths

Mr Thornton had carried out a survey of missing footpath and bridleway posts which he had mapped and would be reported to SCC.

T Dwyer

The re-routing of the footpath above Hascombe Grange would be investigated by SCC footpath officer in due course. It was noted that the stile at the end of the footpath onto the road had been wired up, which was not safe for dog walkers as dogs needed to be lifted over the stile straight onto the road.

There were several footpaths and bridleways blocked by fallen trees since recent storms, and these were gradually being cleared.

Regarding Highways, there had been three accidents in three weeks caused by cars skidding on ice on the sharp bend just north of Lamberts. Work was needed to sort out the drainage as constant water was damaging the tarmac as well as causing dangerous ice. Mrs Nash had met again with Adrian Selby regarding promised signage and road marking improvements in the village.

ACTION

There was apparently a backlog of supply of chevron signs and there would be some delay before the damaged missing signs could be replaced. The other signs previously identified were being dealt with. Some of the line-painting had been carried out and the rest would be done in due course. Adrian Selby had suggested the parish council meet again with Stuart Copping and Dan Payne regarding the wet patch outside Hascombe House caused by a blocked pipe under the road that needed to be jetwashed. There was apparently only one machine to do this work and the job was on a waiting list. It was agreed that this had gone on long enough and the parish council would try to get the work moved forward

A Nash/Clerk

20/021

Waste Bins

The Clerk had chased Waverley regarding whether dog waste bins could be added to their new waste contract but had still not received a response. Cllr Seaborne would chase this up again.

20/022

Annual Assembly

It was agreed that the Annual Assembly would go ahead on 6th April. The Chairman would invite the village organisations to attend and speak. He would also liaise with Mrs Nash regarding refreshments.

P Lye/A Nash

20/023

Planning

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

WA/2020/0026 Erection of an extension. 10 Mare Lane, Hascombe. Full permission

NMA/2020/0021 Amendment for plots 1 and 2 – addition of first floor window to side elevations. Land adjacent to Wheel Cottage, The Street, Hascombe. Allowed.

b) Planning applications for consideration.

There were no planning applications for consideration.

c) Winkworth Arboretum visitor centre – Cllr Seaborne advised that officers would soon be making a recommendation. He said that any permission would include a condition that traffic would be let into the car parking area earlier in the morning to stop queuing out onto the main road.

20/024

General Matters

A separate meeting would be held to go through aims and objectives for the coming term in more detail than possible during a regular parish council meeting.

Mrs Nash advised that she would due to have a joint meeting with the police, Hambledon and Dunsfold regarding Speed Watch.

John was thanked for the work he had done around the fountain repairing the painting the notice boards.

The next Parish Forum would be held in June.

The parish magazine editor was keen for material to be submitted and it was agreed that summaries of the minutes would be sent.

20/025

Next meeting

Monday 6th April – Annual Assembly

Monday 11th May – Annual Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:30.

