

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on September 12th 2018.

Present: Councillors Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Loughlin, Mills, Ran Halford, Skan, Stewart

MINUTES

1594. Apologies; Cllrs Marler

1595. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday August 8th 2018. **Agreed.**

1596. Actions from the last meeting.

- Speedwatch, request for volunteer. Volunteers have come forward (thank you to them). A team (10 people) has been identified, Cllr Cornwell booking dates.
- Tesco grant. In progress (Cllr Loughlin), **Complete.**
- 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. **Complete.**
- Cllr Marler & Stewart to follow up on the water issues. Meter found but not visible till hedge cut. **Action:** Clerk to make short report on water costs so division of cost can be agreed. **Complete.**
- Sewage Service. Action: Parish Council will write to Southern Water to add weight to local request and obtain a formal response. **Complete.**
- Barcombe Mills: Action: Cllr Stewart to source signs, Cllr Marler to obtain quotes for barrier, Clerk to identify which council sites promote the carpark and ask them to remove, Clerk to write and thank local people who collect litter in area. **Complete.**
- Neighbourhood First: Action: Clerk to make contact and re-schedule. **Complete.**
- Asset Document: Action: All to send questions and amendments to Cllr Mills. **Ongoing.**
- Caretaker recruitment: Action: Clerk to contact the applicants. **Complete**, replacement appointed. Councillors agreed large toilet roll dispensers should be purchased. **Action:** Clerk to supply time sheet for caretaker.
- Pavilion: Action: Clerk to write to Pavilion users explaining anything left in yard at the end of September will be removed and disposed of. **Complete.**
- Recreation Users. Action: Councillors to supply clerk with contacts of known users. **Complete.**

1597. Vice-Chairmans Report

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Stewart took a moment to thank the councillors for their work and reported some of the examples of positive feedback from the electorate that he had received recently.

Cllr Stewart reported back on the SLR meeting; traffic volume and speed, ESCC state that they cannot pursue any measures that could influence traffic speed without speed data. It was agreed to purchase four speed surveys; Barcombe Mills Road, Spithurst, Village Hall and Village Centre (shop). If these demonstrate excessive speed ESCC may be able to develop a speed management strategy for the village. Cost will be £1200 (which includes a significant discount). **Action:** Clerk to arrange surveys.

ESCC also advised on the overnight carparking issue at Barcombe Mills. Cllr Stewart has requested a quote from a recommended sign supplier and we await quotes for a height barrier, although no formal decision was made about where to install this.

Barcombe Landscapes have been asked to repair rail and post fence at Barcombe Mills

1598. Questions from Councillors.

1599. Questions from Electors.

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The WAB team will be holding a 'tidy up' on the 7th October – All Welcome. This will occur quarterly in future.

The Chair of the Housing Steering Group reported that they had prepared a response to the LDC Communication Document. **Action:** Clerk to return questionnaire to LDC.

The Chair of the Housing Steering Group also reported that the LDC Amended Strategic Plan shows a modification of the Barcombe Planning Boundary to incorporate Tickner Field. Part of this land is again recorded as recreational land.

1600. Subject Reports as required;

Julie Hickling and Steve Brooker (Neighbourhood First) attended the meeting and provided a detailed outline of the way the group works, the ethos of the team and the types of issues they can help with. The Parish Council thanked them for attending and for the support already received.

Contact details: <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/environmental-problems/neighbourhood-first/>

1601. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

Grants Proposed:

Bonfire Society Road Closure Grant - £300, Agreed. **Action:** Clerk to request a copy of ESCC Highways Invoice for files.

Barcombe News Grant - £750; Declined. The Parish Council declined this application. However if, in the future, the Barcombe News has a specific requirement please feel free to approach the Parish Council again.

Parish Council CIL Grant Application. It was agreed in principle that this fund should be approached for Pavillion and Playground Project fundraising when plans are available. Cllr Lington provided useful information and explained that applications need advanced plans and matched funding. Many are refused as insufficiently prepared. She offered to share some training material on the topic.

1602. Sign documents.

Allotment Agreement. Signed by Clerk on behalf of Parish Council. **Action:** Clerk to obtain signature of Chair of Allotment Association.

1603. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, September 2018, £504.53
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, September 2018, £45.31
- LDALC, Subscription, £30.00 replacement as cheque not received
- Barcombe Landscapes, mowing, £336.00
- Barcombe Forestry, tree works, £648.00
- Heritage Finger Posts Signs, £190.50

Authorisation proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Loughlin

1604. Correspondence:

Large vehicles on School Hill (email circulated pre meeting). Some of these are associated with the landscaping at River Lawn, however there are increasing numbers of large vehicles. The Parish Council will try to access these as part of road usage surveys.

Railway line footpath – responsibility? (email circulated pre meeting) This land is owned by SeeBoard and is an unofficial footpath. It appears to be cleared intermittently by SeeBoard.

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