

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.20 on October 11th 2017.

Present: Councillors: Holman, Loughlin, Marler, Mills, Stewart, Skan

1505. Apologies: Cllr Arbenz, Cllr Cornwell, Cllr Grover. Cllr Pearce

1506. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday 13th September 2017: **Agreed.**

1507. Actions, if any, remaining from the last meeting:

Electricity line tree trimming, School Path. Booked for October 24th

Bolt for WAB Action: Cllr Marler. Replaced but needs permanent repair.

Sign off procedure for applying for Solar Fund grant. Cllr Marler to do for November meeting

1508. Chairman's report:

- Neighbourhood Watch
There is one for Cooksbridge which ends at Exchange Corner – the current coordinator is happy to circulate the police reports he receives.
It is giving info out, not receiving complaints or observations. This could change if we want to. Should we just do this via our notice board and web site or be proactive. If so who.
We could post info on the Barcombe Community Facebook page and the Barcombe Flood Group page.
Action: Share details on website initially.
- Good Neighbour Scheme
Ringmer has created a Good Neighbour Scheme which has a group of volunteers who be-friend the older, lonely and more infirm residents. They have a group of drivers, checked and passed, who offer to drive villagers to hospital appointments and social events. Last year 151 trips were made and only 11 trips not met. They are rewarded at a mileage rate, apparently this does not invalidate insurance.
Do we want to set up such a system in Barcombe and who is willing to push it? **Action:** Cllr Skan will look into developing something in the New Year. The Parish Council will provide support.
- Cycling Races
A Surrey league road race took place on the 3rd September – although it was branded Sussex Revolution Velo Club. The race has motorbike outriders, lead cars, tail cars and static marshals.
I have received two verbal and one written complaint about the aggressive marshals who stopped two separate residents from going down their own roads and another who was shouted at and spat at by the riders outside their own home. This is not acceptable. As a road race – high speeds are maintained which causes concern. Has anyone else had complaints and do we want to object to our village roads being used for racing? **Action:** Parish Council to address as part of road safety review. Take advice from experts about what is allowed.

Apologies received from Cllr Linington and Cllr Sheppard

1509. Questions from Councillors:

The Housing Steering Group would like the Parish Council to write to Lewes District Council confirming that BA01 is recorded as a recreational site and that this classification will remain in place regardless of future plans for other locally identified housing sites. **Action:** Clerk to draft letter. To be cc'd to Cllr Linington when agreed.

The Housing Steering Group have discussed the issue of setting detailed housing policies when actual builds unlikely to start before 2022 as needs change and existing community data will be old e.g. census 2011, A second village survey may be of value. As the Barcombe Housing Plan will be tightly focused the timeliness of the report is important. The recent consultation paper Better Homes, Better Places indicates that by spring 2018 the existing figures "at least" will be clarified and a definitive figure provided. This would make the process of producing a Barcombe Housing Plan significantly simpler.

The Playground Working Group asked for clarification about the WAB meeting this week. The Chairman confirmed it was a preliminary meeting following a call in Barcombe News for some voluntary help with the pond. There is no commitment on either side at this stage. The Parish Council welcomes the suggestion that the Playground Working Group maybe able to put together a team for this project.

Action: Cllr Mills will arrange a meeting between herself, Cllrs Marler, Stewart and PWG. The Parish Council will report back and options can be considered.

1511. Subject Reports

- **Quarterly Finance Report**

Spend to date proportional and landslip costs will be paid by Sports England

Action: Clerk to meet with Cllr Loughlin and Mills so that forecasting can be included.

- **Traffic and highways**

One drive carefully sign has been installed at Barcombe **Mills Action:** Clerk to check whether second was planned

Cycle event issues. Will be incorporated into a general road safety review. The intention is to invite Sussex Safer Roads and LDC to a Parish Council Meeting.

1512. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

- Review monthly meeting date.

Issue of meeting Barcombe News publication date resolved so discussion tabled.

1513. Sign documents: None

1514. Authorise payment(s)

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, August 2017, £479.01
- Chris Rumary, caretaking, August 2017, £204
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, August, £45.31
- Chris Rumary, 2 x banners, £100

- Your Home, Your Garden, Barcombe Mills/WAB/Footpaths, £475.00

- Chubb, Fire extinguisher hire, £150.77

- Littlejohn, external audit, £360

- Royal British Legion, Wreath, £25.00

- James Stewart, Keys for pavilion, £12

- Joe Wheatley, Grass seed/topsoil, £138

- Graham White, Toilet block refurbishment, £1335.00¹

- Barcombe Landscapes, Mowing April – July 21017, £624.00

Authorisation proposed Cllr Loughlin, seconded Cllr Mills

1515. Correspondence

- Response to proposal to move Barcombe Path 3 (details circulated) Newick Park and fence. **Action:** Clerk to write raising concerns of community and council.
- Request to use Pavilion as an emergency rest centre by ESCC Emergency Planning Officer Agreed. **Action:** Clerk to confirm to ESCC and provide keyholder information
- Village Gateway promotional material (circulated pre-meeting). Will discuss further after road safety meeting(s)
- Invitation to ESCC Community Resilience Conference – two places reserved (details circulated), **Action:** Clerk to attend.

Meeting closed at approx. 20.35