

NOVEMBER UPDATE FROM HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Have you looked carefully at **the village pond** recently? The water level has risen slightly, and been stabilised after dropping gently over some months. HPC members have worked hard on the and replaced a couple of sluice boards. Other work to be carried out by a contractor over the winter will include removing a number of specific trees. This is for safety reasons and to reduce the shade over the pond and the quantity of leaves falling in the water, both of which were damaging the water quality. More details, explanation and photos will soon be on the HPC website. Do come to the HPC meeting on 6th January if you want to know more about plans to protect the pond area, replace benches etc. We've agreed that a day's work each winter will be allowed in the budget to trim or remove harmful branches, trees etc.

Observant drivers may have noticed the signs that have now been put up on the perimeter of the new **HGV exclusion zone** covering the area between the A283 and the A281, which should reduce HGVs on The Street and Markwick Lane. Many thanks to SCC Councillor Kevin Deanus for his efforts and perseverance on this project! We're hoping to establish a village HGV Watch group who would report on and photograph errant HGVs in the village. Do contact Beverley at clerk@hascombeparish.gov.uk or rosie.pedder@hascombeparish.gov.uk if you are willing to photograph and report on HGVs if you spot them. There will be more about this on the HPC website when we have all the rules.

Another update on **Stovolds Hill travellers' site**. Sadly there was some trouble at Halloween for homes close to the area, the police were called out and one of their vehicles damaged. As mentioned before, all four parishes affected by the recent growth in numbers of people and accommodation units on the site were expecting to represent views at a Planning Appeal Inquiry in November. The 8-day Inquiry covering four planning appeals began on 12th November with numerous representatives, appellants, council officers, barristers, advisers, councillors, including two HPC councillors in the room. It was a challenging first day in which Alfold made their presentation and were energetically questioned by the appellants' counsel. Hascombe was due to present on the Friday. But the Inspector was taken ill and he adjourned the Inquiry, probably until the New Year. As before, if you wish to discuss, do attend the next HPC meeting, email any of the parish councillors or Beverley, or phone her on 07752 062215.

More **changes to the HPC website** were agreed, more news and information will be included, and look out for parish councillors' new parish email addresses which will soon be implemented.

Hascombe Parish Council still needs an extra member so please do contact Beverley, as above, if you'd like to know more about the role.

Next HPC meeting will be at 7.30pm on 6th January 2025 at the Village Hall.