

Hascombe Parish Council

Report to Hascombe Parish Council for parish council meeting 30.9.2026.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Matters relating to Hascombe Fountain

9 a) Consultation – the future of Hascombe Fountain.

At the closing date on 21st September 2026, the breakdown of responses to the consultation of residents regarding the future of Hascombe Fountain, is as follows:

Option	No. responses	% responses
1. Install a UV filter	56	57%
2. Erect a grill	41	42%
3. Leave the water off	1	1%
Totals	98	100%

Void for no option selected or anonymous	11
Total responses received	109
% turnout	49%

9 b) Risk Assessment

The Waverley risk assessment is currently in draft form. It will be completed after the parish council has resolved which course of action to take.

9 c) Test Results

Accredited samplers from Affinity Water attended on 3rd September. The water had been turned back on for 14 hours (in excess of the 12 hours required by Affinity Water). The table at the end of this document shows the results received to date (23.9.2026). I will update the parish council with the remaining results, including PFAS, as they come in.

You will note that the samples tested positive for e-coli and total coliforms. While most coliforms are harmless, their presence in water or food indicates a potential pathway for disease-causing pathogens such as bacteria, viruses, or protozoa. Affinity Water will return in early October to re-take this test.

(Note: There is a claim online that the samplers collected the samples from the trough rather than the stream of water. The parish council has raised this with Affinity Water and can confirm that this is strongly refuted by the trained scientists who took the samples.)

9 d) Recommendation for next steps

The majority of Hascombe residents who responded to the consultation, have indicated a preference for a UV filter to be installed. The recommendation is that the parish council pursues

this as a solution to be able to turn the water back on and provide chemical-free, safe drinking water.

When all the water test results have been received, three quotes will be sought for the installation of UV equipment. It is likely that repairs to broken pipework will be required and it is recommended that this is informed by the chosen contractor. (Note that UV treatment will address the e-coli and coliforms if these persist.)

Results of Affinity Water Tests carried out on 3rd September 2020

Determinand (Parameter)	Your Result	UK Legal Limit (PCV)	Status	Units
Total coliforms	63	0	✗ FAIL	MPN/100ml
E coli	2	0	✗ FAIL	MPN/100ml
Individual Pesticides (26 tested, e.g., 2,4-D, MCPA)	All below <0.027	0.10 per pesticide	PASS	ug/l
Volatile Organic Compounds (10 tested, e.g., Benzene)	All below <0.62	Varies (All within limits)	PASS	ug/l
Aluminium as Al	15.1	200	PASS	ug/l
Antimony as Sb	<0.027	5.0	PASS	ug/l
Arsenic as As	1.13	10	PASS	ug/l
Boron as B	<0.046	1.0	PASS	mg/l
Bromate as BrO ₃	<1.47	10	PASS	ug/l
Cadmium as Cd	<0.054	5.0	PASS	ug/l
Chromium as Cr	0.713	50	PASS	ug/l
Colour	<2.0	20	PASS	mg/l Pt/Co
Copper as Cu	<0.003	2.0	PASS	mg/l
Electrical Conductivity @ 20°C	361	2500	PASS	uS/cm
Fluoride as F	0.173	1.5	PASS	mg/l
Hydrogen Ion (pH)	7.3	6.5 – 9.5	PASS	pH value
Iron as Fe	48.1	200	PASS	ug/l

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