

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 17th July 2023** at Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe.

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

Cllr Kevin Deanus, Cllr Connor Relleen and two members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Rosie Pedder.

23/043 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.

23/044 Representations from members of the public

There were no representations from members of the public.

23/045 Co-option of a new member to fill a casual vacancy

Mr Norman Simpson was co-opted as a member of the parish council to fill a casual vacancy.

23/046 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Deanus reported that the Scheme of Delegation regarding planning would be changing. This would mean that borough councillors would no longer be able to be a voting member of the planning committee for planning applications in the wards they represent and that they would only be able to speak at the beginning of the meeting when an application in their ward was being considered, rather than being able to speak again after all other speakers. Likewise, councillors would no longer be able to request that an application be called in to committee. This was disappointing for the parish council as it was felt that our borough councillors would have less power to represent residents.

Cllr Deanus advised that the Waverley Executive had agreed that the Local Plan would undergo a full review. This was disappointing as it would carry less weight in the intervening period and also impact on Local Plan Part 2 and neighbourhood plans.

Regarding the proposed weight restriction on Markwick Lane and surrounding roads, Cllr Deanus advised that he was awaiting a revised drawing that would include the B2130 in the restricted area.

23/047 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

23/048 Chair's Report

There was nothing to report that wasn't covered elsewhere on the agenda.

23/049	<p>Highways and public rights of way</p> <p>It was reported that the grass verges at the end of Mare Lane needed to be cut as visibility was impaired. Mr Pite would report to Surrey Highways. An Ash tree had fallen in the road near Lamberts and another in the vicinity had been reported to Highways, who were dealing with it.</p>	D Pite
23/050	<p>Hascombe Estate</p> <p>Hascombe Estate representatives had met with the village hall committee. It was agreed that vegetation would be cut back to improve sight lines when exiting the village hall car park.</p>	
23/051	<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>A quote for removing grass clippings was awaited.</p>	J Alvarez Clerk
23/052	<p>Review of Risk Register and Asset Register</p> <p>These had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members had no comment and would confirm approval at the next meeting.</p>	All
23/053	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) After consideration of the following planning applications, the responses were agreed:</p> <p>WA/2023/01353 and 01354 Installation of balustrade to front elevation and canopy to rear terrace with associated works and lighting. The White Horse, The Street Hascombe. Letter of objection appended</p> <p>WA/2023/01355 and 01356 Alterations to elevations of existing barn. The White Horse, The Street, Hascombe. Letter of comment appended</p> <p>WA/2023/01300 Listed Building consent for internal alterations. The White Horse, The Street, Hascombe. Letter of objection appended</p> <p>WA/2023/01270 Erection of a single storey extension. 3 Stream Gardens, Hascombe. No comment</p> <p>WA/2023/01332 Erection of extension to existing domestic outbuilding. Whinfold, Hascombe Road, Godalming. .Sarah, what shall I put about this one? You were looking at biodiversity?</p> <p>WA/2023/01343 Erection of trellis to existing fence. Whinfold, Hascombe Road, Godalming. No comment</p> <p>b) Recent planning decisions by Waverley Borough Council:</p> <p>TM/2023/01106 Application for works to tree subject of tree preservation order. The Old Rectory, Godalming Road, Loxhill. Granted</p> <p>WA/2023/00721 Erection of detached garage; installation of air source heat pump; erection of outbuilding following demolition of 3 existing outbuildings. 4 Pound Cottages, The Street, Hascombe Granted</p>	

WA/2023/00279 Erection of extensions and alterations with associated landscaping and removal of chimney. 4 Mare Lane, Hascombe. **Refused**

- c) Sladesfest. The parish council and residents had been unsuccessful in attempts to have the licence application for Slades Farm refused, due to lack of official evidence of the disruption experienced last year. It was hoped that the noise management plan and measures stipulated by the Licensing Committee would be effective in reducing noise disturbance. However it was agreed that the parish council would conduct its own noise monitoring at sites around the village. An expenditure of £1700 was agreed. The Clerk would put a notice on Facebook advising residents of the complaints hotline and Environmental Health number if residents need to complain.

23/054

Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

Risk assessment review to be confirmed at the next meeting. Areas of responsibility to be agreed at the next meeting.

23/055

Next meeting

Monday 11th September.

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

Hascombe Parish Council

26 July 2023

Omar Sharif
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The Burys
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GU7 1HR

Dear Omar Sharif

RE: THE WHITE HORSE, THE STREET, HASCOMBE, GU8 4JA
Alterations to elevations of existing barn
WA/2023/01355 and 01356

Hascombe Parish Council is writing to comment on the above planning applications. Whilst the parish council applauds the applicant for regularizing the 'works' carried out in the past without listed building consent, we would wish to see the reinstatement of the cast iron guttering and downpipes.



White Horse – stone barn with cast iron guttering and downpipes

The barn was originally part of a farmyard that included stabling for 5 horses, pig sties, cow house with an orchard. The photographs of this barn shows it had cast iron guttering up until 2019 and now only the cast iron hopper head remains on the north gable end. To ensure this building's future, the reinstatement of the cast iron guttering and downpipes is essential.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Omar Sharif

RE: THE WHITE HORSE, THE STREET, HASCOMBE, GU8 4JA
Listed Building consent for internal alterations
WA/2023/01300

Hascombe Parish Council is writing to **object** to the above application for listed building consent.

