

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 6th March 2008 at 7.50 p.m.

531. Present: Councillors R Hepple, A J MacGillivray, C M Arbenz and D J Lloyd. Also in attendance was Cllr J O Cornwell.

532. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr N C Lear

533. Confirmation and signature of Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th January 2008 were approved by the Council at its meeting on 22nd January 2008.

534. Declarations of interest: Cllr R Hepple declared a personal interest in minute 536.

535. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No.16: (i) District Councillor David Mitchell had provided a detailed paper on parking revenues in Lewes District. It was passed to Cllr D J Lloyd for review. (ii) Cllr J O Cornwell reported that he had not been able to locate any material to repair Barcombe Mills car park and so a bag of aggregate had been ordered from Chandlers.(see T & H minute 495).

536. Allotments: RGC minute 505 was noted

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

M A Weller - £1,842.18 – kitchen works and benches
Playground Services - £13,747.50 - playground equipment
Graysmark Ltd - £1,917.03 – plumbing and electrical works in pavilion
S Hepple - £367.25 – caretaking from 1/1/08 to 31/3/08
Clerk - £149.53 – expenses as per invoice
Chandlers - £29.38 – aggregate for BM Car Park
D J Lloyd(P & P Designs) - £29.28 – tiles for pavilion

538. Grants to outside bodies: After discussion it was agreed to make the following grants:

Sussex County Playing Fields Association - £15
Anchor Staying Put - £50
Lewes & Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau - £50
Sussex Air Ambulance - £50
Homecall - £50
Victim Support Sussex - £50
Barcombe PCC - £100
Wild About Barcombe - £35

539. Finance summary: The summary produced by the clerk covering the period 31/1/08 to 31/3/08 was noted

540. Honorary Auditor: It was agreed to ask Mr Robert Peck to continue as auditor

541. Clerks appraisal and salary review: The Committee confirmed the Parish Council was happy with the performance of the Clerk and agreed that from 1st May 2008 his salary should move to SCP 21 on the National Salary Scale LC1 for part time clerks. This was in accordance with the job grading review carried out by SALC. The Clerk was asked if he had any concerns over the role; he would prefer that all councillors were on e mail to ease the flow of information.

542. Lewes District Council – Rural LATS Team grant: A grant of £3,400 towards a new ball/court safety fence has been approved and the Committee agreed to use parish council funds to cover the small shortfall. The lowest quote received was £3,757 plus vat from Playground Services

543. Land title issues: The clerk reported on correspondence with Mr W Hope and discussions with the Chairman of the parish council.

(i) Recreation Ground car park – the Clerk will contact the former Clerk to ascertain the progress he had made in this matter and then potentially contact the Scout Association to try and formalise the transfer of the legal title of the land formerly used for the scout hut. The land was made available to the parish council in 1972.

(ii) Barcombe Mills Car Park – the clerk will work with Mr Hope to try and register the title of the small triangle of land to the north west of the car park between the road to Pikes Bridge and the River Ouse.

(iii) the Pump House – given the uncertainties of ancient rights and the potential costs of resolving any protracted dispute it was agreed to leave matters as they stand

544. Correspondence: There was no correspondence

545. Outstanding action points: These were covered on the agenda and the Clerk will update the list.

546. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.