

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on **Wednesday 18th January 2017** at 7.25pm.

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

MINUTES

1407. Apologies; Councillor Spencer, it should be noted that Councillor Spencer is standing down. The Chairman thanked him for his work to date and hopes that if circumstances change he would consider re-join the council.

1408. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Tuesday 13th December 2016. **Agreed**

1409. Actions, if any, remaining from the last meeting.

1410. Chairman's report.

Jonathan Spencer has resigned from the Parish Council. Councillor Stewart and I met Alison Mills and Andy Holman last night, both are keen to become Parish Councillors and I recommend we co-opt them as soon as possible.

The Parish Council is now responsible for the booking of the Recreation Ground and the Pavilion. An electronic booking process will be set up on our new web site, although we may rely on a paper version until it is settled. Outside the regular sports activities and art club, we are not inundated with requests.

We have had complaints of both footballs and cricket balls landing in the playground, I have asked Red Alce to inspect the current fence to see if we can extend it upwards.

The wear and tear around the goalmouth next to the playground fence is getting worse and we are investigating whether we can lay AstroTurf down. The aim is to get it done before the cricket season starts.

We need to have a serious discussion about extending the shower block of the pavilion changing rooms as the current facilities of 4 shower heads, in one room is not enough for 25/26 players. I would like permission to begin the process, subject to costs etc. and ask a local architect for his opinion and guide prices and then present to the Parish Council.

A piece of equipment has broken in the playground. I propose that the playground committee is consulted over the type of replacement.

1411. Questions from Councillors.

Councillor Loughlin asked for clarification on the planned use of the Solar Fund money, Councillor Marler confirmed that a proportion has been set aside for local groups. Local groups can apply to the Clerk for matched funding contributions to local projects. These requests will be discussed at the following Parish Council Meeting. The remainder will be used towards capital projects e.g. pavilion improvements or towards a new playground when space becomes available.

1412. Questions from Electors.

Road safety and damage to verges during school drop off/collection times. Councillors will raise this at the next SLR meeting and ask whether there is a suitable group within ESCC who can visit and encourage safer road use.

1413. Subject Reports:

Update on progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan. Please see attached report from the Steering Group Chairman. The point was made that parking facilities should be included in any future plans.

Proposal: Investigate external funding available for Steering Group/Neighbourhood Plan and make grant application as appropriate to support payments for activities including consultant fees. **Proposed** Councillor Pearce, seconded Councillor Stewart

The future of the village shop. A number of leads have been noted. There will be an article in the next Barcombe News and in the Sussex Express to highlight the issue and ask for volunteers to help explore the options.

Transport and Highways

Discussion/Proposal – Place additional road sign “Barcombe Mills – Please drive carefully”. Options where to position, one or two, county crest? Estimated cost £1000 per sign. No support within council for this. Road safety along Barcombe Mills Road will be raised at the February SLR meeting.

Request for salt/grit bin in Deans Meadow area from resident. Issue has been raised from other areas of the village as well (see email circulated prior to meeting from Councillor Grover). Clerk has investigated and it would cost the PC £316.00 per bin and £70 for a refill. No support within council for this, the subject will be raised at the February SLR meeting.

Request extension of yellow lines past Gable Cottage into School Path. The subject will be raised at the February SLR meeting.

Request for a barrier just above the Anglers Rest, as it gets icy on the corner and it would be very easy to slide into the deep ditch. The subject will be raised at the February SLR meeting.

Recreation Ground

The regular steam clean of the playground will be booked by Councillor Stewart
Councillor Stewart will obtain quotes for extending fence to protect playground from balls.

Multi-goal goalmouth will be re-surfaced; Councillor Stewart will obtain quotes
Councillor Marler will have an initial discussion with an architect regarding shower extension. Councillor Stewart and the Clerk will investigate sources of additional funding.

Finance

Budget 2017/18 (draft circulated), additional item added defibrillator maintenance.
2017/18 Precept request, based on proposed budget = 1.8% increase total £30,499, slight amendment to allow for defibrillator maintenance – 1.9% total £30,524. Proposed Councillor Loughlin, seconded Councillor Arbenz

Planning;

Footpath discussion. How can they be maintained? Councillor Grover will report local overgrown paths to ESCC, and pass on its response.

1414. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

1415. Sign documents.

1416. Authorise payment(s): Proposed Councillor Arbenz, seconded Councillor Stewart

Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, January 2017, £470.44

East Sussex County Council, Speed Survey School Path, £480.00

Richard Osmond, Yearly green keeping fee, £670.00

Southern Water £412.89

1417. Correspondence:

- a. A number of emails received from residents regarding proposed Bridgelands site housing. Clerk has collated and will circulate to PC and Chair of Steering Group.
- b. Request for skate park from resident (email circulated). Not possible at current time as no suitable site but should be incorporated into future plans for playground. **Action:** Details to be supplied to playground group and Clerk/Chairman to write to resident.
- c. Request for donation from Lewes Citizens Advice: Agreed £50. **Action:** Clerk to add to February agenda
- d. Request for council to take over maintenance costs of defibrillator; Proposed Councillor Skan, seconded Councillor Marler.

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