

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7.25 p.m.

420. Present: Councillors C.M. Arbenz, M J Austen, J.C. Cornwell, N Gant, R Hepple, D J Lloyd and A J MacGillivray. Mr. J Smith was also in attendance.

421. Apologies for absence: None were received.

422. Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of a meeting held on 6th November 2007 had been approved at the Council Meeting on 20th November 2007.

423. Declarations of interest: Cllr Hepple declared a personal interest in item 425

424. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: There was no urgent business

425. Allotments: Cllr J O Cornwell reported the ground was too wet to use heavy machinery and it would be best to wait until March to do the levelling, stump removal and fencing. He was asked to obtain quotes for this work as well as the extension of the water supply so these could be considered by FGP Committee.

Mr. Smith has removed one willow tree and treated the root to prevent re-growth and was asked to deal with a second willow on the site.

The cost of fencing will be borne by the new allotment holders – there is a waiting list.

426. Nature reserve proposals: Cllr J O Cornwell advised the meeting that the next meeting of the project group was scheduled for 18th February where results of the questionnaire in Barcombe News would be analysed. He will arrange to contact the Meakers, who own the pond, to discuss formal access and public liability issues.

Access to the site below the tennis courts will be required and the dry ditch will either be bridged or filled in.

427. Playground: The clerk reported that the new fencing and play equipment has been ordered and he was asked to check installation dates and the gauge of the metal fencing. Half term week starts on Saturday 16th February and should be avoided. The working party to refurbish the remainder will begin after installation.

428. Sports pavilion:

(i) The Clerk reported that Mr M A Weller had been formally asked to carry out the kitchen refurbishment in line with his quote of 2nd October 2007 of £2,885. Cllr Hepple will chase him for a start date and also a quote for new benches.

(ii) Stock survey - despite writing to three local contractors in July no replies had been received. Certain items like the window in the referees changing room were now urgent. The clerk was asked to write again asking for a reply by the end of January failing which approaches will be made to three larger contractors not based in

Barcombe – Philcox, Millennium Carpentry were suggested and Cllr Lloyd will approach a local contact at Chandlers to see if he can recommend anyone.

429. Correspondence: A local resident had complained some weeks ago about efforts to clear the ditch on the northern boundary of the recreation ground. An Easement from 1965 potentially imposes overly onerous duties on the parish council in relation to the ditch. Given it was some weeks since concerns were expressed it was agreed to leave matters alone for the present time

It was reported that funding for the youth bus might be in doubt. Given the recreation ground was muddy the youth shelter was not being much used and young people were using the bus shelter but there were no significant problems as a result.

430. Outstanding action points: The Clerk will update the list

431. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.