

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at 7.45 p.m.

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

799. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllrs M J Austen and R Hepple

800. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2008 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 22nd July 2008.

801. Declarations of Interest: None were declared

802. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: None

803. Wild About Barcombe: The next meeting is to be held on site on 25th September.

804. Allotments: The Clerk had received a sketch plan from Mr R Hepple in his Allotment Society capacity showing the plans for extensions. This was noted. It was felt there was merit in new plots being half sized to share the benefit of the facility as widely as possible in the community. It was also felt individuals should only have one plot

The Clerk reported on a request from the mother of a resident of Bevern View for a plot for the home. There are possible health and safety concerns and the Clerk was in discussions with the Allotment Society.

805. Recreation Ground: Further to minutes 803 and 804 Cllr Gant proposed, and it was agreed, that a special meeting of the Committee be held towards the end of November to which representatives of Wild About Barcombe, the Allotment Society, the Sports Council and the School would be invited to give their vision of how they saw the Recreation Ground working best for them so that a clear vision of the future could be established which would also help any applications for grant funding . The clerk would prepare and circulate a round robin invitation.

806. Playground: Some more painting is required; the Clerk will order the required spare parts from the appropriate equipment suppliers; it was also agreed to install a proper secure door at the rear of the pavilion as recommended in the RoSPA report.

807. Sports pavilion: Any further work will depend on budget being available.

808. Recreation Ground – playing surface improvements: The Chairman reported that he would be approaching County councillor R St.Pierre to see if ESCC had contacts who did large groundwork contracts and who could give advice on surveying the bottom field. Improvements will link in with minute 805 above.

809. Public toilets: It was agreed that this was a very useful village amenity that ought to be preserved and improved if possible. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would explore whether there were specialised contractors in this field, as will Cllr J C Cornwell with Mr T Parsons of Chandlers, and see what suggestions they might have for improvement, grant funding (particularly to ensure disabled access), and single sex usage. The possibility of raising the precept to fund a major improvement plan was noted.

810. Correspondence: None received for consideration

811. Outstanding action points: These were covered in the meeting

812. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.