

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on Wednesday 14th August 2019

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

MINUTES

1715. Apologies; Cllrs Cornwell, Loughlin, Clerk

1716. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday 10th July 2019. **Agreed.**

1717. Matters arising from last meeting.

- Neighbourhood watch – no response by anyone to take over. AM to report back to current administrator.
- Uncut verges – still to be continued by Cllr Marler
- Review site of wells – to be continued. Cllr Mills is speaking to Orla's husband who has offered to view, once we have more info from him it should be an agenda item.
- Financial strategy – to be included in Sept when full council available.

1718. Chairman's report

- Playground

The Playground Working Group met recently and several suggestions were put forward to solve the problem of our shortage of organised, equipped play space. I had an exchange of e-mails and conversation with Lewes District Council, Neighbourhood Officer and CIL Officer. I referred to the LDC LPP2 and subsequent para 1.10 and asked if the land had been allocated to BPC, could we have it now.

Answer – the owner of the land is not legally bound to hand over the land.

Question, would LDC seriously give up the appropriate CIL contribution (circa £200,000 for 9 x 2/3 bedroom houses) for the land for helping Barcombe. Answer err umm need to check.

Is the sound buffer zone applicable to the development. Answer yes. Result the land becomes a strip of 15 metres by 80 metres.

Alternative ideas of relocating the playground on the Lower Rec or the tennis courts seem to be unlikely as Sports England specify the area must remain as a playing field. Equally, I remember a covenant on the land when it was sold to BPC stating no permanent structures to be placed on it. **Action:** Clerk to check.

Alex MacGillivray suggested the covenant may just refer to sharing future profits if development does occur. PWG needs to meet again soon to sort this out.

- The planning application for the new scorer's hut has been submitted to LDC in the name of BPC.

- Ian Ginn from Hamsey PC would like to speak at our Sept meeting to explain the Cooksbridge Station Partnership.

1719. Questions from Councillors. None

1720. Questions from Electors. None

1721. Subject Reports

Maintenance/recreation.

- Positive reaction to requests to cut back hedges on path/road ways
- Chasing replacement glass for the Pump House
- Chasing ESCC for costs of white gates and new signs
- Ongoing problems of dumped cars

Playground Working Group

WAB

Request to establish a formal WAB working group with a clear brief and policies. Cllr Mills happy to be lead person. Cllr Mills to ask for this to go on the agenda for next month as a formal proposal.

Financial strategy.

Deferred until September Meeting.

Sports Hall shower re-configuration.

Needs to be moved to the next stage. Action Cllr Mills, Pack and Stewart to meet.

1722 Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors: None

1723. Sign documents. None

1724. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, June 2019, £516.10
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, June 2019, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking June 2019, £. 313.28
- Amstech Asbestos, toilet block, £420.00

Proposed Cllr Stewart, seconded Cllr Mills

1725. Correspondence:

- Discussion followed about a defib machine for the PC. Need costs to decide, initial reaction was that the two in the village are enough. The Village Hall are free to follow their own policies.
- Road safety concerns - a suggestion that BPC encourage the Lewes Association to attend meetings.

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