

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

To all the Members of Barcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on **Wednesday 22nd June 2016** at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Christine Arbenz, Jackie Cornwell, Martyn Grover, Ray Hepple, Alan Marler, Andrew Pearce, Jonathon Spencer, Dilys Skan

Plus Councillor St Pierre and eight member of the public.

MINUTES

1339. Apologies: Councillor Stewart
1341 Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, May 25th 2016. **Agreed**
1342 Actions, if any, remaining from the last meeting. **None**
1343 Chairman's report. Apologies from Councillor Linington
1344 Questions from Councillors.
- Vehicle speed and the subsequent risk to pedestrian, horse riders and cyclists on the Barcombe Mills Road was raised by Councillor St. Pierre. She will at the request of residents and the Parish Council discuss the problem with ESCC with a view to the introduction of lower speed limits in the area. It can be classified as a 'quiet lane'. **Action:** Clerk to email and make formal request.
- 1345 Questions from Electors.
- Rosalind St. Pierre (speaking as a resident) asked what communication the Parish Council has had over the last 18 months regarding the site in the village known as 08BA. It had been reported by surveyors on site that negotiations were taking place with the Parish Council. Other local residents (Mrs Cranfield, Mr St. Pierre, Mr & Mrs St. Claire Jones) at the meeting also raised their concerns about the site, current work and potential building plans and whether all information received by the Parish Council was communicated. Councillor Marler made it clear that there was no negotiating being carried out. An email had been received from BBM Sustainable Design Limited in June 2015 (June meeting minutes and email correspondence available from the clerk shelleyjulia@yahoo.co.uk). However before the topic could be investigated and discussed further as planned in the July meeting the Parish Council was contacted and told there was to be no further progress of the project. However if a planning application is put forward the Parish Council will support the electorate to ensure their views are

made to the local planning authority. Action: Councillor Marler will make available all correspondence with BBM Sustainable Design Limited.

The progress of a Neighbourhood Plan and its value in influencing house building was discussed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman re-iterated the information given in the Chairman's Report at the Annual Village Meeting (available on noticeboard and website). The planned Design Study will help to influence the style and mix of housing. The leaflet calling for Steering Group members has been printed and will be in Barcombe News, the village shops and the Sussex Express.

The issue of knotweed on 08BA was raised (previously discussed September 2015 minutes attached). Councillor St. Pierre had offered to investigate the issue then but had not done so.

Action: Councillor Spencer has reported to the Environment Agency.

1346 Reports

a) Transport and Highways

- A request for improving the clarity of the road signs in the School Hill/School Path area was received and the Clerk has meet with Highways. Initially the School Path sign will be refurbished and repositioned.

b) Recreation Ground

- The area of the ground which is suffering from flooding has been inspected with a view to improving drainage, the contractor will now visit the neighbouring land and provide a quotation.
- The group exploring options for a new play space would like to be established more formally as an advisory group to the parish council and have an account for funds raised. **Action:** Clerk to check standing orders on advisory groups, seek advice on bank account and add proposal for advisory group to next agenda.
- The owners of the proposed new playground area have replied to the effect that they have different plans for the land. However the electorate present would like

to make a further approach. **Action:** Playground group to supply content to be sent under Parish Council auspices.

c) Finance

d) Planning

- The Parish Council was requested to get outline planning applications (where available).

e) Brief update on progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan – see questions from electors.

1347 Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

- Proposal: Discuss and agree process whereby local community groups can apply to Parish Council for funding contributions from Solar Farm community benefit payment. **Deferred**
 - i. The playground group explained that to unlock the maximum Veolia funding of £75,000 a local contribution of £18,500 will be required. They would like this need to be remembered when the decision on how to distribute the Solar Farm money is made.
- Proposal: Construction of the cinder path from the bowls end of the Recreation Ground to the lower entrance of Wild About Barcombe, using Barcombe Landscapes as the contractor at a price of approx. £6,000. Despite Councillor Stewart's efforts only two quotes could be obtained, both of which were similar in price. **Proposed** Councillor Spencer, seconded Councillor Arbenz. Councillor Hepple abstained
- Proposal: Agree to the expenditure of £300 on ropes to create an exercise/fun area within Wild About Barcombe (Confirmation has been received that injury liability is covered by our existing insurance policy – reply from insurance company circulated). **Proposed** Councillor Hepple, seconded Councillor Spencer.

1348 Sign documents.

- Audit return to Littlejohn external auditors. **Agreed** and signed by the Chairman

1349 Authorise payment(s): **Proposed** Councillor Hepple, Seconded Councillor Spencer

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, £441.87
- R.P.Simms, Grass cutting Barcombe Mills Carpark, footpaths and top of School Lane, £290.00

- Barcombe Landscapes, Mowing of Recreation Ground and Pump House Field, £516.00
- Southern Water £92.70
- LDC, Playground Inspection, £66.00
- Internal Audit, Rob Peck, £135
- W&P, bin bags, £73.73

1350 Correspondence:

- Email from Councillor Stewart reminding Pavilion users to close all windows when locking up.

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