

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025 at Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe.

Attendees: Mrs Sarah Sullivan –Chair
Mrs Rosie Pedder - Member
Mr David Pite – Member
Steven Rodwell - Member
Mrs B Weddell - Clerk

Cllr Kevin Deanus, Cllr Connor Relleen, Waverley Borough Commander Inspector Rob Brian and two members of the public were in attendance

Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Norman Simpson.

		Action
25/29	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.	
25/30	Election of Chair Proposed by Mrs Pedder, seconded by Mr Pite and agreed unanimously, Sarah Sullivan was re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.	
25/31	Election of Vice Chair Proposed by Mrs Sullivan, seconded by Mr Rodwell and agreed unanimously, Norman Simpson was re-elected Vice Chair of the parish council for the ensuing year.	
25/32	Representations from members of the public There were no representations from members of the public.	
25/33	Report from Inspector Rob Brian Inspector Brian updated the meeting about his team of two sergeants, seven police constables and seven PCSOs. It is possible there may be one more PC for Waverley following government recommendations. There was currently a focus on retail crime and cases solved was improving year on year. Work is ongoing regarding issues at Stovolds Hill.	
25/34	Reports from Councillors Cllr Deanus reported on the latest developments regarding Local Government reform. We will know later in the year whether Surrey would be split into two or three unitaries, and the Boundary Commission would decide how many councillors would represent each Division.	
25/35	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 17 th March were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	

25/36	Chairman's Report	The Chair reported that the four parish councils, including Hascombe, would be taking part in the forthcoming planning inquiry regarding appeals against decisions to refuse four planning applications at Stovolds Hill.	Clerk
		That week the Chair, Mr Simpson and Mrs Pedder had done some work to improve the drainage between Hoe Farm and the White Horse by cutting some drainage channels. They had also cut back some low-hanging branches. A date would be arranged for parish councillors to walk nearby footpaths and agree investigate solutions to some access issues.	
		An annual report would be produced.	Clerk
25/37	Highways and public rights of way	There was nothing to report.	
25/38	Hascombe Estate	Mr Simpson had advised prior to the meeting that he had chased the Estate re cutting back vegetation to restore the view from the main viewing point on Hascombe Hill. He had also chased regarding maintenance of the Woodyard hedge and weeding. In addition, he had asked the Estate to check an Ash tree on The Street.	
25/39	Hascombe Pond	Quotes for the pond area tree work would be actioned in advance of the Autumn. Mr Simpson was taking recommendations for local tree surgeons.	N Simpson
		It was agreed to purchase two new benches to replace the two Musgrave benches.	Clerk
25/40	Adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31.3.2025	<p>a) The Annual Governance Statement was completed and approved unanimously.</p> <p>b) The Accounting Statements for 2024/25 were approved unanimously.</p> <p>c) The Certificate of Exemption for 2024/25 was approved unanimously.</p>	
25/41	Henry Smith Charity Accounts	The Balance Sheet for Hascombe Henry Smiths Charity for the year ended 31.12.2024 was approved and signed by the Chairman.	
25/42	Areas of Responsibility	This item was deferred to the next meeting, in Mr Simpson's absence. Mr Rodwell would speak to Mr Simpson before the next meeting to discuss any areas of responsibility he may wish to take over.	S Rodwell/ N Simpson
25/43	Website and email	It was agreed that Mailchimp would be incorporated into the website to allow people to subscribe for email updates. Once set up, a notice would be put in the parish magazine and Facebook page.	Clerk

Mr Pite had yet to set up his parish council email and would seek guidance from Mr Simpson.

D Pite

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Planning

- a) There were no new planning applications for consideration.
- b) There were no new planning decisions to report.
- c) Surrey Hills National Landscape Management Plan consultation.
After discussion, it was agreed that the Chair would draft the response for approval via email.

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Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

Areas of Responsibility would be included on the next agenda. New Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had also been issued and would be included on the next agenda for consideration. Internal Audit report and any actions arising would also be considered.

Clerk

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Next meeting

Monday 7th July

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