

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on Wednesday 15th May 2019

Present: Councillors: Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Loughlin, Marler, Mills, Skan, Stewart. Cllr Linington and eight members of the public.

MINUTES

1682: Election of Chair: Cllr Marler elected unanimously.

1683. Election of Vice Chair: Cllr Stewart elected unanimously

1684. Apologies; Cllr Pack

1685. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday 3rd April 2019. **Agreed.**

1686. Actions from the last meeting.

- Clerk to check insurance policy re: outside toilet damage. **Complete** £250 excess.
- Fingerpost Town Littleworth, **Complete** Clerk has reported to Chailey Parish Council
- Clerk to supply images to Ringer Solar Fund. **Complete.**

1687 A short presentation was given by Peter Cleveland, Henry Adams Planning on possible developments at Camoys Farm. The project is in it very early stages, Mr Cleveland can be contacted (Peter.Cleveland@henryadams.co.uk) if any residents have questions or would like to discuss the site.

The clerk noted apologies from Mr Cornwell who wished to attend but was unwell.

1688. Chairman's Report

For the future

We have received planning permission for extending the shower block and changing rooms in the pavilion. Terry Pack has offered to manage the project and to contact all the available fund sources. This project is big and will not be funded by the Parish Council.

We will have to reach a conclusion on the re-design/re-location of the playground – we have some relevant correspondence relating to the Tickner's development which we will discuss later.

We should look at the changing the road signs to accurately reflect that we are Barcombe Cross

The cricket scorers hut needs replacing as it is falling down and is not very safe. The cricket club have prepared an outline plan for a more substantial hut which at a later date may need electricity to run the scoreboard. The club have asked the Parish Council to put in the planning application on their behalf. Again this should be self-funded.

We should re-connect with the Highways agencies to make sure we know more about road repairs and closures to avoid the confusion currently about Exchange Corner and previous non closures at the Mills.

1689. Questions from Councillors.

Overgrown footpaths between Bridgelands and the High Street. **Action:** Clerk to report to Fix my Street.

1670. Questions from Electors.

The lack of progress on gaining additional equipped play space was raised. It was agreed to convene a meeting of the Playground Working Group (PWG) to identify a backup or interim strategy. **Action:** Cllr Mills to arrange a meeting.

Additional road signs 'Barcombe Cross' for each road approaching village. **Action:** Clerk to raise with ESCC Highways.

It was suggested that the Parish Council look for other ways to influence the volumes and speed of traffic in the local area e.g. the Rural Policing Strategy. Dr MacGillivray is willing to approach the local police and the Safer Roads Partnership to explore options. **Action:** Clerk to supply existing contacts.

1689. Subject Reports

Maintenance.

The toilet block roof will be repaired shortly. The future of the toilet block will be considered as the plans for the Sports Pavilion develop.

The away changing room requires a small repair.

The footpath between Bridgelands and WAB will be cut back by the Parish Council contractors.

Finance. The year end accounts were circulated. **Action:** Cllrs Loughlin, Mills and Clerk to meet to prepare audit papers.

WAB

It is noted that the daffodils in WAB were strimmed too soon. The contractor has been notified so that it won't happen again.

A plan has been made to re-design the area around the Pump House. Several local contracts will be asked to quote on the work.

1689 Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

Proposal. Formalise payment plan for school re: recreation use going forward. The decision can be reviewed on a yearly basis. Options a) token fee, b) 50% goodwill reduction, c) Full payment.

It was confirmed that the fee as £375 per annum for the next three years. This will be reviewed on an annual basis to allow the school to approach the Parish Council if it is causing financial difficulty. In addition, the school is encouraged to approach the Parish Council to access the Solar Grant fund.

1690. Sign documents. None.

1691. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, May 2019, £516.10
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, May 2019, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking April 2019, £240.00
- Julia Foster, Fuel for mower (Mr White paid during April),£47.50
- Julia Foster, Defibrillator Pads, £50.40
- LDC, Annual playground inspection, £77.34
- Ryan Kearley, Fingerpost Repair, £158.50

1692. Correspondence:

Commercial access to Barcombe Mills. It was agreed that a key could be supplied on provision of a key deposit fee (£10) and a fee per visit (circa £20).

Addition of defibrillator to recreation ground. It was agreed to provide one, located in sight of the school security camera. **Action:** Clerk to look for funding.

A follow up letter re: development adjacent to the recreation ground has been received. There is no action that the Parish Council can take immediately but options will be explored at the PWG meeting.

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