

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.30 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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

### MINUTES

1726. Apologies; Cllrs Pack, Skan

1727. Signature of the Minutes of the last meetings, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019.  
**Agreed.**

1728. Matters arising from last meeting.

1729. Chairman's report

1 / Thanks to Andy Holman for doing such a lovely job, painting and repairing the finger post at exchange corner.

2/ Thanks to Julia Shelly for wading through the planning application for the scorer's box.

3/ Vandalism was a problem over the bank holiday Friday. Damage to allotments, setting alight to the wooden retaining wall around the fire pit and forcing entrance into the tennis court one (£150 to repair), uprooting the net, leaving cycle skid marks and a deep cut to the court surface. They must be local lads and we will have to report this to the police if it happens again.

4/ An agenda item for October – in principle - should we change the entry signs to the village to read Barcombe Cross, matching sat navs, google earth and ordinary maps.

1730. Questions from Councillors. None

1731. Questions from Electors. None

Mr Ginn provide an update on the extended train service at Cooksbridge. The Parish Council thanked him for his efforts and agreed to provide £75 towards the launch party at the station in December.

1732. Subject Reports

#### **Maintenance/recreation.**

Goal mouth not yet installed but Cllr Stewart in touch with the suppliers.

The cost to repair the Pump House windows will be in the region of £500. It was **agreed** to give the suppliers the go ahead to complete the work as soon as they are able.

Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Loughlin.

#### **Playground Working Group**

**WAB**

The next clear up day is planned for October 13<sup>th</sup>, all welcome. Cllr Mills will ask advice re: climbing ropes and the Parish Council will purchase additional equipment.

There has been damage to the area around the firepit leaving exposed bolts. Cllr Stewart will ask one of the contractors to have a look.

Cllr Holman asked that wildlife is given a high profile in the WAB strategy., this was noted and items like bird and insect boxes will be included.

**Action:** MS & JC will supply tractor and car tires to be used for play/swings at WAB.

**Action:** Cllr Stewart to remind Barcombe Landscapes to clear the existing compost area completely.

**Action:** Cllr Smith - ivy on Pump House to be cut through so it can be cleared during the October working day.

### **Financial strategy.**

Cllr Loughlin gave a short report on the current financial situation and the proposed reserves for the planned activities. The Clerk reported that the auditors have asked additional questions about the reserve account, Cllr Loughlin and the Clerk have completed the additional paperwork showing we are about to undertake a number of substantial projects hence the larger than normal reserves.

### **Sports Hall shower re-configuration.**

Initial figures for improvement work will be available at the October meeting.

### **Insurance**

**Action:** The Clerk was asked to check with the insurers whether individual councillors are insured if sued following an accident.

1733 Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

Consider whether Village Hall could be asked to make Public Works Loan payment allowing the Parish Council to free up funds for other activities. (Current loan details circulated pre-meeting).

The Village Hall Committee will be asked if their constitution would a) allow them to contribute to the loan interest costs and b) be something that the committee would consider.

Select insurance policy.

It was agreed to remain with Hiscox who have to date been helpful in regard to adding assets and responsive to the recent claim.

1734. Sign documents. None

1735. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, September 2019, £516.10
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, September 2019, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking August 2019, £286.23
- Your Garden, Your Home, July Mowing, £470.00
- Your Garden, Your Home, August Mowing, £110.00
- Mr R Osmond, Fuel, £40.00
- Julia Foster, Planning application fee: cricket score box, £259.00

- Cane, Insurance, £1294.2.7
- Barcombe Landscapes, mowing, £420.00

*Proposed Cllr Stewart, seconded Cllr Arbenz*

1736. Correspondence:

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