

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 7th May 2009 at 8.45 p.m.

1163. Present: Councillors R Hepple, A J MacGillivray, N C Lear and D J Lloyd.

1164. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr J C Cornwell

1165. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 26th March 2009.

1166. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hepple declared a prejudicial interest re item 1171

1167. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: There was none

1168. Annual Return 2008/09: The clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had not yet been able to complete his work. Hopefully this will be done in time for the parish council meeting on 19th May 2009 – if not, a special meeting of the parish council will need to be held in the first two weeks in June.

1169. Barcombe Bonfire Society: The Clerk reported on a request for funding to upgrade storage facilities. He had written asking for more details and a response was awaited.

1170. Clerk appraisal: This was undertaken and agreed. See appendix 1.

1171. Administration: The following accounts were approved for payment:

Stedman and Son – toilet repairs - £42.55
P & G Trower Ltd – playground repairs - £51.75

It was agreed to renew the parish council's insurance with Norwich Union, via Came & Co as brokers, at a premium of £1,507.26 which includes a 5% no claims discount

In line with the budget for 2009/10 it was agreed to increase the payment to the caretaker by 5% from £1470 to £1550 per annum wef 1st April 2009.

1172. Correspondence:

1173. Outstanding action points: The Clerk will update the schedule

1174. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

Appendix 1 – Clerk’s appraisal

The Council Chairman reported that he was very happy with the work of the Clerk and acknowledged the good relationships that had developed between Malcolm and himself and other councillors. The other members of the Committee endorsed these views unanimously.

The Clerk reported that he was happy with the position and liked working with and on behalf of the Council. He was aware that during the year a few actions had not been carried out to his own personal satisfaction and standards but the situation would be rectified in future. He was satisfied with his salary and general conditions. IT equipment was working satisfactorily. He felt that the Council could work at greater efficiency if all councillors used email.