

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 8 January 2024** 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 15 members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

		Action
24/001	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.	
24/002	Representations from members of the public Valentine and Francis Hutley and a representative of Calvin Hanks were present on behalf of Sladesfest. They said their main mission was to involve the local community. They invited Hascombe residents to join the organising committee, to help sell tickets and make the event more profitable for charity going forward. Members of the public expressed concerns about noise disturbance and they were asked how they could ensure the noise level is maintained at a reasonable level for neighbours. The parish council pointed out that permitted noise levels after 11pm were exceeded at the event last year. Calvin Hanks would send their 2023 noise analysis to the parish council who would make copies available to residents upon request. They advised that the Sladesfest licence is capped at 1500 and the believed it would take a few years to get to that number.	
24/003	Reports from Councillors Cllr Deanus advised that he had requested sums from the revenue grant to cut back vegetation and overhanging trees from the fountain to the White Horse, which would be carried out before April. Cllr Deanus reported that the proposed weight limit on Markwick Lane and surrounding roads was going through various approval stages.	
24/004	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th November were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	
24/005	Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that she had met with Katherine Mills, manager of Munstead Wood. She would be attending an information session with Mr Alvarez and Mrs Pedder regarding the National Trust's proposals for Munstead Wood. Katherine Mills would also be invited to attend the Annual Assembly.	

24/006	<p>Matters arising from the meeting of 13 November</p> <p>a) Rob Fairbanks invitation to the Annual Assembly 2024. A response was awaited from Mr Fairbanks and the Clerk would follow-up with this PA, Emma Cole.</p> <p>b) Generator and emergency plan – update. Mr Simpson advised that the emergency plan and procedure for generator use was in place.</p>	Clerk
24/007	<p>Precept</p> <p>After consideration and taking into account budget income and expenditure and balances held, proposed by Mr Alvarez and seconded by Mr Pite, it was agreed the Precept on Waverley Borough Council for the financial year ending 31/3/2025 would be £8,500, which would be £46.91 for an average Band D council tax payer.</p> <p>The budget for the year ending 31.3.2025 was agreed subject to adding an annual grant to the PCC to pay for the December parish magazine to be distributed to all households in the village. It was also agreed that the parish council would pay 40% of the Clerk’s CiLCA training.</p>	
24/008	<p>Highways and public rights of way</p> <p>It was agreed that a separate meeting would be held to discuss the parish council’s response to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation. Mr Pite would circulate dates.</p> <p>A member of the public advised that flood waters from the road had entered a property in Spring Gardens during the recent heavy rain from Storm Hank. Residents had cleared the drains, which was effective in limiting the surface water run-off. As a Community residents needed to be mindful of clearing the drains when high rainfall is forecast.</p>	D Pite
24/009	<p>Hascombe Estate</p> <p>There was a new contact at Savills, who Mr Simpson had been liaising with. The estate had cut back the hedge to improve sight lines when exiting the village hall car park. Mr Simpson would remind Savills about repainting the woodyard doors and window frames.</p>	N Simpson
24/010	<p>Hascombe Pond</p> <p>Surrey Wildlife Trust had attended to carry out a survey of the pond. Their main concern regarding the sluice boards was where the ground has sunk in the pat of where pipes take water out of the pond, indicating the pipes may have collapsed. Mr Alvarez was seeking a survey and quotes for remedial work. Pipes were also collapsing where water goes into the pond, although work to remedy this was not so urgent.</p> <p>The Trust also made recommendations regarding planting and coppicing to increase biodiversity. They advised that algae during summer months was caused by varying levels of light and shade, when a constant level of dapped sunshine/shade should be sought. Other recommendations for planting that we can do around the pond and coppicing trees to increase biodiversity. They also recommended that the pond probably needs to be re-dredged, but recommended a specialist confirms this. Mr Alvarez has met with one specialist at the site who will provide a quote. Other quotes will be sought.</p>	J Alvarez

Mr Alvarez had also met with Grant Roffey regarding the skunk cabbage, and he was also agreeable to erecting dams to slow the flow of silt into the pond from the land above.

J Alvarez

24/011

Website and Communications Update

Mr Alvarez advised that he was in the process of building a new website with the aim of improving communications with residents, which would be able to be accessed by the Clerk and parish councillors. Ongoing communications would be centralised on the website.

24/012

Planning

a) There were no planning applications for consideration.

b) Recent planning decisions by Waverley Borough Council:
WA/2023/02152 Listed building consent for repair and alterations to existing granary building. Lodge Farm, Dunsfold Road, Loxhill –

Granted

WA/2023/02156 Listed building consent for the display for replacement advertisements. The White Horse – **Granted**

WA/2023/02157 Application for advertisement consent to display externally illuminated set of applied letters to one externally illuminated post pictorial sign, non illuminated corner wall hung sign, non illuminated wall plaque and menu board. The White Horse –

Granted

WA/2023/02161 Erection of detached stable building and formation of permeable hardstanding; formation of new vehicle access and closure of existing vehicle access. Land coordinates 502393 137953 Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh – **Refused**

WA/2023/02128 Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 7 gypsy families together with laying of hardstanding. Land adjoining 12 Lydia Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh - **Refused**

c) Dark Skies policy. Mrs Pedder advised that she had spoken to Matthew Ellis at Waverley, who advised that a Neighbourhood Plan would be necessary to formally adopt a Dark Skies policy to be considered in the planning process. He said that another route would be to encourage Waverley to introduce a Dark Skies policy in the Local Plan, which was under review. The parish council would liaise with other parish councils when the new Local Plan is out for consultation. Mrs Pedder would enquire whether a Village Design Statement would carry any weight in local decision making.

R Pedder

Mr Alvarez reported that he had received confirmation from the Surrey Hills National Landscape (formerly Surrey Hills AONB) that bats are defined as part of the national landscape and thus any planning, licensing or indeed any activity, has a duty to consider the effect on bats. Therefore, using Government information on the effect of light on bats, we do in effect have a dark skies policy that can be enforced if necessary.

d) Other matters related to planning – there was nothing to report.

24/013

Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

The outcome of the discussion regarding the ROWIP consultation would be confirmed at the next meeting.

23/069

Next meeting

Monday 4th March.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20.