

# HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES** of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 9th November 2020** via Zoom.

**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 Martin D’Arcy, Andrew Kinnear of Hascombe Estate and four members of the public were in attendance.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Richard Seaborne.

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>20/046</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.	
<b>20/047</b>	<b>Representations from members of the public</b> Mrs Bratt, on behalf of the Friends of Hascombe, requested that the parish council fund a Christmas tree and lights to be erected by the Friends near the Fountain, which was agreed up to £200.  Concern was raised regarding the state of the car park opposite the White Horse. The Clerk would make enquiries about the possibility of Surrey Council upgrading the surface.	Clerk
<b>20/048</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> September were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	
<b>20/049</b>	<b>Chairman’s Report</b> The Chairman reported a meeting would be held with representatives of UKPN via Zoom on 18 <sup>th</sup> November to discuss ongoing supply issues in the village and how UKPN will make the supply more resilient.  The Chairman advised that he would attend a Waverley meeting regarding Winter preparedness.  Regarding the incident with the birdbath, the Chairman advised that the insurance company had settled and the parish council would be unlikely to hear further. Mr Thornton would get a quote for repairing the birdbath.	P Lye  A Thornton
<b>20/050</b>	<b>Projects for the Current Term</b> a) Pond Clearance – Once the weather cooled, clearance of the pond would proceed. b) Hedge from Fountain to the White Horse. The Chairman had confirmed with Andrew Kinnear that the hedge was owned by Hascombe Estate and he would request that the Estate cuts the hedge, with the parish council willing to contribute to the cost.	P Lye
<b>20/051</b>	<b>Footpaths, Bridleways and Highways</b> The hedge outside Wheel Cottage had been trimmed by Highways, enabling safe parking.	

Cllr Seaborne would be reminded about the provision of CCTV in certain fly tipping hotspots in and around the village.

**ACTION**

Regarding the proposed weight restriction on Markwick Lane, the Clerk advised it was necessary to wait for the results of the survey before this could be pursued via the Local Committee. The Clerk advised that Hambledon Parish Council had agreed to a contribution towards the cost of the signage, but that she hadn't heard from Busbridge and would email them again,

Clerk

Surrey Highways had swept the pavements and the other Church Road sign was soon to be replaced. Mrs Nash had reported the potholes caused by the flooding on the stretch near Brook House, which Highways are investigating. The Horse sign and three slow signs are also due shortly. The chevron sign near the White House was on order.

**20/052**

**Review of Risk Register**

Mr Dwyer would review the Risk Register with reference to the Asset Register and circulate proposed amendments for approval.

T Dwyer

**20/053**

**Hascombe Pond**

Regarding the provision of a litter bin at the Pond, the Clerk advised that she had spoken to Alfold's Parish Clerk who said Biffa aren't reliably emptying the dog waste bins in Alfold and there was concern a litter bin would attract rubbish rather than resolve the problem of littered dog waste bags. Cllr D'Arcy would follow up with Waverley either having a parish council bin added to Waverley's contract or to get a contact number for the relevant department at Biffa.

**20/054**

**Hascombe Estate**

Members thanked Andrew Kinnear for attending the meeting.

Regarding the flooding on Hoe Lane, Mr Kinnear advised that the ditch needed to be maintained but that it also runs into a pipe that gets blocked. He would arrange for a contractor to investigate how that can be prevented to avoid future flooding.

Regarding the Woodyard, Mr Kinnear advised that hedging plants that had died would be replaced and that a watering system would be installed to keep the hedge watered in the future. After discussion, it was agreed that the Estate would paint the Woodyard windows and doors in Little Green Paint Company Lutyens Sage and that the weatherboarding would be allowed to naturally weather.

Regarding the work to the bridleway behind School House, this was to be cut back to allow a vehicle to access it, as was previously the case. There would be a gate to prevent unauthorised vehicles from accessing the bridleway and the parish council would be provided with a key for emergency access. Residents were concerned that the leylandii bordering the bridleway and their properties should be retained for privacy. Mr Kinnear said that he would double-check with Toby Anstruther but that this should be possible.

Mr Thornton advised that the 'squeeze through' up to Hascombe Hill needs to be reinstated, which Mr Kinnear would deal with. Members of the public were urged to call the Police if they witness quad bikes being ridden on Hascombe Hill.

Regarding the proposed EE mast, after the parish council confirmed with Mr Kinnear that their preferred site was at Foxbury Copse, he said he would take that forward with EE.

**ACTION**

Mr Kinnear would investigate the possibility of installing a ditch on the land opposite the Old Rectory and Pound Cottages to prevent flooding on the road just beyond the White Horse, which was the cause of several accidents.

Regarding deer stalking on Hascombe Hill, it was acknowledged that clearer signage was required. Mr Kinnear would meet with David Austin-White and come back to the parish council with ideas.

**20/055**

**Finance Update**

The Clerk had circulated updated accounts prior to the meeting and would put together a proposed budget for YE 31.3.2022 and circulate in advance of the next meeting. The Clerk had been told to expect a reduced tax base due to the impact of Coronavirus, however due to the new houses in the village, Hascombe's provision tax base for next year had increased.

Clerk

**20/056**

**Speedwatch Update**

Mrs Nash reported that the team had been unable to carry out any sessions recently due to lockdown and the road closure on Brighton Road, although they would be able to start up again shortly. There was a problem with false numberplates, which the Police were aware of. Mrs Nash was also liaising with Hambledon, who were keen to write to Surrey County Council requesting lower speed limits through the village and also proposed writing to residents requesting that they reduce their own speed.

**20/057**

**Planning**

- a) There were no recent planning decisions to report.
- b) There were no new planning applications for consideration.

**20/058**

**General Matters and items for information**

Aims and objectives and areas of responsibility would be reviewed at the next meeting, with possibility of a separate short meeting to discuss these.

**20/045**

**Next meeting**

Monday 11th January 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:55.