

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 5th March 2009 at 9.00 p.m.

1083. Present: Councillors R Hepple, A J MacGillivray, N C Lear and D J Lloyd.

1084. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr J C Cornwell

1085. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 20th January 2009.

1086. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hepple declared an interest over minute 1090

1087. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: Cllr D J Lloyd enquired how much of the Sports Council grant of £1,900 had been spent. The Clerk reported that in 2008/09 £2,200 had been spent on pavilion repairs and refurbishment including £1,100 on three new windows. In addition, a strimmer had been purchased at a cost of £326. The budget for pavilion repairs for 2008/09 had only been £500 and it was the Clerk's view that the spending over and above the budget had been based on the money available from the Sports Council. A further £517 had been spent on an improved gate at the rear of the pavilion and although this installation had been driven by the ROSPA safety report on the playground there were benefits to sports clubs using the pavilion.

The Clerk was asked to provide summary information on a more regular basis.

1088. Financial Regulations: It was agreed that the revised draft prepared by the Clerk, incorporating comments made by Cllr N C Lear, should be presented to the next meeting of the parish council for approval and adoption.

1089. Grants payable in 2008/09: The following payments were approved from the budget of £400:

Barcombe PCC - £200 – war memorial repairs

Barcombe News - £100 – grant

Sussex County Playing fields Association -£15 – donation

Victim Support Sussex - £50

No other requests had been received.

1090. Allotments: It was agreed that the rent for the new plots should be £10 each, so £120 in total. It was agreed the Allotment Society should pay the rent due on the original plots of £240 and parish council would reimburse the Society as per minute 706 for receipted costs of spraying.

1091. Administration: The following accounts were approved for payment:

M Wilson – clerks expenses - £93.99

P & G Trower Ltd – pavilion repairs - £112.70

Barcombe Forestry – playground hedge cutting - £483.00

It was agreed the rent payable by the Royal Oak for the sign and concession should remain at £250

1092. Outstanding action points: These had been updated by the Clerk.

1093. Close of Meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.