

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 11th September 2023** at Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe.

Attendees: Mrs Sarah Sullivan –Chair
Mr James Alvarez – Vice Chair
Mrs Rosie Pedder - Member
Mr David Pite – Member
Mr Norman Simpson - Member
Mrs B Weddell - Clerk

Cllr Kevin Deanus and one member of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr Connor Relleen.

		Action
23/056	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.	
23/057	Representations from members of the public A member of the public commented that the Giant Hogweed appeared to be under control, although not sprayed. It would continue to be monitored. It was reported that there was a fallen or leaning tree on the footpath behind Spring Gardens. The member of the public was advised to report this via the Surrey County Council website.	
23/058	Reports from Councillors Cllr Deanus reminded members to make any bids as soon as possible for Your Fund Surrey. This could potentially provide a grant for the Hascombe archive. The Chair would progress. Cllr Deanus reported that Waverley, jointly with Guildford had appointed a new Section 151 Officer (Finance Officer). Regarding the proposed weight restriction on Markwick Lane and surrounding roads, Cllr Deanus advised that the plan was being redrawn to include the B2130 and Alfold/Dunsfold Road. The revised scheme should be available for comments in a few weeks.	S Sullivan
23/059	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 17 th July were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	
23/060	Chair's Report There was nothing to report that wasn't covered elsewhere on the agenda.	
23/061	Matters arising from the meeting of 17th July a) Risk Register and Asset Register. These had been recirculated prior to the meeting and were approved subject to minor amendments. The Asset Register would be updated to remove one bench, which had been removed due to deterioration beyond repair. Mr Alvarez would be the custodian of the AED and would check batteries periodically. The Chair is the custodian of the laptop, which held	Clerk

	<p>the digital copies of the Hascombe archive.</p> <p>b) Sladesfest. There was some excess noise whilst the Environmental Health team were attending and they instructed the organisers to turn down the bass volume. This was implemented. Daytime noise levels were high but did not breach stipulated limits. However, late in the night, the acoustic monitoring showed that stipulated noise levels were breached between 11pm and 5am in two locations. The parish council would request no music after 11pm if the event is planned to be held in future years. Mrs Pedder would draft a summary of the event to be sent to Waverley Licensing with a copy of the acoustic monitoring report, cc Waverley Environmental Health, who have already requested and received the data from dBA Acoustics, the consultant.</p>	R Pedder
23/062	<p>Areas of Responsibility for the current term</p> <p>These were agreed and the updated document is appended to these minutes.</p> <p>Mr Alvarez would contact Mr Lye for a briefing/hand over regarding the pond.</p>	J Alvarez
23/063	<p>Communications and website</p> <p>Mr Simpson and Mr Alvarez would look at the website and make recommendations for it to be refreshed. A link to the parish council's Facebook page would also be included.</p>	N Simpson/J Alvarez Clerk
23/064	<p>Highways and public rights of way</p> <p>The path from the Fountain to the White Horse was again becoming overgrown. Mr Pite would report this to Surrey County Council once the blackberries were finished.</p>	D Pite
23/065	<p>Hascombe Estate</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>	
23/066	<p>Hascombe Pond</p> <p>The sluice boards would need replacing in due course. Mr Alvarez would advise the clerk of a possible contractor to carry out the work.</p> <p>The children's fishing competition was due to be held that week. Mr Alvarez would check that the pond banks were clear and would liaise with Mr Lye and Matthew Elliott regarding any vegetation that might need cutting back.</p>	J Alvarez J Alvarez
23/067	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) After consideration of the following planning applications, the responses were agreed:</p> <p>WA/2023/01646 and 01672 Application for advertisement consent to display 2 no. replacement externally illuminated sets of applied letters, 1 no. replacement externally illuminated post pictorial sign, 1 no. replacement corner wall hung externally illuminated pictorial sign, 1 no replacement non illuminated wall plaque and menu board The White Horse, The Street Hascombe. Letter of objection appended</p> <p>WA/2023/01753 Erection of extension and alterations. 4 Mare Lane, Hascombe. No comment</p>	

b) Recent planning decisions by Waverley Borough Council:
WA/2023/01073 Erection of a detached garage. Park Hatch,
Dunsfold Road, Loxhill. **Refused**

WA/2023/01037 Certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for
extensions to two use class e commercial buildings. Long Vere Barns,
Godalming Road, Loxhill. **Granted**

c) Other matters related to planning –Rob Fairbanks, President of the
Surrey Hills AONB Board, would be invited to give a talk to the
Annual Parish Council meeting next year.

