

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 8 March 2021** via Zoom.

Attendees: Mr P Lye –Chairman
Mrs A Nash – Vice Chairman
Mr T Dwyer – Member
Mrs S Sullivan – Member
Mrs B Weddell - Clerk

Cllr Richard Seaborne, Cllr D’Arcy and five members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Andrew Thornton.

		ACTION
21/021	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.	
21/022	Representations from members of the public A member of the public raised concerns about increasing quad bike activity and abusive behaviour on Hascombe Hill and bridleways in the village. The local Police were aware and were holding meetings with some residents. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Police, Surrey County Council with Mr Lye and Mr Thornton. Andy Kinnear would also be invited.	A Thornton
21/023	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	
21/024	Chairman’s Report There was nothing to report that wasn’t covered elsewhere on the agenda.	
21/025	Projects for the Current Term a) Pond Clearance – Mr Thornton had advised that James Reynolds needed to requote for the work and an onsite meeting would be arranged. There was no further update. b) Hedge from Fountain to the White Horse. The Chairman and Mr Thornton had met with Andy Kinnear to discuss possible solutions. It was felt that coppicing the hedge would be the most effective long-term solution, with the hedge being cut down to head height and large gaps filled in with saplings. It was accepted that this would be the best method for the long-term, even though it would look messy to begin with. The Chairman would advise Andy Kinnear that the parish council was in agreement with the proposal and it was hoped Mr Anstruther would authorise the work to proceed later in the year. There was no further update.	A Thornton
21/026	Footpaths, Bridleways and Highways a) Car park opposite the White Horse – the car park had been resurfaced, and a ditch dug. The area at the end of the car park was still to be done and remained cordoned off until summer when the ground has dried. It was suggested the parish council did some planting, including a small cotoneaster hedge at the end of the car park. The Chairman would investigate the cost and report back. It was also agreed that grass seed would be put down on the cordoned off area to help consolidate the ground, which the Chairman offered to do. The car park would be	P Lye

	monitored during wet weather and closed off again if necessary to maintain the surface. A laminated sign would be nailed up letting people know where there was alternative parking. b) Area opposite the Old Post Office –Mrs Nash and/or Mr Thornton were to contact BT, who owned the land, to ask for it to be tidied up. There was no update to report. c) Verges in Mare Lane – Mr Dwyer had met again with contractor, Katie Polson, regarding surfacing for the verges in Mare Lane. Katie had provided a new quote of £23,000 for work to be carried out to the required standard. Due to the high costs, it was not viable for the parish council to pursue this project, although Mr Dwyer would investigate the possibility of grant funding via Your Fund Surrey. The Chairman would liaise with Mr Thornton about discussing the possibility of parking an extension to the Hoe Lane car park to accommodate some of the cars in Mare Lane. The possibility of housing would also be discussed.	P Lye A Nash/A Thornton P Lye/A Thornton
21/027	Review of Risk Register The Clerk would clarify queries raised by Mr Dwyer and circulate final version for approval.	Clerk
21/028	Member communications It was confirmed that all emails from members concerning parish council matters should be copied into all members of the parish council and the Clerk.	All
21/029	Aims and Objectives Mr Dwyer had produced the guideline document and was awaiting a copy of the electoral register so that members could begin knocking on doors and talking to residents as Coronavirus restrictions eased at the end of the month.	Clerk/T Dwyer
21/030	Hascombe Pond Cllr D’Arcy would chase Richard Homewood again regarding the contact for litter bin emptying. An estimate for repairing the bird bath was awaited. Once the estimate was received, the parish council would consider whether the bird bath should remain, due to safety concerns.	A Thornton
21/031	Hascombe Estate There was nothing to report.	
21/032	Speedwatch Update Mrs Nash reported that Speedwatch would be starting again later in the month as Coronavirus restrictions eased and once the Cranleigh road reopened.	
21/033	Planning a) After full consideration of the following planning application, the parish council decided to comment as follows: WA/2021/0336 Erection of detached triple bay two storey garage. Handon Cottage, Markwick Lane, Loxhill. No objection PRA/2020/0023 - GPDO 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3 Class R – Prior Notification Application for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Flexible Use within Business (Class B1). Langhurst Farm, Lodkin Hill. Letter of objection appended	

21/034

Next meeting

Annual Meeting Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45.

Hascombe Parish Council

10 March 2021

Kate Edwards
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Dear Kate Edwards,

RE: LANGHURST FARM, LODKIN HILL, HASCOMBE, GU8 4JP

PRA/2020/0023 - GPDO 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3 Class R – Prior Notification Application for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Flexible Use within Business (Class B1)

Further to Hascombe Parish Council's letter of objection in December 2020, the following email extracts, from Matt Ayscough, Waverley Planning Enforcement Officer, to Paul Morganti, Hascombe resident, have recently been brought to our attention. We believe that these are very relevant to this planning application and prove that these barns have recently been in non-agricultural use.

On 19th June 2020:

"I visited the Langhurst Farm site today. I observed the caravan (which is occupied), the storage of ambulance vehicles in an agricultural barn, the shipping container and the stables (empty but with recent signs of horses)."

On 1st December 2020:

"Having requested planning application from the owner in respect of the caravan, the shipping container, and the 'ambulance barn' in July 2020, no applications have yet been submitted."

And on 3rd February 2021:

"I observed works to both large barns and noted that the occupied caravan (with aerial) and shipping container are still present. The gentleman who is occupying the caravan confirmed that he has done so since my last visit. The smaller barn is still being used for some non-agricultural horse-keeping."

Furthermore, the parish council notes the following extract from Waverley's Agricultural Consultant in response to WA/2015/2030 application for change of use of agricultural barn to a dwelling, which was refused by Waverley:

"The building and land were let to a tenant for one year in May 2014, although the tenant has yet to vacate the property. The barn has been used for agriculture and there are remains of a crop of hay visible in the barn. The majority of the building is now being used for the non-agricultural storage of cars and other machinery. The barn is: - Partially in use for agricultural storage – albeit the hay crop appears in very poor condition; - Being used by agricultural tenants – albeit that the tenancy has expired; - Being used for non-agricultural storage of motor vehicles. "