

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on the 25th June 2025, immediately following the Planning Meeting.

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Alexander, Holman, Parsons, Sokoloff.

MINUTES

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs Arnold, Gywnn, Skan, Smith
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 7th May 2025.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Questions from Councillors.** None.
5. **Questions from Electorate.** None
6. **Subject Reports:**
 - **Environment:** Cllr Alexander reported on the successful Bat Evening. The Parish will monitor bat numbers and share data with the Bat Monitoring Service. Cllr Alexander has met Mark Engineer and others to explore sustainability issues and projects in the village.
 - **Recreation:** Cllr Parsons requested that Councillors review the various mowing contracts. **Action:** Add to July Meeting agenda.
 - Cllr Holman reported that he had been obtaining quotes for additional fencing to protect playground from cricket balls.
 - **Bus shelter:** Clerk reported that bus shelter bench is in need of repair.
7. **Proposals:**
 - A. Approve appointment of Mulberry Local Authority Services Ltd as internal auditors for a period of three years. **Approved.**
 - B. Adoption of revised Standing Orders (2025). **Approved.**
 - C. Adoption of revised financial regulations (2024). **Approved.**
 - D. Approval for extended absence by Cllr Smith due to work commitments. **Approved.**
 - E. Approval for extended absence by Cllr Skan due to ill health. **Approved.**
 - F. To receive the Internal Auditors Report 2024/2025. **Noted.**
 - G. To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025 (Section 1 Annual Return). **Approved.**
 - H. To consider and approve Accounting Statements 2024/25 (Section 2 of Annual Return). **Approved.**
 - I. Confirm Cllr Alexander as a bank signatory for Unity Accounts 20469485 and 20516626. **Approved.** Chair and Clerk to sign AGAR documentation following approval of G) and H).
8. **To note the Conclusion of the Audit** for the years ending 31st March 2023 and 31st of March 2024: **Noted.**
9. **To note published dates for the Notice of Electors Rights 2024/2025** (30th June – 8th August 2025): **Noted.**
10. **Finance**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk submitted the following financial papers:

 - A. Payments and receipts for June
 - B. Performance against budget as at end of financial year
 - C. Statement for Bank and Savings account
 - D. Reconciliation for both bank and Savings account

A), C) and D) signed by Cllr Sokoloff during the meeting.

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Alexander and Parsons
11. **Correspondence.**
 - Community Energy Pathway, offer of report. Councillors agreed that this would not add to local knowledge, agreed not to apply.
 - Cycle Parking at Barcombe Mills. Clerk confirmed approved for grant. **Action:** Clerk to obtain detailed quotes for installation.
 - Bench at roundabout. Councillors agreed to replace damaged bench up to £1000. **Action:** Chair to discuss adding plaque to commemorate Cllr Skan's long service.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next Meeting July 16th 2025