

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 9th January 2023** at Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe.

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

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

Apologies: Mr Pite had sent his apologies for absence.

23/001 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.

23/002 Representations from members of the public

There were no representations from members of the public.

23/003 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Seaborne reported that alternative proposals for WBC offices and Crown Court were being drawn up by February. The borough council's budget meeting would be held in February. The Local Plan Part 2 modifications were out to consultation, and it was likely the Plan would be adopted by the middle of the year.

23/004 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

23/005 Chair's Report

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

23/006 Matters arising from the meeting of 25th July

- a) Storage of village documents (Hascombe archive). There was no progress to report.
- b) Emergency Action Plan. The Clerk would arrange a meeting of stakeholders to finalise the plan. Emergency wi-fi access would also be provided, however, Mr Alvarez wished to advise the village hall committee regarding security settings for the wi-fi.
- c) Mobile Phone Mast – the latest update from EE was that current 'live' date for the site was 5th May.
- d) Fountain water flow – the reduced water flow from the fountain had been investigated and the problem resolved. The flow had now returned to normal.

Clerk

23/007 Highways and public rights of way

Surrey County Council had visited to investigate the source of flooding at Spring Gardens. They had mapped out all the drains and manholes and would compile a full report and make recommendations. Cllr Deanus would follow-up recommended actions from the report. The Hoe Lane blockage had been resolved and no issues had arisen during recent periods of heavy rain.

	<p>Mr Dwyer would request that Thames Water make good the land around the pumping station that had been torn up by tankers in recent weeks.</p> <p>The surface of the car park opposite the White Horse had started to wash away during periods of heavy rain. Mr Dwyer had requested that Surrey County Council make the surface good.</p>	T Dwyer
23/008	<p>Hascombe Estate</p> <p>The Chair would chase the estate regarding items still outstanding, including the doors and window frames of the woodyard would be painted as previously agreed. The Estate would cut low hanging branches and replace broken fencing in the village hall car park. In addition, there was a tree near the White Horse that was causing a road safety hazard and needed to be cut back. The Chair would send photographs to Freya Rawlings.</p>	S Sullivan
23/009	<p>Hascombe Pond</p> <p>The work to clear overgrown vegetation at the back of the pond had been carried out. Two fallen silver beech trees were still in the pond and a quote would be obtained to have these removed in due course.</p> <p>Mr Dwyer and Mr Lye had repaired the sundial to ensure it was not a safety hazard.</p> <p>Parents had been seen allowing children to play on the ice of the pond during a recent period of cold weather. The Clerk would order a 'Danger think ice' sign that could be put up temporarily during periods when the pond ices over.</p> <p>Mr Alvarez said that the biodiversity of the pond area would be improved if grass cuttings could be collected and removed as happens in the church area. The Clerk would ask Mr Elliott for a quote.</p>	Clerk Clerk
23/010	<p>Precept</p> <p>Taking into account budget expenditure and reserves held, it was proposed by Mrs Sullivan, seconded by Mrs Pedder and unanimously agreed that the Precept on Waverley Borough Council for the year ending 31/3/2023 would be £7200. This would mean a very slight increase in the parish council portion of Council Tax for residents.</p>	
23/011	<p>Risk Assessment Review</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the Risk Assessment would be updated to incorporate the generator and emergency action plan. The Clerk would also update the plan to include individual responsibility and actions, and then recirculate to members for approval.</p>	Clerk
23/012	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) After consideration of the following planning applications, the responses were agreed: WA/2022/03120 Alterations to existing detached garage and store to provide ancillary accommodation. Park Hatch, Dunsfold Road, Loxhill. No comment.</p> <p>b) Recent planning decisions by Waverley Borough Council: There were no recent Hascombe decisions to report. The most recent application for Change of Use at Langhurst Farm had been refused by the Planning Committee.</p>	

23/012

Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

Grant funding was available from Cllr Deanus's community allocation. Any application would need to be made within ten days and it was suggested an application could be made for cricket nets and equipment.

Following on from previous discussions, it was agreed the parish council would apply to have the White Horse relisted as an Asset of Community Value.

Clerk

Mrs Pedder would investigate the benefits of designating the recreation ground as a Village Green and the process for this should the parish council decide it is worth pursuing.

R Pedder

Mr Alvarez said he would like to carry out a botanical survey of Hascombe.

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Next meeting

Monday 6th March at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00.