Clerk/R Pedder

Mrs Pedder would investigate the possibility and process of adopting
a Dark Skies policy and how much weight this may or may not carry
in planning considerations.

R Pedder

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Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

A note regarding the generator and emergency procedures at the village
hall in the event of a power cut would be included in the November
issue of the parish magazine. Mr Simpson to draft.

N Simpson

Dunsfold and Hascombe Horticultural Society would like to donate
another tree to the parish council. It was agreed that a tree to replace
the one lost last year at the pond would be appropriate.

Mr Simpson reported that there is a bin hidden in undergrowth on the
patch of land just behind the Little Library. Despite being hidden, people
are using it to put dog waste bags and the bin wasn't being emptied. The
Clerk and other members of the parish council were unaware of the bin.
The Clerk would ask Cllr Deanus whether the bin could be moved.

Clerk

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Next meeting

Monday 13th November.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:26.

Hascombe Parish Council

14 September 2023

Omar Sharif
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Dear Omar Sharif,

RE: WA/2023/01672 THE WHITE HORSE, THE STREET, HASCOMBE, GU8 4JA

Application for advertisement consent to display. 2 No. Replacement externally illuminated sets of applied letters 1 no. Replacement externally illuminated post pictorial sign 1 no. Replacement corner wall hung externally illuminated pictorial sign 1 no. Replacement non illuminated wall plaque and menu board

Hascombe Parish Council is writing to **object** to the above application for planning, listed building and conservation area consent reasons.

The proposed signage is trying to make this Young's premises look like a town pub with its formulaic standardisation of this 17th century public house by destroying its unique signage features: -

- By the unnecessary removal of the unique wrought iron blacksmith-made corner bracket fixed to the external wall at high level. Photographic evidence shows this decorative and substantial iron bracket in place on this listed building for over 100 years. The reason this pub has a corner bracket on the side was due to a crossroads at this point. Nore Lane, that stretches to the eastern boundary and beyond was a principal route to Cranleigh via the Nore. The B2130 is a relatively modern intervention and originally the main road went past the Church, now a lane and part of the Greensand Way linking Hampshire to Kent.

As in the previous objections to unnecessary stripping out of the heritage features of this statutorily listed heritage asset, we are dismayed to see such unnecessary desecration. The Young & Co's Brewery plc mission statement states: *'the character and individuality of each of our premises gives them a unique feel.'* This application consent seeks to kill the individual character of this pub that is *steeped in history*. When the company purchased the White Horse, Youngs stated that they were delighted to have acquired this quintessential English country pub as a great addition to their premium managed pub portfolio.

The Heritage Statement does not follow any guidelines as set out by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF Sept 2023) Chapter 16 Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment. The statement is technically non-compliant with the requirements of paragraph 194 and again fails to consult with the Surrey Heritage Environment Record (HER) where the level of detail should be proportionate to the asset's importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. **'As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted** and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary.'

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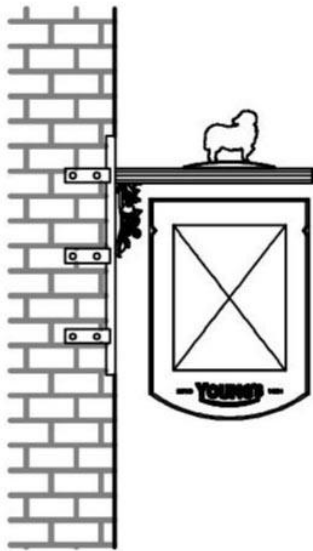
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The corner pub sign originally designed by Gertrude Jekyll (famous craftswoman, gardener and artist) in 1926 and the repainted sign currently over the mantelpiece in what was the Public Bar.

We are disappointed there has been no recognition of the heritage of this deeply rural country public house whose history stretches back centuries just to be swept away with a corporate makeover, the one thing completely against the Young & Co Brewery plc's own Mission Statement.

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The proposed corporate signage of pressed steel and plastic with integral lighting compared to the existing blacksmith-made wrought iron corner bracket with strapwork that extends back to the Bargate stone wall that is not wholly reliant on the mellow orange handmade brickwork quoins of this listed building.

As for the wall wash lighting to the front façade, which may be appropriate for a town pub set within the townscape, it does not befit a deeply rural setting in the countryside and within the Hascombe Conservation Area. This tranquil location will benefit from the Dark Night Skies Policy when the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) becomes a National Park.

We consider listed building consent should be refused for the removal of this fixture. The proposed signage will result in harm to the character and appearance of this listed building set within the heart of the Hascombe Conservation Area and the Surrey Hills AONB. Hascombe Parish Council strongly urges the Council to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell
Clerk to Hascombe Parish Council