

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.25 on May 9th, 2018.

Present: Councillors Arbenz, Holman, Marler, Mills, Skan, Stewart

1561. Apologies: Cllr Cornwell

1562. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday May 9th 2018: Agreed

1563. Actions from the last meeting.

- Speedwatch, request for volunteer. A number of volunteers have come forward (thank you to those at the meeting). Cllr Cornwell will contact the Road Safety officer to progress the formation of a local team. Update deferred.
- Grass cuttings. Existing heap will be removed and defined areas for appropriate compost materials will be created (Cllrs Marler & Stewart). Barcombe Landscapes will do this when the recreation ground is dry enough to cope with vehicle driving on it to remove cuttings.
- Tesco grant. In progress (Cllr Loughlin), update deferred.
- Barcombe Mills Carpark surface repair – In progress
- Telephone box. Letter sent to neighbours asking how they would like it used. No strong feeling, but happy to monitor and will paint ect as needed.
- Outside Toilet. Cllrs Stewart and Marler will get quotes re removing urinal. Awaiting discussion with caretaker.
- Cllrs Mills, Marler & Loughlin and Clerk to look at T&C's for pavilion hire. Existing T&C's plus example from AIRS circulated to Cllr Marler and Mills, Cllr Marler making first amendments.
- NALC Meeting June. Clerk to send apologies – completed
- Donation request Air Ambulance. Clerk to add to June agenda

1564. Chairmans Report

- Caretaker - He is happy with the job description and is all OK till end of year, still not met to discuss toilet block. Payment on hourly basis or part thereof. Better control. It will be necessary to sort out empties from sports hires there is a stockpile at the back of the Pavilion. Do we agree to pay for caretaker to dispose and then ask for all clubs to take responsibility from now on? I don't expect anyone to own up to the current stock of empties.
Action: Clerk to write to Pavilion users asking them to remove bottles and tins for recycling at the end of each hire.
- New clock on pavilion – requested by cricket club as overs timed and they don't play carrying phones. Action: Cllr Stewart will obtain some prices
- Cllr Linington hire. **Action:** Clerk to raise invoice.
- A survey is being conducted for Bridgelands residents for crested newts and the surveyors have asked permission to survey our pond. I am not sure that this is sensible with our weed problems. **Action:** Clerk to write and explain pond known to contain New Zealand Pygmy Weed and we have closed access to it.
- There are two possible bookings for the pavilion and rec outside our normal usage.
- Private Children's Party 17th July
- School PTA 19th July
- Remembrance of the end of the first World War Event in Sept has been confirmed.
- We should decide on Finger post letters. **Action:** Clerk to contact ESSC and Monday Club.
- Need to discover the water meter under the hedge that serves the allotments, and repair the leaking water connection to the tennis pavilion.

1565. Questions from Council

Neighbour First Visit(CllrLinington).The local team joined Cllrs Linington and Stewart on a walk round the village. This team are able to identify and solve small local issues e.g.fly tipping, damaged signs.Individuals can report issues to them using <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/environmental-problems/neighbourhood-first/> and they will contact the appropriate council department.

Bus service.Following concerns raised about bus service failures Cllr Linington contacted the Managing Director of the service. Some of the failed buses could be tied to one off events e.g. significant accident in Lewes. He was glad to be

approached and willing to discuss specific dates of poor service. They are planning to place trackers on the buses so that rural users can see where buses are using a smartphone app. He is aware that this will not necessarily help all of the rural users.

1567. Subject Reports as required:

Recreation

- Block booking of Saturdays & Sundays on online booking page to ensure access for football & stoolball teams. **Action:** Clerk to arrange.
- A number of roof tiles are damaged. **Action:** Cllr Stewart to arrange repair
- Grass will not be cut before School sports day so that the school can mark the course they need.
- Boot camps on recreation ground. The PC discussed this and it was felt we should ensure that we hold contact details and have confirmed that those running the activities have appropriate public liability. **Action:** Clerk to find out what other council do and contact the trainers.
- Ice cream van at Barcombe Mills, Cllr Mills was having difficulty finding out what licence would be required. Cllr Linington will find out for the PC.
- Should we consider Tree Preservation Order for oak in WAB. **Action:** Cllr Mills will find out what the process is.

Highway.

- Cycle race June 10th. Action: Clerk to contact Sussex Safer Roads and see if there is a police assessment of the event and whether the PC can be supplied with a copy.

1568. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

Adopt updated Financial Regulations Document (circulated pre-meeting): **Agreed**

Consider request for £300 donation to Air Ambulance (£250 was donated in 2017): £250 donation **agreed**

1569. Sign documents: None

1570. Authorise payment(s):

- Chris Rumary, Caretaking, will change to hourly based invoiced at end of month
- Julia Foster, Clerks Salary, £504.53
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, £45.31
- Andrew Pearce, Mower Service, £144.42 (for information – paid between meetings)
- SSALC, Subscriptions, £427.14
- Water Choice, Water Bill November 17 – May 18, £163.34
- Your Garden, Your Home, Mowing, £410.00•

Authorisation proposed Cllr Mills seconded Cllr Skan

1571. Correspondence:

- Bus service problems (see questions from Councillors)
- Collapsed footpath bridge behind High Street (resolved pre-meeting). The Monday Club have arranged to replace the bridge and will approach the Parish Council for a donation towards material costs.
- Royal Legion grant request. Clerk has asked the Chairman to provide details of their request (amount & purpose) the next meeting.

Meeting closed at approx. 20.24