The interior fit out 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 features:

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- By stripping out the unique, bespoke and quirky seating made from the very large spanner as a bench end and that came from the nearby watermill. This is located in the Public Bar
- By relaying the brick paved floor to the restaurant with its fine joints hard to achieve today.
- Replacing the back bars, creating a new glass rack in brass over the bar in the form of a gantry that no truly country pub bar has had and this pub never had. The use of brass is completely out of character in this deeply rural location.
- Addition of a brass foot rail where there has never been one before and will create a trip hazard, denuding the limited heritage that have survived so far to date.
- The undermining of a pub sign originally painted by Gertrude Jekyll as bric-a-brac.
- A total lack of understanding of the significance or sense of place. The interior designer has failed to recognise which part of the pub is the Saloon and muddled it up with the Public Bar.
The Public Bar has the herringbone timber block flooring to take the heavy duty country sports and muddy dogs, (Trade Area 1) whereas the saloon has carpet and was the restaurant area (Trade Area 2).
- Introduction of modern corporate furniture and fittings that are not befitting a country pub in this rural location. It may provide more 'covers' but it does not keep the individual character of this pub so carefully crafted in the mission statement.

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 for listed building 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.

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The Heritage Statement does not follow any guidelines as set out by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF July 2021) Chapter 16 Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment. The statement is technically non-compliant with the requirements of paragraph 194 and fails to consult with the Surrey 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.'



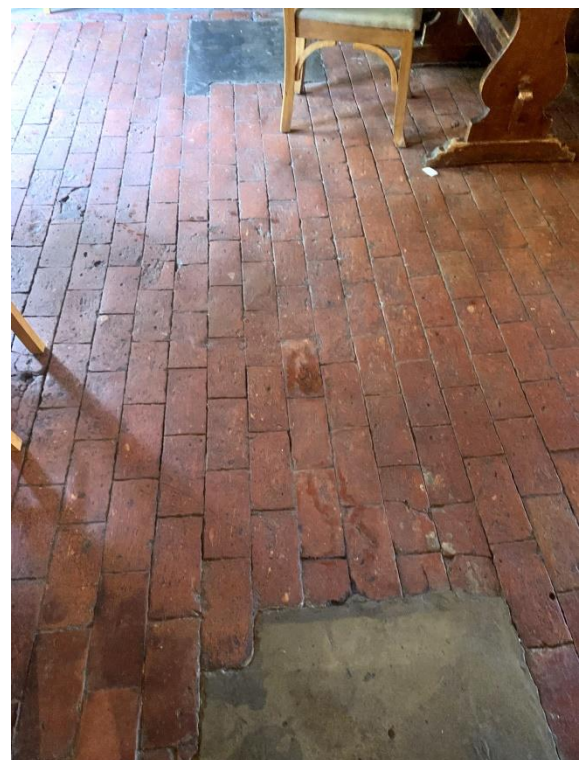
Bench end with watermill
1926
wheel spanner



Pub sign originally designed by Gertrude Jekyll in
(famous craftswoman, gardener and artist)



The repainted sign over the mantelpiece
restaurant



Brickwork pavers to the floor of the

We consider listed building consent should be refused. It will result in harm to the character and appearance of this listed building set within the heart of the Hascombe Conservation Area. The Hascombe Parish Council strongly urges the Council to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

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GU7 1HR

Dear Omar Sharif

RE: THE WHITE HORSE, THE STREET, HASCOMBE, GU8 4JA
Installation of balustrade to front elevation and canopy to rear terrace with associated works and lighting WA/2023/01353 and 01354

Hascombe Parish Council is writing to **object** to the above planning application.

The tented structure to the rear elevation is fairly simple and has limited impact in terms of the Conservation Area. The design detail lacks robustness and in the event of extreme weather conditions it would appear to have the ability to do a great deal of harm to the listed building. Can the architect verify that the structure is stable and will not cause harm? It also appears to block the emergency metal staircase from the upper floors.

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The proposed lamp top in pressed steel may be called 'Victorian' but this is sadly a poor example of a lantern, lacking quality; it will have no longevity and it is not befitting of the setting of this designated heritage asset.

We consider this application should be refused. It will result in a major impact to the character and appearance of this listed building set within the heart of the Hascombe Conservation Area. Hascombe Parish Council questions the use of materials and their robustness in this application and listed building consent.

Yours sincerely

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31 July 2023

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The Burys
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GU7 1HR

Dear Matt Ayscough

RE: WHINFOLD, HASCOMBE ROAD, GODALMING GU8 4AE
Erection of extension to existing domestic outbuilding
WA/2023/01332

Hascombe Parish Council are writing to comment on the above planning application and we wish to **object** on the grounds that the neighbours are being adversely affected by the lighting installed around these new structures. The introduction of light pollution into this deeply rural landscape within the Surrey Hills AONB has the potential to have a harmful urbanising impact on the countryside. All rural areas are potentially sensitive and external lighting and illumination of such areas is specifically harmful to wildlife and our ecology.

In this case, the illuminations lead to the loss of amenity to local human residents, resulting in an unacceptable harmful impact due to light pollution. Dark Skies are why we live or move to the countryside and should be treasured.

Through its careful control over development, Waverley Borough Council has, over the years, sought to protect and maintain the special character of this rural landscape. These external illuminations will result in harm to the character and intrinsic landscape quality of this tranquil setting in the Surrey Hills AONB.

Yours sincerely

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