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## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2021

**Attendees:** Cllrs Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Loughlin, Marler, Mills, Pack, Skan, Stewart, Stroude.

### MINUTES

1908 . Apologies: Cllr Smith.

1909 . Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, Wednesday 13th January 2021. The minutes were recorded as a true and accurate record.

1910. Action Matrix (circulated pre-meeting).

1911. Chairman's report: None

1912. Questions from Councillors.

#### **Defibrillator**

The Friends of Newick Surgery are proposing to provide defibrillators for the Village Hall and the Sports Pavilion.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay the balance on the Sports Pavilion machine if the grant was insufficient.

1913. Questions from Electors: None

1914. Subject Reports as required.

#### **Recreation**

Footpath issue. The hedge between Oak Tree and Munster Flats is an ongoing issue and once again with the heavy wind the top of it has been pushed over causing individuals to stoop to get through. The hedge is old, too high and needs a good haircut. Cllr Stewart has been in touch with LDC and will endeavour to get the area pruned. If LDC refuse to do it the Parish Council may authorise the work.

#### **Highways**

The 30mph road markings have all been repainted. A 'no parking' restriction has been added at Barcombe Mills on the most dangerous part of the road adjacent to the car park.

#### **Pavilion roof**

Councillors recorded their thanks to Steve Heasman for replacing the broken roof tiles on the pavilion free of charge.

#### **Wild About Barcombe**

A section of the wooden boardwalk has been damaged. It will be repaired when the weather eases.

#### **Barcombe Mills**

Cllr Cornwell highlighted the damaged car park surface and fencing.

The Parish Council agreed these items should be repaired; the repairs will be made once the weather is drier.

#### **Playground**

The Parish Council acknowledged the number of responses to the survey and thanked the community for its engagement. There was no overwhelmingly preferred option, but there is sufficient support for the lower field option to make it worthwhile exploring it further.

The Playground Working Group (PWG) will pick up their existing research and get initial estimates to create a feasibility study. At this stage the group can look at general costs, but since the extent, complexity and design of the play space are not set, cost estimates will be general. The PWG will begin to identify funding sources. It will also look at costs to improve the existing playground.

**Actions:** Clerk to report the above in Barcombe News; Clerk to acknowledge responses made, both in Barcombe News and to the Owl Class at Barcombe School.

#### **Pavilion Refurbishment**

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The Parish Council has received a detailed specification for improvements. and drawings are being produced. However, the process will be paused whilst the feasibility study for the playground is completed as it may not be possible to undertake the projects in tandem.

**Planning: Bridgelands.** In February, Lewes District Council's Reserve Matters Committee will discuss site landscaping. Issues such as ecology, flooding and access require additional reporting; this has not yet been provided to LDC so these areas will not to be covered at the meeting.

#### **Secret Campsite**

Three Councillors visited in January and were shown around by the owner. The Councillors felt there were many positive aspects to the site; cars parked away from the tents and plenty of space around the tents. New toilets and washing facilities were being created nearer the tents. The conditions of use include no large groups, no dogs and the requirement that people must be quiet after 10pm. The owner confirmed that there would be no more tent sites created after this application, so the maximum persons on the site would be 80. The Parish Council has written to LDC that it is positive towards the application, but that it expects planning restrictions to be monitored and maintained.

**Action:** Clerk to send comments to LDC stating the Parish Council's view, including the monitoring/maintaining of restrictions.

#### **Lewes District Local Plan**

Cllr Linington confirmed that this lapses in May 2021. A temporary policy has been drawn up to guide developers' approach in the interim.

1915. Sign Documents. None
1916. Proposals. None
1917. Authorise payment(s):
- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, February 2021: £530.40
  - Julia Shelley, household expenses, February: £45.31
  - Tim Austin, cleaning/caretaking January 2021: £300
  - Richard Osmond, greenkeeping: £690.00
- Agreed by Councillors.**
1918. Correspondence: None.