

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Arnold, Gwynn, Holman, Parsons and Smith; Julia Shelley (Clerk).

MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Skan, Sokoloff, Stewart
2. **Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, 15th January 2025:** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Actions:** Covered in main agenda.
4. **Questions from Councillors:** None
5. **Questions from Electors:** None
6. **Road Closure date for Bonfire Event 2025 (circulated pre-meeting):** 22nd November 2025 – noted.
7. **Subject Reports:**
 - **Recreation.** It was agreed to appoint a local pest controller to bring the mole population under control. Other methods were investigated: the RSPCA does not recommend capture and release.
 - **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. Carried forward to March Meeting.
 - **Pavilion.** A revised build cost is being produced. This will be used by the fundraiser, who has joined the Pavilion Working Group to target funders.
 - **Active Travel.** Cllr Gwynn is continuing to engage with local and national organisers as they plan improved cycle routes in the local area. Cllr Gwynn drew attention to the Blackcurrant Field design statement which suggests the Active Travel will be possible to the village centre. The Parish Council will raise this point with Lewes District Council and developers Macar Ltd.
 - **Planning.** The Major Development Working Group will review the ideas for increasing safe walking and cycling within the proposed developments.
 - **Highways.** The results of the Strengthening Local Relationships meeting have been circulated. **Action:** Cllr Holman to chase Highways regarding the status of the School Hill repairs.

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

8. Authorise payment(s):

- Julia Shelley, Clerk's Salary, December 2025, £811.13
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, December 2024, £76.16
- Tim Austin, December 2024 caretaking, £325.00
- J Church, Pavilion PAT Testing, £85.00
- Barcombe Landscapes, Mowing, £780.00
- Tim Austin, Cleaning Materials, £36.00

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Smith & Holman

9. **Correspondence:** None.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signature _____ **Date** _____ of approval.

Next Meeting: 12th March 2025