

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 at 8.15 pm.

1576. Present: Councillors D J Lloyd, R Hepple, J.C. Cornwell, N Gant, C M Arbenz, J O Cornwell and A J MacGillivray.

1577. Apologies for absence: None were received

1578. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2010 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 19th January 2010.

1579. Declarations of Interest: Cllr R Hepple declared an interest in minute 1584.

1580. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: Pavilion water bills have soared and Cllrs Lloyd and Hepple are obtaining quotes for two water meters which should pinpoint key users, probably the bowls and cricket clubs, who might need to pay extra for what they use outside the pavilion building itself; use within the pavilion is covered by the rent paid by all the clubs.

1581. Recreation Ground – Grant Applications: The Clerk reported that the grant application had been submitted to Biffaward. They had now asked for a formal business plan and environmental policy. It is vital these are thoroughly thought through and well presented. If they are submitted to Biffaward by 12th March the application will be considered at the April grant allocation meeting, but more realistically they will be submitted in time for the July decision round.

1582. Wild About Barcombe: The Clerk reported that the parish council's insurers had advised that as WAB was a separately established body, necessary for Lottery funding, it needed its own public liability insurance; apparently relatively cheap policies are available for not for profit organisations. Cllr N. Gant gave an update on progress. The steering group are meeting weekly and will select a project manager at its meeting on 3rd March. The Lottery have asked for a formal letter from the parish council supporting the plans and written confirmation from Lewes DC that planning permission is not needed. Cllr Gant will liaise with the planners. The Action Plan meeting on 8th March will be used to explain to the village progress made to date and once final plans are agreed these will be submitted to this Committee before being forwarded for approval to the full parish council at which point the letter of support from the parish council can be provided.

1583. Sports pavilion: The Chairman reported that local tradesmen were reluctant to quote for work and he would begin to look outside the village.

1584. Caretaker: The Clerk reported Mrs Hepple had decided to remain in position. The Committee expressed its delight at the news. The sports clubs will be encouraged to behave considerately.

1585. Barcombe school and sports hall building works: Cllrs D J Lloyd and C M Arbenz had met a representative from ESCC. Problems with the flat roof were acknowledged and a weld mesh frame will be installed to prevent balls being trapped. Mature shrubs would also be planted in front of the flint wall. Contractors had acknowledged they had damaged a drain, and the recreation ground car park gate post had also been dislodged.

1586. Playground – safety inspection and gates: The Clerk reported that the first Lewes DC inspection had been undertaken and a clean bill of health received

1587. Correspondence: None received.

1588. Outstanding action points: These were covered in the agenda.

1589. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.