

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe, at 19.15 on January 10th 2018.

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

1526. Apologies: Cllr Grover, Cllr Pearce

1527. Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday 13th December 2017: **Agreed.**

1528. Actions from last meeting.

1529. Chairman's report:

1) Thanks to Alison for a brilliant, detailed, 11 page report of the assets of the Parish Council – she has covered all the areas and the activities that take place plus maintenance schedules and when and how they came into Parish ownership. This is the first time ever that this has been done – in the past it has been down to memory and guesswork. Now we can plan and budget for improvements. This will be a big and vital project which will take time. James, Alison and I will meet to go through this and welcome anyone else who wants to get stuck in.

Action: Cllr Marler to arrange meeting to discuss strategy document.

2) New Housing in Barcombe.

We have a drop in meeting for all village residents on Sunday 14th January to explain where we are and to ask for comments and feedback. With Alex leading the Steering Group, Nick Gant and his team have done a wonderful job of organising display boards and adding a process to the presentation. Alex and I will lead two discussions through the afternoon.

The basic position, after the latest document from Lewes District Council, is:-

- BA/01 the Tickners Field permission for 6 houses – no affordable obligation
- BA/02 the Hamlyn horse field – 25 houses, obligation of 40% affordable = 10
- BA/03 Bridgelands site – 7 houses – no affordable obligation

The village planning boundary has been re-drawn to include these areas. The LDC document then states “ It is unlikely that further amendments to the planning boundary will be needed for this plan period” (i.e. to 2030). Thus, any speculation about development on other fields around the village is indeed speculation.

The old site previously numbered as 01/BA at the side of the recreation ground has been un-designated as an area allocated as additional recreation space. A letter from the Senior Planning Officer of LDC states we have sufficient recreational space and this is no longer needed.

I propose that we ask an independent chartered surveyor to measure the entire recreational space and then make the calculation against government recommended recreational space and go from there. If we are short we can request a re-evaluation. That area is still outside the re-drawn village planning boundary and thus cannot be built on. **Agreed to appoint chartered surveyor to measure area/times of recreation space.**

3) Outstanding items that need addressing

Toilet block / pond / lollipop person / gang mower service / water meters / repair water supply cock-stops to tennis hut. Finger post on Church Lane / war memorial entry.

Action: Clerk to ask opinion of vicar re: listing of War Memorial

1530. Questions from Electors

Following on from the road safety session last month Dr MacGillivray asked if any progress had been made on community rights to limit use of local roads for cycle events.

Action: Clerk to persevere in trying to get responses from Sussex Safer Roads Partnership.

For information here is East Sussex response to the clerks query about cycle events:

“If the cycle event is a race then it must be licensed by the Police, however if the event is just something like a time trial or a cycling club event then there is no requirement to let us know. If we are advised about a cycling event then we direct the applicant to check www.roadworks.org or www.eastsussexhighways.com, to ensure that there are not

any roadworks on their route. If any roads are to be closed then it is likely to come under the TPC 1847 legislation with the appropriate District Council.”

1530. Questions from Councillors:

Cllr Mills reported that the Playground Working Group have repaired the willow arch. The chairman expressed his thanks for the work done.

Cllr Mills raised the suggestion of ‘lollypop person’. Following discussion it was felt wisest to invite someone from ESCC to look at the local roads and help decide the best location for road crossing support.

Action: Clerk to contact ESCC for advice and add proposal for road crossing person to February agenda

1531. Subject Reports

- **Recreation**

The services for the mowers and tractors have been arranged. Cllr Stewart is reviewing the contracts for the footpaths and will request three quotations from local businesses.

A number of emergency blankets will be placed in the pavilion for use, if needed, following sports injuries.

1532. Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors:

- **Proposal:** Provide seed fund grant to Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Skan)

Proposed Cllr Marler, seconded Cllr Arbenz

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1533. Sign documents: None

1534. Authorise payment(s)

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, December 2017, £494.65
- Chris Rumary, caretaking, December 2017, £204
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, December 2017, £45.31
- Business Stream, water service, £570
- Barcombe Landscapes, Recreation hedges & mowing August to November 2017, £1,008.00
- Julia Shelley, refund of expenditure, £176.21

Authorisation proposed Cllr Loughlin, seconded Cllr Mills

1535. Correspondence

- An update about the application to divert footpath Barcombe 3 on the edge of Newick Park has been received. After considering the objections and comments arising from the informal consultation, the landowners representative indicated that they would amend the diversion route applied for, and re-submit to the County Council.

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Meeting closed at approx. 20.00