

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, High Street, Barcombe on Tuesday 7th July 2009 at 7.50 p.m.

1241. Present: Councillors D J Lloyd, R Hepple, J.C. Cornwell, N Gant and A J MacGillivray. Cllr J O Cornwell was also in attendance.

1242. Election of Chairman: It was resolved that Cllr D J Lloyd continue as Chairman for the following twelve months.

1243. Election of Vice Chairman: It was resolved that Cllr R Hepple continue as Vice Chairman for the following twelve months.

1244. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr M Austen.

1245. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 19th March 2009.

1246. Declarations of Interest: Cllr R Hepple declared an interest in minute 1247(ii)

1247. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: (i) it was agreed Cllr D J Lloyd would ask Mr J Smith, the newly appointed Tree Warden, to carry out a visual safety inspection of all trees on parish council land. Cllr N Gant volunteered to assist. (ii) the parish council confirmed in principle it was happy to provide a sufficiently long lease to the Allotment Society to enable it to apply to Awards For All for grant funding

1248. Recreation Ground – Grant Applications: The Clerk reported that Biffaward has asked for a full application to be prepared in the name of Barcombe Sports Council. The Clerk will prepare an initial draft for consideration.

1249. Wild About Barcombe: Cllr N Gant reported that a grants liaison officer had been provided to assist in the preparation of the next stage of the WAB application to the Big Lottery. The final design will be refined to take account of the views expressed in the Action Plan Questionnaire and Cllr Gant was liaising with AirS over the issue of liability cover for volunteers. Plans were afoot to engage with the school and other youngsters to involve them as much as possible. It was also agreed WAB would seek the involvement of the Women's Institute regarding seniors fitness facilities.

1250. Sports pavilion: The Chairman reported on progress with the refurbishment of the pavilion including the replacement of a water heater. Quotes to replace the southern gable fascias were being obtained.

1251. Caretaker: The Clerk reported that Mrs S Hepple had given her notice to quit the post. It was noted with gratitude that although she would like to leave the role as soon as possible she is prepared to cover the post until March 2010 if necessary. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and thank her for her exemplary service and ask her to compile a full schedule of current work responsibilities. Cllr D J Lloyd will talk to representatives of the Cricket Club which has caused particular difficulties for the caretaker.

1252. Public toilets: The Clerk reported that an application to Awards For All is in course of preparation but will be held in abeyance as per minute 1199 until the result of the Biffaward grant application is known.

1253. Playground refurbishment: All safety issues have been resolved. At some stage the fence on the eastern side may be painted for cosmetic reasons.

1254. Correspondence: (i) the tennis club have expressed its unhappiness at having to organise graffiti removal in accordance with the terms of its lease (ii) a stoolball tournament is being organised on 31st August – it was decided not to enter a parish council team

1255. Outstanding action points: (i) a safety inspection of the playground has been requested from Lewes DC – the Clerk was asked to try and ensure advance notice of the time and date of the inspection was provided so councillors could attend. (ii) a meeting with representatives from the school was arranged for 8th July to consider use by the school of the pavilion whilst building work is underway.

1256. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.