

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 7.40 pm.

1048. Present: Councillors D J Lloyd, R Hepple, J.C. Cornwell, C M Arbenz and A J MacGillivray and J O Cornwell

1049. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr N Gant.

1050. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 20th January 2009.

1051. Declarations of Interest: Cllr R Hepple declared an interest regarding item 1056.

1052. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: Cllr Hepple reported that the Cricket Club wished to apply for a club license to enable them to sell alcohol for its centenary and other family days. The parish council had no objections.

1053. Recreation Ground Strategy: Following a meeting between Cllrs D Lloyd, N Gant, the Clerk and Mrs K Sweetapple the following grant applications were being prepared (i) to Biffaward for £50,000 towards a cost of £62,000 in respect of improving the drainage and playing surface of the recreation ground and the levelling and drainage of “tennis court field” (ii) to the Lottery for £42,000 to develop the Wild About Barcombe project. It was accepted that planning approval might be needed. The Committee resolved to endorse this approach

1054. Wild About Barcombe: The Clerk has been advised by SALC that the current structure of the parish council’s relationship with WAB (i.e. two councillors appointed annually at the Annual Meeting) is as it should be provided WAB had a distinct identity and its own bank account. To reinforce the separate nature of the parish council and WAB it would be advisable for the parish council representatives not to act as Chair of WAB, and it was reported that K Tiffin was now the Chair.

1055. Sports pavilion: The Chairman reported on progress with the refurbishment of the pavilion. Major improvements were on hold pending a review of the financial position by the Clerk.

1056. Allotments: The twelve new half size plots are fully operational and there is one name on the Allotment Societies waiting list. The question of rental payments would be covered at the next meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee.

1057. Public toilets: Cllr J C Cornwell produced costings - £3,600 for equipment, £200 labour plus the cost of tiles, so a total of approximately £4,000. It was agreed the Clerk would explore possible grant funding before any decision to go ahead was made.

1058. Playground refurbishment: The hedge has now been trimmed; Trowers had been instructed to smooth the sides of the decking on the climbing frame; only the painting remained. This could be a task for the Community Payback initiative.

1059. Correspondence: The Clerk had received a letter from a Mr B Fogden complaining about the tone of the parish council's message in Barcombe News about dog fouling. Given the seriousness of this issue the committee was entirely happy with the message it had given out.

1060. Outstanding action points: The Clerk has updated the list.

1061. Close of Meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.