

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on October 17th, 2018.**

**Present: Councillors Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Loughlin, Marler, Skan, Stewart**

### MINUTES

1605. Apologies; Cllrs Mills, Holman, Ryan Halford

1606. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. **Agreed.**

1607. Actions from the last meeting.

- Speedwatch, request for volunteer. Volunteers have come forward (thank you to them). A team (10 people) has been identified, initial training will occur in November. **Ongoing**
- Outside Toilet. Cllrs Stewart and Marler will get quotes re managing/ensuring well kept. This will be deferred until new caretaker in post. **See questions from councillors.**
- Cllrs Mills, Marler & Loughlin and Clerk to look at T&C's for pavilion hire. Existing T&C's plus example from AIRS circulated to Alison and Alan, Pavilion ones complete. **Action:** Cllr Marler will look at recreation ground one. Clerk to share T&C's with full Parish Council.
- Asset Document: **Action:** All to send questions and amendments to Cllr Mills. **Ongoing.**
  - Speed surveys: **Action:** Clerk to arrange surveys. **Complete**
- Parish Response to LDC Communication Document: **Action:** Clerk to return questionnaire to LDC. **Complete**
- Bonfire Society Grant: **Action:** Clerk to request a copy of ESCC Highways Invoice for files. **Complete**
- Allotment Agreement: **Action:** Clerk to obtain signature of Chair of Allotment Association. **Complete**

1608. Chairmans Report

1/ Steering Group

In line with my earlier Housing Overview, the Steering Group has been disbanded. Alex and I will prepare an entry in the Dec issue of the Barcombe News to explain all. All relevant documents and minutes will be placed in the Barcombe PC web site for future reference. The Design Statement should be presented to the Parish Council with a suggestion that the contents offer guidance to all future planning applications.

2/ Sports Hall

Since the Sports Hall (adjoining the school) was built some 28 years ago, approx. £47,000 has been collected as user revenue. Some of money is ring-fenced for the repair/replacement of the specially designed sports floor. At the time this was sensible and as such contracted between the three parties, East Sussex County Council, The School, and the Parish Council. None of the parties has individual access to these funds, and they cannot be used for anything other than repairs to do with the sports hall. These funds exceed the cost of any new floor. We need to discuss if we should redesign/update the changing facilities in such a way that we free up additional space for school use and thus benefit the community.

3/ The Church

We declined a request from the Barcombe News for financial assistance as we understood the publication was profitable. Now we understand that the church of St Mary's and St Francis is, and has to be, self-funded. The overall church does not support the finances and running costs of the two village churches, estimated to be around £100,000 per annum. The costs are raised from the

congregation and additional fund raising. The question is – should the Parish Council support the churches and if so how. **Action:** Clerk to add to November agenda.

One other point discussed was a request from the school to do something about the amount of dog poo on the Rec, children have trodden in the stuff and taken it into school. The PC decided to ask the Neighbourhood First team for their advice in signage, banning dogs and other suggestions. **Action:** Clerk to contact Neighbourhood First.

Cllr Linington sent her apologies.

1609. Questions from Councillors.

Ongoing maintenance of toilets; small low-cost changes will be authorized. To be reviewed next month when new cleaning regime has opportunity to take effect.

1610. Questions from Electors.

Discussion occurred on the potential offer of additional land for equipped play adjacent to recreation ground as part of housing project on Tickner's Field. Clarification will be sought on the wording around the acquisition of BA2, as the LDC document uses the words 'preferably' and 'transferred'. A larger, or different footprint, of land would allow for a better designed equipped playground minimising the impact of constraints of buffer zones for housing and safety zones for equipment. **Action:** Small group of councilors and representatives of PWG to meet, review options and seek best outcome for the village. A meeting with LDC will also be arranged when considered appropriate.

The Chair of the Housing Steering Group asked that the groups papers are adopted by the Parish Council and therefore available for future reference. **Agreed.**

The Chair of the Steering Working Group identified three areas where the new Parish Planning Boundary cuts through gardens of properties. This could have implications in the future so will need to be redrawn. **Action:** Clerk to contact LDC.

1611. Subject Reports as required;

**Recreation ground;**

- Thank you to WAB for Autumn clear up,
- Mr Pearce is looking at the damaged mower,
- Slight issue of where cut grass can be dumped. **Action:** Clerk to remind users in the spring,
- One new bin required for recreation ground. **Action:** Caretaker to let Clerk know what is required.
- Broken path near carpark will be repaired.

**WAB:** Action: Cllr Stewart, Ms. Bosence and the contractors will meet to finalise compost area layout.

**Barcombe Mills;** no carpark sign forthcoming from ESC. **Action:** Cllr Stewart will source one independently.

**Fingerposts. Action: Action:** Clerk to chase delivery of letters.

1612. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

To progress plans for Pavilion improvements by employing Lusted Designs to develop outline plans, cost circa £950, plus expenses. *Proposed Cllr Stewart, seconded Cllr Arbenz.*

1613. Sign documents.

Clerk signed, on Parish Council's behalf, form for Bags for Help Grant.

1614. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, October 2018, £504.53
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, October 2018, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking, £288.00
- Tim Austin, Materials, £86.78
- Your Home, Your Garden, Barcombe Mills Mowing, £225.00
- Andrew Pearce, DreamHost (Software for website), £5.00
- Castle Water, Water Supply, £267.62
- Graham White, Pavilion tile repair, £155.00
- Wightman & Parish, Pavilion materials, £262.70

*Authorisation proposed Cllr Loughlin, seconded Cllr Arbenz*

1615. Correspondence:

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