

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barcombe Parish Council's full meeting, held at the Sports Pavilion on the 10th December 2024.

Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Holman, Parsons, Stewart: Julia Shelley (Clerk), Jo Smart.

MINUTES

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs Arnold, Skan, Smith
2. **Declaration of interest.** None.
3. **Co-option of Parish Councillor – Simon Gwynn.** Cllr Gwynn was appointed to the Parish Council.
4. **Request to use the Pavilion and WAB for Outdoor Forest Nursery.** The Council heard a short presentation from Charlie Haak about the above project. It was agreed that he would meet representatives of the WAB Group, then return to the Parish Council with more detailed plans including how the area would be surveyed and protected.
5. **Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, 13th November 2024.** The minutes were agreed as a true record.
6. **Questions from Councillors.** None
7. **Questions from Electors.** None
8. **Subject Reports.**
 - **Recreation:** Cllr Stewart reported that plans for the visit by Santa are all in place.
 - **Environment:** Cllr Alexander is liaising with some residents to refine the draft Bio-diversity Policy. **Action:** Policy document to be brought to the January 2025 Meeting.
 - **Active Transport:** Cllr Gwynn attended a cycling event organised by Lewes District Council. He will engage with what is happening in this area and keep the Parish Council aware of active travel opportunities.
 - **Pavilion fundraising:** Cllr Holman has been in conversation with a resident who can advise on funding opportunities.

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.

9. **Approval of 2025-2026 Budget.** (Circulated pre-meeting)
Proposed Cllr Holman, seconded Cllr Stewart
Approval of Precept Request for 15% increase. Approved unanimously.
10. **Authorise payment(s):**
 - Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, December 2024, £810.07
 - Julia Shelley, Household expenses, December 2024, £76.16
 - Julia Shelley, National Pay Agreement Lump Sum & Backpay, £357.72
 - Tim Austin, October caretaking, £269.98
 - ESALC, Planning Training, £48.00

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Paid between meetings

- Littlejohns PKF, External Audit, £378.00

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Parsons and Gwynn

11. Correspondence.

Enquiry about using Barcombe Mills on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Action: Clerk to reply.

Clarification sought about Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting

Action: Clerk to accept Road Safety Meeting and also confirm an onsite meeting with Highways.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm

Signature _____ Date _____ of approval