

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on June 14th 2017.

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**Present: Councillors** Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Loughlin, Mills, Pearce, Skan, Stewart

**1465. Apologies:** Cllr Marler

**1466. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting,** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May:

Signed

**1467. Actions, if any, remaining from the last meeting:**

- The boiler in the pavilion has been repaired: cost approx. £400.
- A replacement bench for roundabout is being sourced.
- The owners of the overgrown hedge at Galleybird have been approached. If no action in the next week they will be contacted again. Next step - approach ESCC Highways with request to intervene.
- Electricity company chased re: overgrown telegraph pole at recreation ground.
- A volunteer for Parish Pump collation is still being sought.

**Action:** Cllr Marler to comment on Funding Application documents on his return.

**1468. Chairman's report:** None

**1467. Questions from Councillors:**

Cllr Mills reported that she is willing to develop a strategy document outlining Parish Council responsibility and indicating associated resources and future plans. **Action:** All to provide information as requested.

**1488. Questions from Electors**

Dr A J MacGillivray reported that LDC's Safety Officer had approach the Village Hall requesting that the Hall could be used a 'rest centre' in the event of an emergency. **Action:** Clerk to contact official for additional details, or a copy of any emergency plan. Also ask which is the lead emergency service in the case of a severe flood.

**1489.**

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Housing Steering Group has met and recommends that, regardless of publication dates of SHELAA and Local Plan Part 2, the group should produce a Focused Housing Neighbourhood Plan. They ask that the Parish Council ratify this decision at the July Parish Council Meeting. Anna Cronin will be asked to estimate the consultancy costs for the process. A Public Consultation is planned for **5<sup>th</sup> September 2017** in the Village Hall.

**Action:** Clerk to contact LDC re: sources/scale of funding.

#### **Barcombe Stores**

Progress continues; the property survey has thrown up a few issues but nothing of significance.

#### **Transport and Highways**

Concerns have been raised about the impact on traffic at the Boathouse site on the A26. **Action:** Clerk will source some additional information for circulation.

The cost of settlement signs for Barcombe Mills has not yet materialised. **Action :** Clerk to chase.

#### **Recreation Ground**

A very positive bike jump meeting has been held. Local boys will provide a drawing of their suggestions. With this in hand the jumps can be re-instated.

There may be the opportunity to obtain, at reasonable cost, a pair of Seven a Side movable goals for use on the lower recreation ground. Cllr Stewart will obtain quotes to present to the Parish Council.

Several trees in and around the recreation ground, particularly the large oak on the southern boundary, appear to need attention. Cllr Stewart will obtain two professional opinions on the best way to proceed.

WAB paths will be strimmed. An additional climbing rope will be installed. **Action:** Cllr Marler to source bolt for loose fixing on tree.

Cllr Loughlin has undertaken some useful research on the cost of obtaining and installing a second-hand skate park. This data will be collated with some information Cllr Stewart has, so a partial picture of the investment involved is available if the project is pursued. **Action:** Clerk to contact Plumpton and Newick PCs to ask for cost information on their smaller installations, which may be more appropriate for Barcombe.

The Playground Working Group would like to undertake a second-stage consultation with regard to play/open space provision. It will begin to draft a questionnaire for inspection by the PC. **Action:** Clerk to add proposal to July 2017 agenda.

**1490. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors: None**

**1491. Sign documents: None**

**1492. Authorise payment(s)**

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, April 2017: £470.44
- Chris Rumary, caretaking, April 2017: £204
- Julia Shelley, contribution to household expenses, April 2017: £45.31
- Julia Shelley, expenses, £56.53

*Authorisation proposed Cllr Stewart, seconded Cllr Loughlin*

**12. Correspondence**

Party Wall Agreement correspondence; letter and plan confirming new boundary wall between Hillside House and Allotments will not impact existing hedge. **Action:** Clerk to write to landowner agree work can go ahead. Correspondence has been received about potholes and the rise in dangerous cycling practices. **Action:** Clerk to reply, report identified potholes and direct the residents to the 'Fixmystreet' website.

**Meeting closed at approx. 20.27pm.**