

FEBRUARY UPDATE FROM HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Hascombe Parish Council takes place on 17th March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will be attended by Surrey Police Borough Commander, Inspector Rob Bryan and Sgt Phil Bayman, who will give us an update of crime in our area.

We will also be discussing the following issues:

20mph zones in Surrey villages are being considered by Surrey County Council. We expect to discuss the issue at the meeting. Speedwatch members and others will contribute their thoughts. Do discuss the issue with neighbours and contribute your views (for or against) before then, or at the meeting.

Trees and the pond – The village pond area has had little management for some years, and no significant tree management for over 10 years. We've reported on the fact that work is needed for safety reasons and for the health of the pond itself. A qualified arboriculturist undertook a survey in February to identify trees which require immediate attention and those which require attention in the coming months and years, bearing in mind that winter is the time to do these works. Ash dieback is a particular concern. If you're interested, we expect to discuss and agree the tree management programme at the March HPC meeting. Work will be undertaken by a mix of professional tree surgeons and, where appropriate, by work parties formed of local volunteers.

The bridleway up the hill beside Yew Tree Cottage is now passable, and smoother than it was before the recent landslide. The earth that came down has spread and filled in the eroded channel that was affecting the track. Additional work will be carried out to prevent further landslips.

Do contact Beverley at clerk@hascombeparish.gov.uk or rosie.pedder@hascombeparish.gov.uk regarding any issues mentioned here.