

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on Wednesday 8th January 2020

Present: Councillors: Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Loughlin, Marler, Mills, Pack, Skan, Smith, Stewart, Stroud

MINUTES

1770. Apologies; None

1771. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday 11th December 2019.
Agreed.

1772. Action Matrix

Village Gates – awaiting quotations.

Well covers – awaiting quotations, Cllr Marler and Stewart will re-instate the posts and wire preventing access to the area.

Playground Working Group – next meeting will be held on the 23rd January 2020.

Pavilion refurbishment – on hold until location of playground finalized.

Compost area refit – awaiting well cover work.

Trees on School Path – application in for pruning in with Lewes District Council.

Damaged street signs – reported to Lewes District Council

Damaged finger post – reported to Chailey Parish Council.

1773. Chairman's report

Barcombe Cross Road Signs

In response to comment the Parish Council has received by the Wayfarer in Barcombe News and two other members of the electorate, the chairman explained the Parish Council's decision.

OS mapping began in 1791 and the South Of England was completed in 1810. The name of Barcombe Cross appears clearly in OS Maps from that date as does Barcombe which is the area around St Mary's. We are Barcombe Cross not just Barcombe. The Chairman has a map dated 1836 and another 1873 and Ian Hilder has others all stating Barcombe Cross.

The Parish Council is not making up names – our village is Barcombe Cross and it is with some embarrassment that the three large signs at the entry to the village are clearly wrong. We are correcting bad signage. It is insane that our current misspelling is evident on all maps, sat navs and Google Earth.

Please note The Parish Of Barcombe includes Spithurst, Town Littleworth, Barcombe Mills and Barcombe and Barcombe Cross.

As an experiment the Chairman posted a letter to himself, with name and house name but deliberately left out the road, village and county. I just wrote out the post code – it arrived the following day. Therefore the name correction will not have any impact on the postal service.

1774. Questions from Councillors.

Cllr Loughlin asked how we could improve access to agenda.

It was agreed to remind electorate of subscriber option on website via Barcombe News and to release the agenda on Facebook. **Action:** Cllr Mills.

1775. Questions from Electors.

Members of the electorate further discussed the use of Barcombe and Barcombe Cross on road signs. It was confirmed that the cost of changes would have an impact on the final decision.

The Parish Council was requested to identify point of contact with emergency services if there is flooding at Barcombe Mills. **Action:** Clerk.

Clerk requested to contact Forest Row re: their flood reporting system. **Action:** Clerk.

1776. Subject Reports

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Action Day Sunday 19th January 11am onwards.

Finance

The clerk presented the proposed 2020-2021 budget and subsequent Precept request to Lewes District Council. The Precept request will be £31,973 a 1.9% increase.

1777 Resolutions or recommendations from Councilors:

1778. Sign documents. None

1779. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, January 2020, £516.10
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, January 2020, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking November 2019, £300
- Littlejohn LLP Accountants, External Audit, £240.00
- South East Water, £173.34
- Lewes District Council, Barcombe Pavilion Rates, balance, £258.72
- Barcombe Cross Millennium Sign Repairs, £519.54

Proposed and seconded Cllr Stewart and Cornwell

1780. Correspondence: None