

HASCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES of Hascombe Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at Hascombe Village Hall, Mare Lane, Hascombe.

Attendees: Mrs Sarah Sullivan –Chair
Mr Norman Simpson – Vice Chair
David Pite – Member
Mrs B Weddell - Clerk

Cllr Kevin Deanus, Cllr Jane Austin, PC Nick Boxall and 22 members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Rosie Pedder.

		Action
26/31	Election of Chair Sarah Sullivan was unanimously elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Mrs Sullivan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.	
26/32	Election of Vice Chair Norman Simpson was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Mr Simpson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.	
26/33	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.	
26/34	Representations from members of the public Members of the Public were present regarding Hascombe Fountain. Representations were heard from Hascombe residents, as well as those from outside the parish. After hearing from members of the public, the Clerk gave an update on the recent closure of the fountain. She stressed that the parish council was committed to getting the fountain flowing again and outlined the work being undertaken to make this happen. The parish council were instructed to turn the water off by Waverley Borough Council, acting on guidance from the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI), due to public health concerns. DWI regulations had been updated and it was no longer considered that warning signs were adequate to protect public health. In order to be able to turn the water back on, the parish council would need to take steps to ensure the water is safe to drink, or, as a last resort, erect a structure to prevent collection of the water. It was made clear that the requirements of the DWI would be necessary if another body or company, as had been suggested, was responsible for the fountain. The parish council has instructed an expert consultant. Initially, it would be necessary to seek a full suite of tests, to be carried out by Affinity Water, which could only be done after an extended period of	

dry weather. The parish council agreed to set aside funds for this. Depending on the test results, it is hoped that installation of a UV filtration system will reduce the frequency and cost of ongoing testing. The parish council is seeking quotes for the filtration system, which will be dependent on connection to a suitable electricity supply.

The meeting heard from residents from outside the parish, who made it clear that it would not be acceptable for them if the spring water was subject to UV filtration, due to their belief that this alters the molecular structure. It is likely that without the filtration system, a parish as small as Hascombe would not be able to fund the required testing, however, the parish council would seek costs for all scenarios.

The cost of the initial tests and the filtration system will be a significant investment from parish council reserves. Before proceeding, as soon as we have quotes for installation of a UV filtration system and likely costs for ongoing testing, the parish council will consult fully with Hascombe residents by writing to every household. We will also schedule an additional parish council meeting as soon as we have further information.

Clerk

26/35

Reports from Councillors

Cllr Deanus and Cllr Austin thanked residents for voting in the recent local elections for the new West Surrey Council. Cllr Deanus would continue to represent Hascombe residents on Waverley and Surrey County Councils until the new West Surrey Council takes control on 1st April 2027, when both Cllr Deanus and Cllr Austin would be the representatives on the new council. The councillors advised that the new council wouldn't become a legal entity until 1st April 2027, so Cllr Austin was not permitted to take on any casework until then. The councillors will report progress on the setting up of the new council over the coming months.

Cllr Deanus advised that the Rural Speed Review would be done in Hascombe in this financial year. The extension of the 30mph speed limit at the south end of the village was discussed and the Clerk would email Cllr Deanus about replacing the broken village gateway sign.

Clerk

26/36

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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Chair's Report

There was nothing to report that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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Hascombe Fountain

The Clerk had provided an update during the public session of the meeting.

It was RESOLVED to set aside funds to carry out the initial testing by Affinity Water when the weather conditions were suitable and once the full Risk Assessment had been done by Waverley.

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Highways and public rights of way

Mr Pite reported Mrs Pedder's absence that following on from the path warden training, the Surrey Countryside Access Team had agreed to provide us some time to help with filling in soft areas, using hoggin that they will provide. This was being done as a pilot scheme in Hascombe and was due to take place w/c 27th July.

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Hascombe Estate

Mr Simpson would follow up with Savills about re-installation of the steps up the bank behind Hoe Farm.

N Simpson

26/42

Hascombe Pond

The next phase of tree work around the pond, which would mean felling of six to 9 further Ash trees, was due to take place this autumn. There may also be a work party to help do some clearing of undergrowth.

Another new bench had been installed by the pond. Mr Pite advised that he had fully refurbished the Millennium Bench, which would be put back in position in the next couple of weeks.

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Finance

- a) The Internal Audit report was noted. Any actions arising from the report would be considered at the next meeting.
- b) The Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26, as circulated, was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.
- c) The Accounting Statements for 2025/26, as circulated, were approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.
- d) The Certificate of Exemption for 2025/26, as circulated, was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

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Planning

- a) The following planning applications were considered:
WA/2026/00656 1 Gorebridge Green Cottage, Dunsfold Road, Loxhill. Erection of ground and first floor extensions and alterations, creation of additional vehicle access (part retrospective). It was noted that Surrey Highways had objected to the new vehicular access on highways safety grounds. **No comment.**

WA/2026/00636 Park Hatch, Dunsfold Road, Loxhill. Alterations to existing detached garage to provide ancillary accommodation. **No comment.**

- b) There were no new planning decisions to report.
- c) Stovolds Hill - the planning inquiry would continue commencing on 16th June for four days.

26/45

Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

It was noted that the posts around the pond area were rotting. Mr Simpson would get quotes for replacing them.

N Simpson

Signs advising No Horse Riding and No Fishing would be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk

Provision of a dog poo bin would be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk

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Next meeting
Monday 6th July

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:16.