

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on **Wednesday 8th February 2017** at 7.20pm.

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

Minutes

1418. Apologies; Councillors Grover and Cornwell
1419. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday 18^h January 2016.
1420. Actions, if any, remaining from the last meeting.
1421. Chairman's report. A kind offer to repair the fingerpost at the junction of Barcombe Mills Road and Church Road has been accepted.
1422. Questions from Councillors.
- a. Councillor Skan reported that the bench at the roundabout is damaged. It will be assessed for repair.
 - b. The footpath near Holmans Bridge Farm is crossed in several places by an informal motocross track. **Action:** Council will write to landowner making them aware of possible risk to people using the footpath and monitor the situation.
1423. Questions from Electors.
- a. Could the Parish Council contact the local MP regarding impact of the possible re-opening of the Lewes – Uckfield railway line. If this plan moves forward what mechanism(s) will be in place to keep local people and businesses informed of progress? **Action:** Parish Council to write to MP
1424. Subject Reports:
- Update on progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan
- Updated SHELAA has not yet been published so at the most recent meeting the group discussed/reported on the following issues to provide evidence for future policies; demography, housing styles and a

character assessment of the village. An article outlining progress has been placed in the February Barcombe News.

The future of the village shop

There have been several people come forward, both potential investors and a manger, so hopefully the increase of interest will allow for progress and a positive outcome for both the owner and the community.

Other information a) Post Office have funds for limited refurbishment, b)

An individual has offered to do some layout and design drawings.

Actions: Clerk to ask ESCC what advice they can provide.

Transport and Highways

SLR Meeting held, see separate Minutes.

For information. Sixty children have to travel to school by car = 40 vehicles therefore need accommodation around school hours.

Action: School Path speed survey to be posted on PC's website, Clerk to check time limit before a vehicle stopping on a yellow line is fined, explore options for 'positive' notices encouraging safer parking?

Overgrown hedges; in the first instance Parish Council should write to landowners, if no action refer to ESCC.

Recreation Ground

Proposal: Remove ageing hedge between School Path and Recreation Ground and car park. Replace with fence and some plants/trees. Cost will be £1,300 plus VAT.

Proposed: Councillor Stewart, seconded Councillor Marler

The new seats/stump fencing are proving popular

Finance

For information the clerk plans to pay the caretaker, household contributions and expenses on a monthly basis from April 2017.

Planning;

Footpath discussion. Awaiting feedback.

1425. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:
- a. Co-option of new councillors; Andrew Holman & Alison Mills. **Deferred**
 - b. Fix dates for forthcoming year. Do meetings want to be earlier in the month so we can get minutes in the following month's issue of Barcombe News? Should this report be the unsigned minutes of the very last meeting or the signed minutes of the previous month? Agreed; Second Wednesday of month, same times. Proposed: Councillor Marler, seconded Councillor Skan.
1426. Sign documents.
1427. Authorise payment(s): Proposed Councillor Stewart, seconded Councillor Loughlin
- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, February 2017, £470.44
- Lewes Citizens Advice Bureau grant, £50
- W&P, Loo Rolls, £73.73
- HMRC, PATE Tax, £3.80
- Chris Rumary, caretaking, September 2016 – February 2017, £1,224
- Julia Shelley, contribution to household expenses, July 2016 – February 2017, £362.48
1428. Correspondence:
- a. Request from the Cricket Club to contribute towards the installation of new cricket nets. Proposal: PC provide a 30% contribution to the cost of the replacement of the cricket nets for the Cricket Club, (expected to be approx. £5,000) up to a max of £1,500 - subject to nets being stored appropriately. Proposed: Councillor Marler, seconded Councillor Stewart
 - b. Letter received from J Surl re: land 06BA (circulated pre meeting). This land is likely to covered by the SHELAA Report.

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