

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on the 9th April 2025, 7.30pm.

Attendees: Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Gwynn, Smith, Sokoloff, and Stewart: Julia Shelley (Clerk).

MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Arnold, Holman, Parsons, Skan, Slater, Joa Saunders
2. **Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, 12th March 2025.** The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Actions update:**
Councillors' email addresses – the Clerk confirmed that the individual gov.uk emails will be created, hopefully by the May meeting.
Social media – Councillor Alexander confirmed that the Facebook account is live. Content for the first post was agreed.
4. **Questions from Councillors.**
Cllr Smith asked if the Parish Council had received any information regarding the enforcement action on Downview Farmhouse, BN8 4TD. The Clerk reported that nothing had been received.
Action: Clerk to contact Planning Officer.
5. **Questions from Electors:**
A resident raised road safety concerns for the road between Crink Hill and Barcombe Cross. It was agreed that the Parish Council will purchase '*Share the Road*' stickers to try to encourage more considerate road use.
Action: Clerk to investigate process for localised speed limits.
6. **Subject Reports:**
 - **Footpaths:** Work on the Bevan Stream bridge has been completed.
 - **Recreation:** It was agreed to defer the decision on re-seeding the recreation ground until the impact of weed/fertiliser treatment can be measured.
 - It was agreed to remove the self-seeded tree adjacent to the tennis courts. An alternative tree will be planted elsewhere on the recreation ground.
 - **Environment:** Cllr Alexander reported that the Parish Council has been awarded a grant to purchase bat monitoring equipment. Contact has been made with both the 'Weald to Wave' organisation and local green energy groups.
 - **Planning:** Covered in Planning Meeting

Support from residents who have an interest in any of the above subjects is always welcome. It is not necessary to become a Councillor to be involved! Please contact the Clerk for further information.

7. Options for raising funds at Barcombe Mills Car Park

It was agreed to register with Sumup (or similar) and post notices containing a donation QQR code at Barcombe Mills Carpark. This could also be used for pavilion fundraising when the project develops.

Action: Clerk to set up process and order signs.

8. Annual Village Meeting

It was agreed to host the Annual Village Meeting before the main meeting on May 7th, start time 6pm for 6.30pm.

Action: All to publicised event.

9. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, April 2025 £817.07
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, April 2025, £76.16
- Tim Austin, March 2025 caretaking, £325.00
- Whaleback, Blackcurrant Field planning advice, £810.00¹
- HMRC, National Insurance, £7.33

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Sokoloff & Alexander

10. Correspondence: None

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signature _____ Date _____ of approval

¹ This was paid for using funds crowdsourced for this purpose rather than parish Council funds.