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BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 8th September immediately following the Planning Meeting

Attendees: Cllrs Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Mills, Pack, Parsons, Skan, Stewart

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Smith, Stroude.
2. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th August 2021.**
The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Co-option update.**
It was agreed to add the co-option of Rachel Bennington to the October 2021 Agenda.
4. **Action Matrix :** Updated.
Wells in WAB. Action: Clerk to ask neighbouring parishes for structural builder recommendations.
5. **Questions from Councillors**
There was a short discussion on how to approach outline planning application LW/21/0530 (erection of 26 dwellings, land north of High Street). It was agreed to wait and address the reserve matters as they arise.
6. **Questions from Electors**
A progress report was given on the Sports Pavilion defibrillator. This should be installed as part of the electrical overhaul in September. Alternative types of security for the defibrillator are being considered.
Action: Clerk to share contact for defibrillator fitter with the Village Hall Committee.
7. **Subject Reports:**
 - Agriculture:** Last remaining crops are being bought in. The overgrown hedges around the Parish are a cause for concern.
Action: Clerk to collate a list of overgrown hedges and contact East Sussex County Council. Please could all Councillors report locations to the Clerk.
 - Good Neighbours:** The organisation is short of drivers so new volunteers would be welcome.
 - Planning:** The feedback on Ecological Report on Bridgelands by the ESCC Ecologist has been made available. There are still concerns about the site.
 - Recreation:** Additional memorial benches are being installed. Some tiles on the Pavilion roof are to be repaired. Nettles in playground have been strimmed and hedge cutting is to be completed shortly.
Action: Cllr Stewart and the Clerk to create a list of trees which require pruning.
 - Footpaths:** The footpaths which start from the Lower Recreation Ground will be repaired and improved by the Monday Group. The Monday Group have kindly offered to undertake the work at cost, on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - Playground:** It was agreed to discuss and agree the proposed size of the playground site at the October Meeting, so quotations for refurbishment can be obtained.
Action: Clerk to create a decision tree to help process.
 - Traffic:** The roads continue to be busy: it is hoped once the Earwig Corner roadworks are completed the situation will improve. The PCSO will be undertaking spot speed checks in the village.
 - Chairman's Report:** The Parish Council has made a freedom of information enquiry to Southern Water. Comparing the most recent results to those previously reported there is a reduction in frequency of water being released into the overflow reservoir; however the duration of each release appears to be longer. The Chairman is following up the results with the Quality Team at Southern Water.

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The Parish Council will co-ordinate with the National Association of Local Councils, the Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Biodiversity Officer at Lewes District Council to understand and co-operate on the development of Wildlife Corridors and other aspects of nature recovery.

Communiheat: The organisation still requires more property surveys to be completed. Please contact on <https://communiheat.org/> or 01273 472 405.

8. Administration, including accounts for payment:

- Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, September 2021, £530.40
- Julia Shelley, Household expenses, September 2021, £45.31
- Tim Austin, Cleaning/caretaking, 2021, £313.00
- Insurance, Cane and Company, £1,353.14

Proposed by Cllr Mills, seconded by Cllr Holman

9. Correspondence

Donation request from Air Ambulance. £250 donation agreed.

Action: Clerk to send cheque and confirm that Air Ambulance has a budget line in the accounts.

The meeting closed at 20.56

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