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BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees: Cllrs, Cornwell, Holman, Mills, Pack, Parsons, Smith, Stroude, plus Cllrs Linington and Milligan

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Bennington, Cornwall, Parsons, Skan
- 2. Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 10th November.**
The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Action Matrix**
Outstanding issues covered in main agenda.
- 4. Questions from Councillors**
Cllr Arbenz provided an update on the Sports Hall Committee Meeting. She had the opportunity to meet both the new vicar and the school secretary.
- 5. Questions from Electors**
- 6. Subject Reports as required**

Agriculture: The good weather has allowed the autumn agricultural tasks to be completed in a timely manner.

Environment:

- Cllr Bennington had a very good and interesting meeting with an ecologist and a representative from the South Downs National Park who are collecting projects for the Ouse Valley Cares bid. They are in the development phase of the project and will potentially receive up to £2.5 million for successful projects. The projects identified;
 - Barcombe wildlife corridor along the old railway line.

The ecologist was concerned about the Bridgelands development, it may be possible to get input from Natural England. Cllr Bennington will follow up on this recommended contact.

- A representative from the South Downs National Park will be invited to the January Parish Council meeting to talk about the Ouse Valley Cares Project. It may be that the Parish Council can provide a formal statement of support for the Ouse Valley Cares Project.
- Cllr Bennington has been in contact with Sarah Jackson (schools liaison environmental) to discuss sustainability and the curriculum. The woman from South Downs National Park have said the local school can be included in the South Downs Dark Skies programme. It would be great to look at a Parish wide Dark Skies event for next winter.
- A quote for £200 has been received from a local artist to produce the spotter guide board design and artwork for Wild About Barcombe. This work could be completed by the end of February. It was **agreed** that this offer should be taken up. The Parish Council would provide funds for the noticeboard for the artwork if the donation pot is insufficient.
- It was **agreed** to set up a working group specifically looking at the environment. Cllr Smith volunteered to be the second Parish Council representative on the group alongside Cllr Bennington.

Finance: The draft budget was discussed; the suggested figures were considered appropriate. It was agreed to request only a small precept increase of 1%.

Playground: Three providers have been contacted to supply designs and quotes for the following:

- Design of existing space
- Design of existing space plus additional using three car parking spaces

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- Design for simple play equipment which can be incorporated into the WAB area.

The intention is progress these quotations and apply for Lewes District Council CIL Grant in January – March 2022.

Chairman's Report: Water testing continues, there may be an opportunity for a small group to visit the water treatment plant.

7. Administration, including accounts for payment:

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, October 2021, £705.90
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, October 2021, £45.31

Proposed by Cllr Holman, seconded by Cllr Arbenz

8. Correspondence

- Sussex University has been in contact with Alan Marler to try and re-instate the flooding project. Cllr Pack agreed to be the Parish Council representative.
- There has been an increase in dogs mess on the Barcombe Mills Road between the Village and the Village Hall. The issue will be mentioned in the Barcombe News and Neighbourhood First will be contacted and asked to place some reminder notices along the footpath.

The meeting closed at 21.00