

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a full Parish Council Meeting held in the Sports Pavilion on *Wednesday 10 May 2017* at 7.30pm.

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

MINUTES BY ITEM

1453. Apologies: Councillor Pearce

1. 1454. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday 12th April 2017. **Agreed.**
2. 1455. Actions, if any, remaining from the last meeting: included in Chairmans Report.
3. **1456. Chairman's report:**

• The Parish Meeting of Electors and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on May 24th, 7.30pm onwards in the Sports Pavilion.

- Pavilion shower block - action deferred
- A quote to replace the broken boiler in the pavilion will be available shortly
- A replacement bench by the roundabout will cost £300-500. It was agreed that replacement should be like-for-like, so formal quotes will be sought for a traditional teak bench.
- A volunteer is needed to take over content supply for the 'Village News' section of the Sussex Express.
- For information: Newick Post Office is under threat. Councillor Marler was contacted by Newick PC, and gave what information/support he could.

1457. Questions from Councillors.

- Councillor Stewart reminded the council that there are two matters still outstanding; an overgrown hedge at Gallybird Corner and the matter of off-road bikes crossing footpaths. **Action:** Clerk to draft letters
- Councillor Skan requested the Clerk to thank those involved in the village clean-up on the 22nd April by letter. **Action:** Clerk to draft and send.

1458. Funding review, Alison Mills.

A review of the funding opportunities available to the Parish Council and other community groups was presented, together with a proposed form for use by the Parish Council when evaluating funding requests. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mills for her work on this. With amendments the form will be used to manage applications for funding requests from local organisations.

1459. Questions from Electors.

- A short presentation from Pete Lilley, Barcombe Fire Station: Attracting new crew members.
- The long history of Barcombe's retained fire station and the current need to increase the existing team from the current 11 to a minimum of 15 was explained. The station team will be undertaking activities to highlight the need for additional crew - a house-to-house leaflet drop, an open day at the station and publicity through Barcombe News and the Parish Council website. Councillor Stewart volunteered to be the liaison between the Parish Council and the Fire Station. **Action:** Clerk to contact Mr Lilley for information to add to the website and posters for the Parish Noticeboards.
- A request from Geordie Gywnn and Stan Pendered for a skate park was discussed. In principle the Parish Council support the idea of a skate park although there is no immediate location or source of funding. The Parish Council would like to talk to potential users about how the existing bike jumps can be re-modelled to be made usable, and what they would like to see available to local children of their age group. **Action:** Councillor Pearce and Stewart; Meetings between local youngsters, councillors and contractor at the site of the old bike jumps. Clerk to write and explain that councillors will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

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1460. Subject Reports.

Update on progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the steering group, the Parish Council and the housing consultant met with Lewes District Council to try and clarify the planning situation in Barcombe in the absence of the SHELAA and the Local Plan. Dr MacGillivray is producing a report summarising the meeting, plus follow-up discussions with Anna Cronin; this will be circulated. The Parish Council requested that the Steering Group reviews the options arising from that meeting and suggest the best way forward.

The future of the village shop. There has been sufficient money pledged by purchase the shop and flat. Barcombe Village Stores Ltd will be established with a three-signatory bank account to collect pledged monies. The intention is for purchase during August 2017. The effort that Councillor Marler has put into this process was noted.

Transport and Highways. Barcombe Mill car park barrier. Replacement cost is £1,750. 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.

Recreation Ground.

- The Cricket Club has resurfaced and re-seeded the goal mouth prior to the cricket season, and will bill the Parish Council only for materials. The Parish Council thanks those involved for the work done.
- The playground has been steam cleaned.
- **The playground's slide is damaged – a sign that the play equipment is reaching the end of its life. Repair is possible.**

Finance. Accept end of year budget and audit (documents circulated). **Proposed:** Councillor Loughlin, Seconded Councillor Stewart

Planning (if required). No items.

Emergency Plan. Lewes District Council documents were circulated pre-meeting. Councillors discussed the suggestion of a formal Emergency Plan and felt that given existing local community networks and expert wider support there is currently no need for a formal plan.

1461. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors. None

1462. Sign documents.

- External Audit document for Littlejohns. Agreed – signed by Chairman and Clerk
- Authorise payment(s): **Proposed** Councillor Cornwell, seconded Councillor Arbenz
- Clerks Salary May 2017, £479.01
- Chris Rumary, caretaking, May 2017, £204
- Julia Shelley, contribution to household expenses, May 2017, £45.31
- Lewes District Association of Local Council, subscription, £30
- Sussex Air Ambulance, donation, £250
- Barcombe Landscapes, Mowing recreation ground & trimming hedges, £552.00
- Simon Goacher, payroll services 2016-17, £116.59
- Richard Osmond, fuel for mowers, £61.36

1463. Correspondence.

Letter from Geordie Gywnn & Stan Pendered reference skate park (circulated). See 1459 above.

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