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BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on the 8th of February 2023 immediately following the Planning Meeting.

Attendees: Cllrs Arbenz, Bennington, Cornwell, Pack, Parsons, Skan, Smith, Stewart.

MINUTES

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs Holman and Stroude and Cllrs Linington and Milligan.

Cllr Stewart took the opportunity to thank Cllrs Arbenz and Pack on all the effort they apply to reviewing planning applications.

2. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 11th January 2023.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

3. **Co-option of Randi Sokoloff.** *Agreed.*

4. **Action Matrix.** Wild About Barcombe boardwalk – now weather is better. will obtain quotes for this work. Fingerpost – confirmation of 50% grant so contractors authorised.

5. **Questions from Councillors.** None.

6. **Questions from Electors.**

The issue of disabled parking provision at the recreation ground was raised. Lack of suitable parking is preventing attendance at clubs. The Councillors is supportive of this need, and will include wider/disabled parking when the car park is cleared after playground work.

Action: Clerk to write to school and ask staff to consider parking elsewhere on Thursday mornings, to allow disabled access for Art Club.

7. **Subject Reports.**

- **Agriculture.** Ploughing is the next stage of the farming year, prior to planting.
- **Good Neighbours.** Business as usual, but the need for additional daytime volunteer drivers remains. The Chair will be organising a publicity campaign. **Action:** Clerk to add to Barcombe News Report
- **WI.** Litter pick provisionally booked for 25th March 2023.
- **Playground.** Stage Two is underway so the playground will be unavailable for the next few weeks. Further grants to the value of £5,500 have been received. However, further suggestions and donations are very welcome as a shortfall remains. A small opening ceremony will be held.
- **Public toilet.** Progress is good. The intention is to have the toilet available when the playground is re-opened.
- **Wild About Barcombe.** Boardwalk repairs will take place when the weather improves. The working group held a very successful working day in January which has left the fruit trees looking fabulous. The hedges will be cut on a rolling three-year plan in future to allow a mixture of growth and cover for wildlife.
- **Environment.** Schoolchildren have been working hard to prepare and sow a wildflower strip alongside the path from Grange Road. Donations of seeds and wildflower plants welcome. We look forward to enjoying the flowers and insects throughout the year.
- **Recreation and Sport.** The contractors will make good and reseed any areas damaged by the playground work.
- **Highways.** The Parish Council is expecting the installation of red tarmac at the village entrances to hopefully remind drivers they are entering a residential area and drive appropriately.
- **Planning.** Cllr Pack provided an update on Lewes District Council's Planning Meeting, which will include Gladman's application in Chailey.

8. **Sign Documents.** None

9. **Administration, including accounts for payment.**

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, February 2023, £718.47
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, February 2023, £45.31
- Tim Austin, December 2022 caretaking, £514.81
- Knill James, Payroll January 2023, £39.00
- Playsafe, 2nd interim payment play equipment, £50,000
- Tim Parsons, grit, £73.20
- Julia Shelley, Repayment of EDF lost cheque, £318.84
- Lewes District Council, replacement cheque Playground Inspection, £92.82
- Hamsey Parish Council, contribution for Sleigh, £150.00
- Martyn Downey, plumbing repairs, £325.00

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Arbenz & Bennington

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10. Correspondence. Offer of replacement bench in memory of Doreen Tickner from Stoolball. **Action:** Clerk to accept this generous offer. Cllrs Arbenz and Cornwall provided an update on Coronation Day Celebrations.

The meeting closed at 21.00