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## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council Full Meeting, held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the Sports Pavilion immediately following a Planning Meeting.**

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

**Plus** County/District Cllrs Linington and Milligan

### MINUTES

- 1. Apologies:** None. Cllr Bennington left at approximately 8pm.
- 2. Confirmation and signature** of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Action Matrix:** Outstanding issues were covered in the Agenda.
- 4. A photograph of Councillors** was taken for use by a university research project on community engagement.
- 5. Questions from Councillors:** None.
- 6. Questions from Electors:** None.
- 7. Proposals:** None.
- 8. Subject Reports:**

**Environment.** The grass on the wildflower strip on the recreation ground will be close-cut in half term. School children will design some posters and begin sowing seeds for the Spring. An Old Railway Line group has been established so that the existing wildlife corridor can be protected.

**Agriculture.** Settled weather has allowed the harvest to take place. The next task in the parish will be hedging.

Wild About Barcombe. 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 cleanup took place. The Parish Council is appreciative of this.

**Good Neighbours.** A new chairperson, Sue Cartwright, has been appointed along with an assistant secretary. Additional drivers for the service always welcome. The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Cllr Skan for starting this valuable group.

**Services/Properties.** Pavilion boiler and waters tanks reviewed and working well.

**Playground.** Work will be started on the lower recreation ground in mid-October. Information about the process will be circulated to the village. Cllr Stewart asked that care is taken regarding sports pitches by all contractors accessing the site. The WI was thanked, along with several individuals, for their donations towards the project.

**Public toilets.** Councillors will begin the process of refurbishing the toilet attached to the pavilion with a view to re-instating its use.

**Planning.** Cllr Pack provided an update on the status of planning appeals in the county. He highlighted where planning appeals have failed or succeeded, and the impact on the appeal process of neither Lewes nor Wealden having Local Plans in place.

**Recreation.** The visit of Father Christmas to the village was agreed. Any funds raised will be added to the Playground Fund. The possible sale of land adjacent to Barcombe Mills carpark was discussed – however, there are no comprehensive details and the land is outside the parish boundary. Currently the suggested figure would be beyond Parish Council funds.

**WAB.** A contractor will be approached to quote for boardwalk repair in WAB.

**Roads.** A water leak near Plantation Cottage has been repaired. ESCC has offered coloured tarmac sections on all three entry roads to Barcombe Cross, to indicate the change to 30 miles per hour. This

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work will be completed by the end of the financial year. A large number of villages were put forward for speed management work, and Councillors are grateful that the need in Barcombe Cross was recognised by the County Highways Team.

**Sports Hall.** Additional signs will be put in place for the Community Hall both on the school building and, if possible, on the corner of School Path. Action: Clerk to contact ESCC re: sign. Cllr Holman has signed the revised Community Hall agreement which was required due to Barcombe Village Hall joining a school's consortium.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** The working group will re-convene in November to begin developing a plan which can align with the proposed date of late 2023 for the next iteration of the Lewes District Council Local Plan.

## 9. Administration, including accounts for payment:

Julia Shelley, Clerk's salary, November 2022, £  
Julia Shelley, Household expenses, October 2022, £45.31  
Tim Austin, September 2022 caretaking, £  
Knill James, Payroll October 2022, £39.00  
Royal British Legion, Wreath, £25.00  
Bonfire Society, grant, £250.00  
Business Stream, water services, £412.26

*Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Stewart & Holman*

## 10. Correspondence: None.

*The meeting closed at 21.30*