

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.20 on March 15th 2018.

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

1537. Apologies: Cllr Loughlin, Cllr Pearce

1538. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday 7th February 2018: **Agreed.**

1539. Actions from last meeting.

- Progress re: Speedwatch Team. Cllr Cornwell has contacted previous team and they will advertise in Barcombe News for a new team of volunteers. A team of 6-8 required.
- Storage of grass cuttings. There is too much to use locally so Cllrs Marler and Stewart will look at clearing and future storage.
- Repair of fingerpost. Cllr Marler – in hand.
- Thank you for Christmas electricity. Cllr Marler - done
- Cllr Holman to agree location with PWG for WAB noticeboard – agreed
- Cllrs to let Clerk know whether they would like all or selected correspondence forwarded – agreed, provision of new email addresses in progress.
- Cllr Loughlin to apply to Tesco for grant, PWG to provide list of capital expense items for WAB - deferred
- Cllr Stewart to arrange visit from Barcombe Forestry to WAB. Done, original date did not happen – Cllr Stewart will pursue
- The PC will write to LDC challenging their action in re-classifying BA/01. Completed.
- Clerk to write to resident re: litter. Completed (reply circulated).
- Kate Graham to meet with local fire brigade to place speed aware signs. Update from Kate circulated.
- Draining in outside loo – the drain has been cleared so the PC will see whether this solved the problem

1539. Chairman's report:

The Parish Council recorded their thanks to both the WI and the Playground Working Party for their litter picking activities around the village. It makes a huge difference to the appearance of the village and demonstrates community action. Action: Clerk to write thank you letters.

A representative of the local fire brigade provided an update on the recruitment of new retained fire officers. Their effort is paying off with several local people coming forward and one is in training. There are still a need for more people to come forward. There will be a Have A Go Day on March 31st (10am-1pm) and an Open Day on July 21st which the PC encourage people to attend to support out fire officers.

Cllrs Linington and Sheppard sent their apologies.

1530. Questions from Electors

Barcombe Mills Carpark – Action: Carpark surface see Subject reports

School Hill traffic and parking. The PC appreciate this is a major concern but are unclear how the behaviour can be influenced without the introduction of parking wardens who could then issue fines throughout the village. Action: Clerk to ask Sussex Safer Roads if they have any publications we could use locally.

Walking/cycling to school. The PC really appreciate that children and families do this but please remember that appropriate safety equipment and high vis should be worn.

1531. Questions from Councillors:

Does the PC plan any celebration for the Royal Wedding (Cllr Arbenz). There is nothing planned but the PC would support any community event.

Please could community be aware that treated wood should not be burnt in the firepit. (Cllr Mills).

Large hole in Barcombe Mills Carpark and dumped tyres. **Action:** Councillor Marler and Stewart will look at the carpark surface, Clerk to report dumped tyres.

1532. Subject Reports

Recreation

Gangmowers serviced and will be returned next week.

Barcombe Forestry will quote on paths & Barcombe Mills for the upcoming contract renewals Annual Meeting/Village Meeting Plans (Cllr Stewart) – **Date agreed** for May 9th 2018, 6pm for 6.30pm Playground review (circulated) – agree which items to follow up (Clerk). **Action:** Andrew Pearce (with help from Cllrs Marler & Stewart) will be asked to address items.

Finance

Internal Auditor – are we happy to continue with existing internal auditor, recommendation is they are changed routinely (Clerk) - **Agreed**

Defibrillator

This has been working intermittently in the cold weather. It will be checked and Cllr Skan will show all the councillors how to check it.

Telephone Box

Action: Clerk to write to Spithurst residents asking what they plan to do with the ex-telephone box and offering support.

Good Neighbours

The group will be 'open for business' on the 1st April offering driving and befriending services. The PC would like to compliment on the committee on starting this organisation.

1533. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

IT Policy (draft circulated). **Adopted**

Retention Policy (draft circulated). **Adopted**

1534. Sign documents: None

1535. Authorise payment(s)

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, March 2018, £494.65
- Chris Rumary, Caretaking, March 2018, £204
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, March 2018, £45.31
- Lewes District Council, Playground Inspection, £66.00
- University of Brighton, Housing Steering Group Printing, £42.00
- Land Registry, 1st Registration Fee, £140.00 – **canceled, wrong figure**
- Alan Marler, gift for electricity supply, £14.50

Authorisation proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Holman

1536. Correspondence

Reduction in grass verge cutting by ESCC. PC agreed to accept reduce level of cuts and will use local contractors for cuts if required.

Barrier at Barcombe Mills carpark. The PC revisited the discussion but considered that May 2017 decision stands. Detail from that meeting *"Replacement cost is £1,750. However a barrier low enough to deter caravans etc. will also prevent vehicles with bicycles and canoes on the roof entering. As this will lead to vehicles parking on the road it was decided not to replace the barrier at the current time."*

Dogs on recreation ground. The PC recognises the correspondent's concerns and will re-iterate that the recreation is a shared space through the Barcombe News and other outlets. The PC posted new signs in 2016 in response to concerns raised then.

Traffic Issues on Barcombe Mills Road. The Chairman will respond.

Meeting closed at approx. 20.20