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BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 13th October, immediately following the Planning Meeting

Attendees: Cllrs Cornwell, Holman, Mills, Pack, Parsons, Skan, Stroude

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Clls Arbenz, Stewart.
2. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th September 2021.**
The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Q&A with Rural Crime Team**
The visiting officers explained the focus of the team are crimes involving agriculture, wildlife, and heritage. The team has grown in the last year but still has a large area to cover.
4. **Action Matrix**
Outstanding issues covered in main agenda.
5. **Co-option of Rachel Bennington.**
Rachel was co-opted to the Parish Council.
It was noted that Councillor Mills has tendered her resignation.
Action: Clerk to inform Lewes District Council of vacancy.
6. **Questions from Councillors**
Rydons have been in touch with Cllr Linington re: creating a consultation group. She had directed them to the Parish Council but no contact made to date.
Action: Clerk to write to Rydon and request contact.
7. **Questions from Electors**
Queen's Platinum Jubilee: The Parish Council supported the idea to hold a Street Party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. A Working Group will be created as part of the Parish Council with Cllr Cornwell as the Parish Council representative.

A banner frame to be placed behind bench on roundabout. **Action:** Cllr Smith will see what would be suitable.

Permanent hole for Christmas Tree – covered between times. **Action:** Cllr Smith will see what would be suitable.

Church Road railway bridge: The Rural Crime Team indicated interfering with a wildlife habitat should be reported on 101 and photographs taken. Councillor Linington reported that a) a Government Review may prevent the work for the time being b) Lewes District Council now have a team which includes environmental officers and will be checking to see whether the work falls under permitted development or whether a full planning application is required.

Action: Clerk to write to M Irvin to request a formal update.

Security Concerns Recreation Ground Car Park: An issue has been noted by the PCSO and reported via 101. The Parish Council will discuss options for improving security in and around the Pavilion and Recreation Ground at the November meeting.

8. **Subject Reports**
 - **Agriculture:** Silage operations underway and then attention will move to hedging/ploughing and drilling winter crops.
 - **Finance:** Employment Review. **Proposal:** Raise Clerk's hourly rate to £16.00 (nearest SCP 27 - £16.29), Caretakers' hourly rate to £13.00. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Parsons. **Action:** Clerk to review recreation/pavilion income and costs for November meeting.
 - **Good Neighbours:** Increase in demand, particularly need for drivers. Several Councillors offered to help around existing commitments.
 - **Playground:** **Action:** Clerk to contact multiple suppliers asking for designs, including/excluding additional space generated by removal of three parking spaces.

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- **Wild About Barcombe:** It was agreed to take the 'make safe' route for the Pump House wells. Cllr Parson is contacting appropriate contractors.

Chairman's Report: Water testing was carried out following heavy rainfall. E.coli levels on both sides of the treatment plant were similar. This might indicate that farm animals and private cesspits are impacting on water quality. The Environment Agency is being approached to discuss testing routines.

9. Administration, including accounts for payment:

- Julia Shelley, Clerk's Salary, October 2021, £530.40
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, October 2021, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking September 2021, £264.00
- Expenses on Parish Council's behalf, April – September 2021, £653.38
- Chubb Fire, Annual Contract, £169.69
- Royal British Legion, Wreath, £25.00
- Terry Pack, Pavilion Lock, £6.99
- Monday Group, improvement to lower recreation ground footpath, £678.56.
- External Audit, Littlejohn, £240.00
- EDF Electricity, £185.24

Proposed by Cllr Holman, seconded by Cllr Skan

10. Correspondence: None

The meeting closed at 21.15