

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 5th September 2022** at Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe.

Attendees: Mrs Sarah Sullivan –Chair
Mrs Rosie Pedder – Vice Chair
Mr Ted Dwyer – Member
Mr David Pite
Mrs B Weddell - Clerk

Cllr Kevin Deanus, Cllr Richard Seaborne and three members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

22/067 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.

22/068 **Representations from members of the public**

There were no representations from members of the public.

22/069 **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Richard Seaborne reported that the public hearing of Waverley Local Plan Part 2 concluded the following day, and that the Inspector’s report would be awaited. Waverley was consulting residents regarding potential redevelopment in Godalming town centre, including building on Wharf Street and Crown Court car park. Cllr Seaborne and Cllr Deanus had attended the Lydia Park appeal hearing.

Cllr Deanus reported that he was due to attend a follow-up meeting regarding the proposed weight restriction on Markwick Lane and surrounding roads.

22/070 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

22/071 **Chair’s Report**

There was nothing to report not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

22/072 **Areas of Responsibility**

The following of responsibility were agreed:

Planning	Sarah Sullivan/Rosie Pedder
Hascombe Estate	Sarah Sullivan
Hascombe Pond	Ted Dwyer
Public Rights of Way	David Pite
Liaising with WBC & SCC	Sarah Sullivan & Clerk
UK Power Networks	Ted Dwyer
WH Telecoms	Ted Dwyer
Village Hall	Sarah Sullivan
Hutley Estate	Sarah Sullivan
White Horse	David Pite
St Peter’s Church	David Pite

Speedwatch	Rosie Pedder
Communications/Facebook	Ted Dwyer
Surrey ALC Rep	Sarah Sullivan
Neighbourhood Watch	Rosie Pedder
Fountain	Sarah Sullivan
Upper House	Sarah Sullivan
Trees	David Pite
Bank	Sarah Sullivan
AONB	Sarah Sullivan

22/073

Matters arising from the meeting of 25th July

- a) Storage of village documents (Hascombe archive). There was no progress to report.
- b) Mr Dwyer was due to meet with electricians to confirm the specification for installation of the generator at the village hall. UK Power Networks had provided a goodwill grant to the Parish Council towards the cost of the generator. It was hoped the new generator would be available and set up as an emergency stand-by before winter. An emergency action plan would be drawn up, which would be communicated to all residents. The Clerk would produce a first draft for discussion.
- c) Planning training. The Clerk had contacted Zak Ellwood at Waverley and he would be happy to attend a meeting with parish councillors, although the Head of Planning role was being merged with Guildford and he was waiting to find out whether he would still be in post
- d) Mobile Phone Mast. Mr Dwyer had continued to chase EE and BT to try to find out when the new mobile phone mast will be commissioned. It had been frustrating that there had been no further information other than the contractors are awaiting power to be connected. Jeremy Hunt MP also continued to chase this up on behalf of residents.

S Sullivan

T Dwyer

Clerk

22/074

Footpaths, Bridleways and Highways

The path from the fountain to the White Horse was overgrown again, with low hanging trees at head height. Mr Pite would report to Surrey County Council online as a safety issue.

D Pite

Mr Pite would check the salt bins the following weekend and advise the Clerk so she could let Cllr Deanus know salt bins that would need refilling.

D Pite

Overgrown hogweed was still an issue on the Hutley Estate, although it was too late in the season for it to be dealt with this year. Mr Pite would contact the Estate in the hope they would prepare for it to be dealt with next spring.

D Pite

22/075

Hascombe Estate

Freya Rawlings, the Agent, had sent her apologies. In relation to the Village Hall car park and damage to the post and rail fencing by fallen trees she had advised that the Estate foresters had attended the car park and would report back on advised tree-related works.

22/076

Hascombe Pond

Pond clearance would be carried out in November by Tom Earis as previously agreed. In the meantime, the edges around the pond needed cutting back before the children's fishing competition and this was in hand.

- 22/077 Policy and procedure for funding village activities**
It was agreed that grant funding requests for village activities would be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the year rather than a specific sum being pre-allocated in the budget.
- 22/078 Village Christmas Tree**
It was agreed that the purchase of a Christmas tree would be included as an annual budget item up to £100 per year. The Parish Council would reimburse Friends of Hascombe, who would source the tree.
- 22/079 Social Media**
The Parish Council had sought advice from SSALC following pressure from some residents that Parish Councillors make themselves available to be contacted via the Hascombe Community Facebook page.
- SSALC advised that presence on Facebook and other social media platforms should be managed by the Clerk, as is already the case in Hascombe. SSALC advised that the experience of parish councillors being contacted directly via social media can lead to problems arising from sharing of misinformation, intentionally, incidentally or accidentally, councillors feeling forced into making responses which are read as reflecting the council's views, which can lead to internal conflict, an expectation that the councillor's response will be fed into the decision-making, which can lead to a challenge of pre-determination or bias.
- Hascombe Parish Council has its own Facebook page with the facility to Facebook message the Clerk. There is a Parish Council website, which includes contact details for the Clerk and Parish Councillors.
- 22/080 Bank Payment Authorisation**
After consideration, it was agreed that the bank mandate would be amended to allow single-user authorisation of bank payments by the Clerk. All payments are pre-authorised and no additional payments would be made without agreement from parish councillors. Mrs Pedder would be added to as a signatory with online access. Clerk
- 22/081 Planning**
- a) After consideration of the following planning applications, the responses were agreed:
WA/2022/02058 Erection of extensions and alterations including dormer windows. Handon Cottage, Markwick Lane. **No comment.**
- b) Recent planning decisions by Waverley Borough Council:
There were no recent decisions to report.
- 22/082 Items of business for information or inclusion on a future agenda**
Mrs Pedder reported that the Friends of Hascombe are very keen to find treasurer. Speedwatch are still recruiting new volunteers.
- 22/066 Next meeting**
Monday 7th November at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:35.