

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Meeting.

**Attendees:** Attendees: Cllrs, Holman, Parsons, Skan, Smith, Sokoloff, Stewart,

#### Minutes

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr Holman in regard to item 3.
3. Presentation from DHA Planning, representing Akehurst Homes re: Avery's & Merlins sites adjacent to the A26 (Ringmer Parish).  
Slides will be circulated to the Parish Council after the meeting.
4. Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.**

5. **Actions update**  
Street sign installed on pub wall.  
No action has been taken by ESCC on the trees suffering from Ash Dieback. **Action:** Clerk to chase.
6. **Questions from Councillors:**  
Cllr Sokoloff raised the draft Lewes Local Plan and the designation of Barcombe as a service village among other points. It was agreed that the parish Council should be challenging this designation for several reasons. The Parish Council also want to highlight to LDC the agricultural importance of Barcombe. **Action:** Cllr Holman to draft and circulate a response to LDC.
7. **Questions from Electorate:**  
None
8. **Subject Reports as required**  
Carpark hedge: Action: Cllrs Smith and Stewart will meet to review cutting ready for addition of extra saplings in March. Action: Cllr Smith will approach the Monday Group to see if they will help with re-fencing alongside the hedge.  
  
It was agreed that the fingerpost on Church Road should be the second one repair for 2023-24. **Action:** Clerk to contact contractor.  
  
Village litter pick, organised by the WI, will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Report to the Village Hall from 9am for bags and locations.  
  
Defibrillator; **Action:** Clerk to obtain quote new cabinet to ensure appropriate temperature is maintained.
9. Proposal: Adopt revised Financial Regulations document (Circulated pre-meeting). Amend to allow for online banking and increasing works amounts which can be authorised without obtaining three quotations.  
*Proposed and seconded: Councillors Skan and Sokoloff.*
10. Sign Documents: None
11. Authorise payment(s):
  - Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, January 2024, £810.07
  - Julia Shelley, Backdated payrise April – December 2023 , £893.10
  - Julia Shelley, Household expenses, January 2024, £76.16
  - Tim Austin, December caretaking, £325.00
  - Martyn Downey, Kitchen tap, £165.00
  - Hamsey Parish Council, Sleigh, £150.00
  - Ole Calfe, Pavilion design work, £150.00

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*Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Holman and Stewart.*

8. Correspondence: None

*The meeting closed at 20.59*

Date of Next Meeting TBC