

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barcombe Parish Council's Full meeting held in the Sports Pavilion on the 12th March 2025, 7.30pm.

Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Holman, Parsons, Smith, Sokoloff, and Stewart; Julia Shelley (Clerk)

MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Arnold, Gwynn, Skan; Joa Saunders
 2. **Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, 12th February 2025:** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
 3. **Actions:** Covered in main agenda.
 4. **Questions from Councillors:** None
 5. **Report from District Cllr Mark Slater**
Cllr Slater provided an update on the devolution process, and encouraged residents to complete the consultation <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/sussex-and-brighton-devolution-consultation/>. He also reported on the Decarbonising Social Homes project using central government funding.
 6. **Questions from Electors:** None
 7. **Subject Reports**
 - **Footpaths.** Cllr Smith has agreed with the Monday Group that they will repair (or replace as necessary) a beam bridge over The Bevan. Cllr Smith is working on a Parish Council response to the Rights of Way Access Plan – Parish and Town Council Survey.
 - **Recreation.** It was agreed to have the PC's tractor serviced.
 - **Neighbourhood Planning Group.** The members of the working group have allocated topics, aligned to those in the Lewes Local Plan, in preparation of making a response to Lewes District Council. A draft document will be produced by late April.
 - **Environment.** Cllr Alexander and local representatives are speaking with District Councillors and Lewes District Council, with a view to developing a scheme whereby local people provide specialist knowledge on local ecology in relation to proposed development. Cllr Alexander is talking to both Ovesco and Energise on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - **Pavilion.** A revised build-cost is being produced. This will be used by the the Pavilion Working Group's fundraiser.
 - **Planning.** Covered in the Planning Meeting.
 - **Chairman.** Cllr Holman noted that Cllr Stewart will step down at the May Meeting.
- Support from residents with an interest in 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.**
8. **Options for raising funds at Barcombe Mills Car Park.** Deferred to the April meeting.
 9. **Social Media Discussion (Cont/...)**

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It was agreed that the Parish Council should have a social media presence as another outlet for information, and to point residents to further resources. Cllr Alexander kindly offered to review what other local parishes provide.

10. Annual Village Meeting

It was agreed to host the Annual Village Meeting before the ain meeting on May 14th 2025, start time to be confirmed. **Action:** Clerk to ask if District Cllr Slater will provide a short Q&A.

11. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, March 2025 £817.07
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, March 2025, £76.16
- Tim Austin, December 2024 caretaking, £260.00
- Julia Shelley, Expenditure of Parish Council's behalf and expenses, £488.99
- HMRC, National Insurance, £7.33

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Parsons & Stewart

12. Correspondence. None.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Signature _____ Date _____ of approval