

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017** at 7.20pm.

Present: Councillors Arbenz, Grover, Loughlin, Marler, Pearce, Skan, Stewart

### AGENDA

- 1429 Apologies. None
- 1430 Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday 8<sup>h</sup> February 2017. Agreed
- 1431 Actions, if any, remaining from the last meeting.
- Following up on the Uckfield –Lewes railway re-opening Dr. MacGillivray is attending a meeting of the Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee. He will feed back any useful information.
  - The Parish Council, on behalf of The Cricket Club, will be ordering the initial materials to allow the club to install the cricket nets themselves. PC will release up to £1,000 of their grant towards this.
- 1432 Chairman's report.
- 1433 Questions from Councillors.
- 1434 Questions from Electors.
- 1435 Subject Reports:
- Update on progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan. The SHELAA has not yet been released. This indicates that it will be 2018 before the suggested numbers of houses on identified sites becomes known.
  - The architect for the owners of 05BA has been in contact and would like to speak at the April meeting. It was agreed he could attend to provide information on proposal for site. The Parish Council can make no comment on plans until formal applications are given to LDC.
  - The future of the village shop
    - A very successful meeting was held at the Village Hall with significant sums pledged to date. Councillor Marler is contacting those who have

made a pledge to thank them. The presentation and information about the event from the initial meeting are on the Parish website (<http://www.barcombepc.net/>) along with details of how to pledge your support. The next step will be an 'investors' meeting in early April.

**Action:** Clerk to contact SSALC to raise the issue of 'Declaration of Interest' for councilors; for example if planning applications arise and they are (also) investors in shop. **Action:** Councillor Pearce will take up the offer from Barcombe News to use the front and centre pages of the April edition to highlight the scheme for the future of the shop.

- Transport and Highways. **Action:** Clerk to chase ESCC for village boundary sign for Barcombe Mills Road.
  - Councillor Grover raised the poor road surface outside Crink House. **Action:** Clerk to report on FixMyStreet.
- Recreation Ground
  - Firstly a formal thankyou to the Playground Working Group (PWG) and their families for the playground clean-up they undertook at the weekend. The fact they even litter picked WAB and the bus shelter is even more impressive. The playground will now be steam cleaned.
  - Thank you also to Councillor Pearce and Mr Alce for adding some high fencing to keep stray balls away from the playground.
  - Pavilion. Councillors Marler and Stewart met with Mo Heather who has (kindly) agreed to draft a specification for the pavilion which brings it up the necessary standard for players.
  - There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at WAB over the Easter Weekend organized by the Bonfire Society to raise funds for the display latter in the year. It will also be an opportunity to encourage use of the community area and highlight the allotments and Allotment Association.
  - Playground update

- i. The Playground Working Group (PWG) confirmed that play space will be considered in plans for the development of Hillside however the delay in the publication of the SHELAA means an application is unlikely to occur until 2018. LDC agree that the existing space is inadequate but recommend waiting for Hillside rather than significantly changing the existing playground. In the interim the group will continue to convene to raise funds, develop and encourage use of WAB and make the best of the existing playground. They have shared their research and questionnaire information with the Housing Steering Group.
- ii. The replacement of the broken rocker with a clover four seat piece of equipment was agreed. Proposed Councillor Stewart and seconded Councillor Skan. **Action:** Councillor Stewart to source best price and installation cost and place order.
- iii. Councillor Pearce will look at seesaw to see if it's action can be improved – if not perhaps a second piece of equipment could be purchased with a view to moving to new playground at a later date.
- iv. Bike humps. The PC are very happy to support the re-installation/remodeling of the bike humps if the PWG could undertake some research into what is needed and how to make the most of the space. Councillors Pearce, Marler and Stewart will have a look at the gravel which is blocking the jumps. The maintenance of the area, once redeveloped, could be added to one of the existing landscape contracts.

- Finance.
- Planning.

1436 Defibrillator – finding volunteer to check routinely – Councillors Marler and Stewart volunteered to help. Councillor Stewart will speak to the Fire Brigade to see if the service of the defibrillator can be piggybacked on their machines maintenance. Additional money has been

made available for two further machines. These will be installed at the Village Hall and St Mary's Church.

1437 Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors: Co-option of new councilors; Andrew Holman & Alison Mills. Elected unanimously

1438 Sign documents. None

1439 Authorise payment(s): Proposed Councillor Loughlin, seconded Councillor Arbenz

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, March 2017, £470.44
- Chris Rumary, caretaking, March 2017, £204
- Julia Shelley, Expenses, Jan-Feb 2017, £55.94
- Julia Shelley, contribution to household expenses, March 2017, £45.31
- SSALC, Spring Conference Alan Marler, £48.00
- HMRC, PAYE payment, £11.60
- R Simms, Wild About Barcombe work, £1890.00

1440 Correspondence:

- Request for donation to Sussex Air Ambulance, donation of £250 requested. Proposed Councillor Marler, Seconded Councillor Stewart
- Request for grant towards flower show vases (circulated), £219 requested. Proposed Councillor Marler, Seconded Councillor Stewart
- Request from Mrs Murphy to hold a Big Clean. The Parish Council is very supportive of this scheme and will organize the LDC loan of jackets and materials and publicise the date. **Action:** Request Mrs Murphy to choose a date in discussion with Councillor Skan.

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