

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.20 on April 4th 2018.

Present: Councillors Arbenz, Cornwell, Loughlin, Marler, Mills, Skan, Stewart

1537. Apologies: None

1538. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday March 14th 2018: **Agreed.**

1539. Actions from last meeting.

Speedwatch, request for volunteer. This request will be in the Barcombe News in April (Cllr Cornwell)

Grass cuttings. Existing heap will be removed and defined areas for appropriate compost materials will be created (Cllrs Marler & Stewart)

Tesco grant. In progress (Cllr Loughlin)

Letters to litter pickers – Clerk has completed

Barcombe Mills carpark surface repair – This has been inspected and Parish Council agreed work should be undertaken (up to value of £500) without being referred to the meeting. (Cllr & Stewart)

Safe parking literature for use near school – Clerk has contacted Safer Roads but all they can recommend is copying the relevant section of the Highways Code and circulating through school.

Outstanding issues/repair in playground. As none of the equipment is considered dangerous the PC will keep an eye on the site and repair as necessary.

Telephone box. Letter sent to neighbours asking how they would like it used.

Outside Toilet. Cllrs Stewart and Marler will get quotes re removing urinal if there is no other way to reduce smell.

Fingerpost. Yes someone has been identified to complete the repair, awaiting cost information.

BA1 Land allocation query. Clerk will contact Natalie Carpenter to see if she has anything further to add to the March reply.

1540. Chairman's report:

The Chairman explained that Cllr Pearce will be standing down and took the opportunity to thank him for all his work over many years. He has kindly offered to continue to maintain the website, an offer that the Parish Council is happy to accept.

The broken panes in the Pump House will be repaired by the Parish Council on this occasion and the Parish Council will monitor the situation. A great deal of community effort has done into making Wild About Barcombe look so fantastic and it is disappointing to see damage being caused intentionally.

Annual Village Meeting – May 9th, 6pm for 6.30pm. The Chairman emphasised that all villagers welcome and the it provides an opportunity to meet the Parish Councillors and that questions about service provision and future plans are welcomed.

1541. Questions from Electors

Parish Council response to correspondence about overloaded sewage systems. – Action: The Clerk will check that the relevant authorities have been contacted. The Parish Council will raise the issue if/when planning applications are made for new housing however it should be noted that the provision of services if the responsibility of the builders so they may save the issue by installing sewage tanks.

1542. Questions from Councillors:

1543. Subject Reports

Recreation; Cllr Stewart has received quotes for the grounds maintenance contracts which are due for renewal in June. Details of the next three year agreements will be added to the May agenda. **Action:** Clerk to add to agenda.

Pavilion: Clls Marler & Stewart will meet with the caretaker to review the cleaning and maintenance programme.

Finance – year end accounts circulated, due to grants received for project e.g. all weather path to WAB all spending has been covered without recourse to the reserve fund. The PC will look to raise funds for capital expenditure through external grants.

GDPR. This was discussed in detail and the Parish Council intended to appoint an in-house Data Officer (the Chairman), this will be confirmed at the May Parish Council meeting. **Action:** Clerk to review advisory documents and identify any missing policy documents, Councillors to adhere to IT policy and any data best practise as identified by Clerk.

Good Neighbours; Open for requests.

1544. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors: None

1545. Sign documents: None

1546. Authorise payment(s)

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, April 2018, £494.65
- Chris Rumary, Caretaking, April 2018, £204
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, April 2018, £45.31
- Lewes District Council, Pavilion Rates, £759.22
- Lewes District Council, Carpark rates, £336.00
- Mitchells, Mower Service, £900.00

Authorisation proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Loughlin

1547. Correspondence

- Community Library Provision. Parish Council are aware of community library option and will explore if need is identified.
- Drainage issue – see Questions from Electors.
- Community Asset Listing: The proposal by a village group to list the village pub as a community asset, the Parish Council is aware of the process and would have been prepared to do so if necessary. They are happy to support the groups action. **Action:** Clerk to write to the group
- Planning application re: Toll Road Barcombe Mills. **Action:** Clerk to write to LDC and state no concern about continued horse, bike and pedestrian access.

Meeting closed at approx. 20.20