

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on Wednesday 13th June 2019

Present: Councillors: Arbenz, Holman, Loughlin, Mills, Pack, Skan, Stewart.
One members of the public.

MINUTES

1693. Apologies; Cllr Arbenz, Marler

1694. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday 15th May 2019. **Agreed.**

1695. Actions from the last meeting.

Report overgrown hedges between Bridgelands and High Street. **Complete.**

PWG meeting. Cllr Mills to arrange. WAB meeting held actions list produced, **PWG meeting to be organised.**

Additional Village signs. Clerk added to SLR agenda. **Complete.**

Safer Road contacts. Clerk to share contacts. **Complete.**

Funding for defibrillator. Clerk to investigate. British Heart Foundation (BHF) funding identified. Following discussion it was agreed to initially place a notice indicating location of High Street defibrillator. Cost including BHF grant is circa £1000 plus £200 per annum. BHF grant requires the Council to hold training sessions. **Defer until investigated further in the interim put details of defibrillator locations on poster in pavilion.**

1696 Vice Chairman's Report

Cllr Stewart began with some thanks and Parish Council successes;

- Thanks from Artwave for allowing sign to be erected in BM car park, the site saw 533 visitors, most utilised parking at the Mills.
- Thanks from Bridgelands residents for our prompt response to clearing path on High St at bottom of Forge Hill where it had become impassable.
- More thanks to Steve and Nicky at Neighbourhood first, they have arranged the removal of cars dumped in the recreation ground car park.

On the subject of thanks, I know we all do our bit but I feel Alison for her efforts re: Parish Asset document and Terry for his efforts regarding meter readings, should be recognized. Also Christine for her continued efforts reviewing planning applications.

An update was provided on elector request at May Meeting over the condition of Clappers bridge. ESCC have agreed that the routine survey will be brought forward following concerns over it condition and heavy vehicles using it. However, no issues are anticipated as the bridge has a 65 tonne limit.

The Parish Council has received an offer to have a resident's images and bird sighting record added to the Parish website. This is a lovely idea and the councillors accepted gratefully. **Action:** Clerk to co-ordinate.

1697. Questions from Councillors.

Dog mess on the recreation ground continues to be a concern. **Action:** Clerk to ask Hamsey and Newick about their policy towards dogs on the recreation ground and to remind Neighbourhood First about additional posters.

Cllr Mills reminded the council that any additions to the Asset Document are welcome.

Cllr Skan had been asked about the BT box in the High Street. **Action:** Clerk to check ownership.

1698. Questions from Electors.

1699. Subject Reports

Maintenance.

Cllr Pack will with the councils permission, appoint a company to remove the asbestos from the toilet block and arrange a replacement roof. The council **agreed** that the work should be carried out as a priority.

The caretaker has requested an additional bin for the recreation ground. **Action:** Clerk to arrange.

SLR Meeting, Cllr Stewart and Marler, Rob and Ian from East Sussex County Council (ESCC) attended.

The results of the speeding surveys were discussed at length, ESCC actions are suggested/taken based on average speeds. As few excessive speeds were recorded e.g. Village Hall, was 32/33 no specific actions from ESCC were forthcoming, However Cllrs Marler and Stewart expressed the concerns of the village and the suggestion of white gates, like Laughton, was raised again. Surveys suggest these do help slow some vehicles down, these would need to be on the wider village verges, so back by the village sign as opposed to where the 30mph limits begin. **Action:** Cllr Stewart will look into Village Gate specifications in detail. Clerk will look at the matched funding stream for road improvements.

Additional village name signs are being considered. Cllr Stewart raised the point that we should rightly use Barcombe Cross. It is early days but thoughts going forward are to have new sign/s for entrances to village plus white gates with signs that include "please drive carefully through our village" and maybe a "thank you" on the back as you leave.

WAB

The Playground Working Group met and plans have been produced for re-arranging the compost area and enhancing the entrance area. Plans are in place for the repair of the benches around the oak and wildlife boxes. WAB is on the waiting list for grants at Waitrose, Lewes.

A report has been sources which helps locates the discussed wells.

Action: Cllrs Holman, Marler, Pack and Stewart will review the site using the report with a view to ensuring they are safe.

Action: Cllr Stewart will get quotes for robust replacements for Pump House windows.

Speedwatch

The Clerk reported that the initial training for a small number of volunteers has been completed.

A number of sites (30 or 40 limits) have been identified and the team will start providing speed checks shortly. More volunteers always welcome, please contact the Clerk.

Road safety

As part of the Speedwatch the road safety officer offered to visit the village around school drop of time to provide advice about road safety. The Parish Council agreed to support this with a road safety poster competition.

Pavilion Refurbishment.

Cllr Pack has met with LDC re: CIL funding and the Parish Council will apply to the next funding round. Cllr Pack will invite a couple of buliders to view and help build an idea of costs. Applications will need to be made to various funding bodies. It was agreed to establish a Working Group to move the project forward.

Financial Strategy

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As the pavilion refurbishment (also the playground) will require some matched funding Cllrs Loughlin, Mills and the Clerk will meet to review the current financial situation.

1700 Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

Elect Chair of Planning Committee. Cllr Arbenz elected unanimously.

Elect Representatives to outside bodies:

Barcombe Sports Hall Management Committee: Cllr Arbenz, Marler, Skan

Lewes District Association of Local Councils. Cllr Marler

Barcombe New Village Hall AGM, Cllr Marler.

1701. Sign documents. None.

1702. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, June 2019, £516.10
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, June 2019, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking June 2019, £. 354.99
- Barcombe Landscapes, Mowing, £324.00
- Business Stream, Sewage, £199.00
- Your Garden, Your Home, Mowing etc. £655.00

Authorised: Cllrs Loughlin and Mills.

1703. Correspondence:

Letter re cricket balls in playground. The Parish Council agreed to let the Cricket Club take the lead on replying to this but will discuss with additional signage. **Action:** The Clerk will reply on the other issues raised in the letter.

Social Media. It was agreed to trial a Barcombe Parish Council Facebook page. **Action:** Cllr Mills to set up.

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