

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on Wednesday 11th December 2019

Present: Councillors: Cornwell, Loughlin, Marler, Mills, Pack, Skan, Smith, Stewart, Stroud

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1759. Apologies; Cllrs Arbenz, Holman

1760. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday 13th November 2019.
Agreed.

1761. Matters arising/outstanding

The Chairman agreed to take the minutes.

- Entry gates to be discussed after we get the new signs, see notes from SLR
- Turning verges to wild flower areas – AM has not followed up but states that cutting only twice a year, may by default create such areas.
- Well covers – still outstanding.
- Compost clearing in WAB, delayed to decide what to do with possible additional well underneath.
- WAB meeting in Jan 2020 to discuss along with ropes, tyre swings and clearing of ivy from Pump House.
- Trimming of trees in School Path, subject to comment re TPO.

1762. Chairman's report

The Chairman provided an update on the Strengthening Local Relationships meeting held on 28th Nov with East Sussex Highways representatives and Cllr Jim Shepherd.

- We reported damage to the flood sign at Wellingham Lane and the water depth sign by the Mills car park – to be actioned by Cat as Ian was late (due flooding)
- Note – Highways do not have enough staff to remove “road closed Flood” signs. They can put them in place early enough in conjunction with tides etc.
- We reported damaged road name signs at the bottom of Mongers Mead and by the bus stop (Weald Close) – these are the responsibility of Lewes DC and should be reported to Cllr Isabelle Linnington. **Action:** Clerk to contact LDC.
- We reported damage to the finger post at Town Littleworth/Markstakes Lane junction. We have to decide if this is down to Chailey or Barcombe. **Action:** Clerk to check. Cat said ESCC will pay 50% of the cost of such a replacement with a max of 2 signs per year.
- Hedge cutting is down to the landowner – Highways work from verge to verge.

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- Highways have no objection to the change of name plate for the village. Cllr Stewart said he will take photos of Ardingly as a model and we will then need to make a formal request of style, wording and location to Highways for their approval.
- We will need a licence to install white entry gates to the village. We should consider this once the signs are in. There is a liability to the installers which may prove difficult.

1763. Questions from Councillors.

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None

1765. Subject Reports

Recreation.

The toilet block damage was discussed, quotes will be obtained for metal fixtures. Bowling Club theft was discussed, it was agreed to approach the new PCSO. The clerk reports that she meet the local PCSO at the drop in session at Newick so can follow up on the contact.

Playground location – a timeframe for a decision would be valuable.

WAB

WAB group to meet in January 202 to discuss as above

Recreation.

Playground will be steamed when weather improves, cost circa £500.

Finance

Cllr Stewart asked whether the interest payments for the village hall have started¹.

Pavilion

Cllr Pack has agreed to head the shower block project and has begun the process of asking Sport England for their comment of the size of funding available and what documents/drawings are needed for the application.

1766 Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

None

1767. Sign documents. None

1768. Authorise payment(s):

Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, December 2019, £516.10

Julia Shelley, Household expenses, December 2019, £45.31

Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking November 2019, £tbc

Business Stream, sewage, £565.02

¹ The clerk reports that the interest payments will be requested in April and October each year – starting April 2020.

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Proposed and seconded

1769. Correspondence:

The councilors discussed the sleigh ride concept for father Christmas – the planned Father Christmas grotto in the Barcombe Fire Station has been canned by their bosses and it's too late to try for an alternative. The Clerk has asked the Hamsey Clerk to involve Barcombe in the planning process next year.

All to note that Graham Smith's e-mail address has been misspelt and thus bouncing – the address should be “icloud”