

DRAFT MINUTES

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barcombe Parish Council's full meeting, held at the Sports Pavilion on the 15th January 2025, 7.30pm.

Attendees: Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Gwynn, Holman, Smith and Sokoloff. Julia Shelley (Clerk): one member of the public.

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1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Arnold, Skan, Smith, Stewart
2. **Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting,** 10th December 2024. The Minutes were agreed as a true record.
3. **Questions from Councillors:** None
4. **Questions from Electors**
 - Request from resident of Barcombe Mills to improve broadband fibre provision in immediate area.
Action: Clerk to investigate any support available.
 - How can East Sussex County Council be made to recognise the impact of multiple developments on the road infrastructure and safety? The Parish Council will be meeting the Road Safety Team to look at the village overall and identify any possible improvements both now and after developments.
Action: Clerk to share Highways' contact details with resident.
5. **Subject Reports**
 - **Recreation:** Cllr Stewart reported that plans that Santa's visit passed off smoothly.
 - **Environment:** Cllr Alexander will prepare an application to Lewes District Council's Climate Action Fund for bat detectors and night vision cameras. The Parish Council will provide 10% matched funding to support the grant bid.
 - **Pavilion fundraising:** Cllr Holman confirmed that a local professional fundraiser will support the grant seeking process.
 - **Active Travel:** Cllr Gwynn circulated the draft proposal for an Uckfield to Lewes cycle link. (Please contact the Clerk if you wish to receive a copy).

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

6. Approval of draft Biodiversity Policy

The Parish Council approved the principal, aims and objectives of the draft. Cllr Alexander will revise it and clarify how links to supporting organisations will be developed and maintained. The Biodiversity Policy will be supported by a Parish Council working party.

7. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, December 2025, £811.13
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, December 2024, £76.16
- Tim Austin, December 2024 caretaking, £325.00

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Sokoloff & Smith

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8. Correspondence:

Enquiry about using Barcombe Mills for a cafe. **Action:** Request refused in line with Parish Council policy.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signature _____ Date _____ of approval