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BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL FULL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THE 8TH JULY 2024.

Attendees: Cllrs Arnold, Holman, Skan, Smith, Sokoloff, Stewart.

MINUTES

1. **Apologies.** Cllr Parsons
2. **Declaration of interest.** None
3. **Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, 12th June 2024.** The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Actions update.**
 - Disabled parking in village car park.** The Clerk asked if the electric vehicle spaces can be designated either/or for disabled or electric use, to avoid three more spaces being lost to provide two wide parking spaces.
 - Exercise of Public Rights to view Accounts** published.
5. **Questions from Councillors.**

Cllr Smith raised the issue of how the number of car parking spaces at the Recreation Ground might be increased. A general discussion followed.

Action: Clerk to remind sports clubs that the school playground can be booked for parking for away teams.
6. **Questions from Electorate.** None.
7. **Grant Request, Lewes Windmill Rangers** (application circulated)

It was agreed that as a non-Barcombe based society only a smaller grant could be made.

Action: Clerk to arrange payment of £50.00.
8. **Subject Reports.**
 - The WI continues to be well supported. It has helped the Neighbourhood Planning Group promote the Housing Survey to the older age group, who had been under-represented.
 - Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. The design statement has been revised. Once it has been signed off by the working group it will be shared with the Parish Council and then filed with Lewes District Council.
 - Blackcurrant Field Working Group. The first formal meeting was held in June. The group has produced a list of questions about the next steps in the planning process and how and when the working group can engage with the developer and Lewes District Council. This list has been passed to LDC.
 - Footpaths. Cllr Smith reported that he will be meeting the Monday Group to discuss improving the safety of the informal path between the tennis courts.

Action: Cllr Smith to ask Jim Edwards if willing to refurbish benches that need work.
9. **Proposals.** None.
10. **Authorise payment(s).**
 - Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, July 2024, £810.07
 - Julia Shelley, Household expenses, July 2024, £76.16
 - Tim Austin, June caretaking, £325.00
 - LDLAC Membership, £40.00
 - Barcombe Landscapes, Mowing Lower Recreation Ground, £144.00
 - Douglas Andrews, Fingerpost Repair, £734.40
 - Bespoke Gardens, Footpath maintenance, £360.00

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Paid between meetings: Tim Austin, weedkiller & sprayer, £48.97

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Stewart and Smith.

11. Correspondence.

- Art Club to no longer use the pavilion – noted.
- Dogs on recreation ground. Following discussion it was agreed to install new signs and create a leaflet asking dog walkers to abide by certain rules when using the recreation ground and other shared spaces in the village.
- Cricket balls. The Chairman reported that the cricket club had made a temporary fence to reduce the risk of balls leaving the field. Quotations are being sought for permanent fencing.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Next meeting – 21st August 2024