

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barcombe Parish Council's full meeting, held at the Sports Pavilion on the 11th September 2024.

Attendees: Attendees: Cllrs Parsons, Skan, Smith, Sokoloff, Stewart; District Councillors Joa Saunders, Mark Slater; Julia Shelley (Clerk)

MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Arnold, Holman
2. **Declaration of interest:** None
3. **Signature of the Minutes of the last meeting, 14th August 2024.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Actions update**
 - Clerk to research permissive footpath legislation. Information circulated. **Closed.**
 - Condition of Mrs Warren's field. **To be monitored.**
 - Clerk to investigate defibrillator training and publish locations in Barcombe News. **Closed.**
 - Clerk to publish Dog Owners Alliance text in Barcombe News. **Closed**
 - Clerk to inform Emergency Services and inform of fixed barrier at Barcombe Mills. **Closed.**
5. **Update from District Councillors Joa Saunders & Mark Slater**

Two District Councillors attended to provide an update on the National Planning Policy Framework and the impact this may have on the development of the Lewes Local Plan. A review of the Lewes Land Availability Assessment is being undertaken, but local councillors will continue to argue against increasing the number of dwellings that should be provided in the district and the underlying algorithm used to produce the housing figures.

It was confirmed that the Labour government is supportive of Community Land Trusts.

Any changes in housing policy cannot be applied retrospectively – so any permissions granted remain.

District Councillors are working district wide to address the issue of flooding caused by run off from new developments. It would be more appropriate for draining to be part of the full planning application, rather than something to be settled at reserve matters stage. Housing Minister Angela Rayner has been approached and asked to review both the operation and the advisory powers of a Sustainable Drainage System Review (SuDS).
6. **Subject Reports**
 - **Footpaths:** Cllr Smith has begun a review of parish footpaths, comparing them against those recorded on the East Sussex County Council definitive map. This will provide a list of vulnerable paths.
 - **Pavilion Working Group:** quotations for the erection of a machinery shed are being received.
 - Action:** Clerk to check planning permission requirements.
 - Action:** Cllr Parsons to share designs when available.
 - **Recreation:** Barcombe Landscapes has been asked to re-seed certain areas of the recreation ground. The Tennis Club are improving the safety of the informal path between the tennis courts.
 - **Planning:** Cllr Sokolof will collate the Parish Council's responses to the National Planning Policy Framework.
 - **WI & Good Neighbours** continue to thrive.
7. **Proposals.** None.
8. **Authorise payment(s):**
 - Julia Shelley, Clerks Salary, September 2024, £810.07
 - Julia Shelley, Household expenses, September 2024, £76.16
 - Tim Austin, June caretaking, £260.00
 - Julia Shelley, Expenditure on Parish Council behalf, £817.26
 - Barcombe Forestry, recreation ground trees, £864.00

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Gallagher, Insurance policy, £2190.00

Paid between meetings:

EDF, electricity, £558.25

Richard Osmond, fuel, £90.00

Proposed and seconded: Cllrs Sokoloff and Stewart.

The meeting closed at 20.25

Signature _____ **Date** _____ of approval