

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday 13th January 2021

Attendees: Cllrs Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Marler, Mills, Pack, Skan, Smith, Stewart.

MINUTES

1897 **Apologies.** None

1898 **Signature of Minutes of the last meeting.** December 9th 2020.
The minutes were recorded as a true and accurate record.

1899 **Action Matrix.** (circulated pre-meeting)

A017: Check insurance for individual Councillors. Provision confirmed. Closed.

A055: CCTV. Cllr Pack met supplier Camera could be placed on fence, cost £800. Deferred to March 2021 Agenda for fuller discussion. Closed.

A056: PWG to design community questionnaire re location/top level design of additional equipped play space. Completed and circulated. Closed.

A057: Contact professional body for planning application support. Contact obtained, Closed.

A058: Prepare zero increase-based budget/precept application. Circulated. Closed.

1900 **Chairman's Report.**

Building in Barcombe Cross

The village should be aware that the Lewes District Council (LDC) Local Plan Part 2 has been declared invalid as they cannot provide the required 5-year supply of housing land. This means that they do not have their normal powers to refuse development applications.

A proposed development has now been put in for a large part of the field over the road from the Village Hall. This is roughly a 6 hectare site which could produce 150 houses at the current assumed density of 25 houses per hectare. This is in addition to the 32 houses (Hillside 26 and Bridgelands 6) currently pending a decision from LDC.

This site was refused before, as were another three sites, as noted on the Parish Council website. However, LDC recognise previous refusals may now be reversed in favour of permitted development.

The Parish Council will report back when we receive details.

Flooding at Barcombe Mills

As a reminder, I contacted the Mechanical Engineering Department at Sussex University at the beginning of last year to ask if they would be interested in designing some form of mechanical alert system for rising flood water. They were very enthusiastic and we had a site visit in February. One student has already worked on a solution, sadly since then the closure of universities has slowed this process down as have the responses from the Environment Agency. Now I need to provide the EA with the weight and size of the monitoring device to fit under the bridge and this is again stopped by the closure of the university.

1901 **Questions from Councillors.**

Placing a permanent Christmas tree stand base at the roundabout would cost £50.00 (Cllr Arbenz). Decision deferred until October 2021 meeting.

1902 **Questions from Electors.** None.

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1903 Subject Reports.

Recreation

Santa's Sleigh visit. Thanks to Cllr Mills, Stewart and Pack for their help with this project. Councillors agreed payment of £150.00 to Hamsey Parish Council and £96.78 costs to Cllr Stewart. To borrow the sleigh in future will cost £150.

Police

The Police are to visit Barcombe Cross weekly with their 'Engagement Van' to provide an informal contact point.

Playground

An article was published in the Barcombe News outlining options and promoting the working group's survey. The closing date for comments is 31st January. There will be a Full Parish Council Meeting discussion on 3rd February 2021 to select a playground option, and to agree the first steps towards planning and funding.

Pavilion

A first paper on refurbishment was received on 13th January. Cllr Pack will review this and present details to the Council. Cllrs Pack and Stewart will discuss with sports clubs initially and identify funding sources to meet the proposed costs. **Action:** Add to March 2021 agenda.

Finance

Draft Budget for approval. Zero Budget selected. **Agreed.**
Precept request **agreed** and signed by the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

1904 Sign Documents.

Terms of Reference for Planning Committee.

Adopted. Next review: January 2023

1905 Proposals. None

1906 Authorise payment(s).

- Julia Shelley, Clerk's salary, January 2021: £530.40
- Julia Shelley, household expenses, January: £45.31
- Tim Austin, cleaning/caretaking December 2020: £287.63
- Barcombe Landscapes, mowing July – November 2020: £456.00
- Terry Pack, replacement laptop for Clerk: £633.71
- Waste water charge, pavilion/toilet block: £924.89
- Hamsey Parish Council, Sleigh Donation: £150.00
- Cllr Stewart, Sleigh costs: £96.78

Agreed by Councillors.

1907 Correspondence: None.