

# BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Barcombe Parish Council's Full Meeting held in the Sports Pavilion on the 10th September 2025, immediately following the Planning Meeting.**

**Attendees:** Parish Cllrs Alexander, Gywnn, Parsons, Sokoloff and one member of the public.

## MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Arnold, Holman, Smith. District Councillor Mark Slater.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Cllr Milligan's report.** Noted. Local Nature Recovery Strategy to be published in October 2025, see Sussex Nature Recovery for details.
5. **Questions from Councillors.** None
6. **Questions from Electorate.** A short discussion on the parking situation following issuing of fines in the village car park (Lewes District Council). The Parish Council may adopt the car park when District Councils are removed in 2026; discussions are at an early stage. The facility fulfils two functions -- parking for nearby residents, and to allow safe short stops for those visiting the shop, the school and the recreation ground. **Action:** Clerk to report weeds in car park to LDC and to arrange for the area around the notice board to be pruned and weeded (Beespoke).
7. **Subject Reports.**
  - **Recreation Ground.** Playground tidy up booked for October (Beespoke). Clarification of Barcombe Landscapes' work sought to achieve better balance between green spaces and pitches.
  - **Active Travel.** The Parish Council is waiting for updates on two major cycle routes (Lewes & Uckfield) from their respective Councils. Some funding appears to be available. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) continues to make progress.
  - **Environment.** The Bat Group is proving popular, with a children's event planned. A volunteer has come forward to help local data be incorporated into the national picture. Ideas for small eco-projects were discussed which could access the same funding the provided the bat monitoring equipment, and which would enhance Wild About Barcombe and the recreation ground. Ideas included wildflower turf, bird boxes, a "build a bug hotel" session and a pollinator pathway.
  - A clearer understanding of the role a village energy group can play has emerged with this group and the Parish Council, supporting and highlighting the work of larger organisations. There are plans for both an eco-fair and a dark sky event.
8. **Proposals**
  - a) Approve Clerk to sign Grant Acceptance Form – Cycle Rack. **Approved**
  - b) Employ Jo Olton on casual freelance basis to garden at Wild About Barcombe for 10-12 hours per month. Proposal allocate part of 2026 Precept to cover increased in cost. **Approved – 3 month pilot.**
  - c) Request meeting with PCSO/Police for recommendations regarding anti-social behaviour on Barcombe Recreation Ground. Deferred - Await contact from resident.
  - d) Approve purchase of a noticeboard for Recreation Ground regarding c) above. **Not approved.**
  - e) Approve Grant Request from Barcombe Art & Craft Group for exhibition materials. **Approved - £250.**

## 9. Finance

Prior to the meeting the Clerk submitted the following financial papers: (...continues)

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- 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

Items a), c) and d) signed by Cllr Sokoloff 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

*Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Gywnn and Parsons*

*The meeting closed at 8.38pm*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting: October 10th 2025**