

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 8th July 2008 at 7.55 p.m.

699. Present: Councillors D J Lloyd, R Hepple, C M Arbenz and A J MacGillivray. Mr J Smith was also in attendance.

700. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllrs N Gant and J C Cornwell.

701. Election of chairman: On the proposition of Councillor C M Arbenz, seconded by Councillor A J MacGillivray, Councillor D J Lloyd was elected as Chairman of the Committee for the forthcoming year.

702. Election of Vice-chairman: On the proposition of Councillor C M Arbenz, seconded by Councillor A J MacGillivray, Councillor R Hepple was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the forthcoming year.

703. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hepple declared an interest in minute 706.

704. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2008 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 20th May 2008.

705. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: there was no urgent business.

706. Allotments: Progress on the new plots was slow but the Allotment Society is meeting shortly to try and move things forward. A request to have the new plots sprayed and ploughed was approved and a sum of £200 agreed to cover the cost. It was clarified that the 6 new plots would be together at the south west end of the site.

707. Wild About Barcombe: Nothing to report at present.

708. Playground: As reported in minute 660(iii)(a) the safety inspection by RoSPA had been very satisfactory and the Clerk had circulated a schedule of minor works to be undertaken. It was agreed to concentrate on replacing the gate at the rear of the pavilion, the square edges on the new decking and the swing chains.

709. Sports pavilion: The Chairman reported the window in the referees room had been replaced. Depending on budget constraints consideration would be given to replacing the 2 windows at the Bowls club and of the pavilion.

710. Public toilets: The Parish Council (minute 656) had asked the committee to consider a letter from the caretaker suggesting that the mens urinals be removed in the public toilets and the sports pavilion. It was agreed that the urinal in the pavilion would be removed as funds allowed. After a discussion it was agreed that the public toilets in the car park were a valuable facility for villagers and visitors alike. There was the potential to carry out some improvements (new stainless steel urinal, tiles in

the ladies etc) but the Clerk was asked to explore if there was any grant funding available for a complete refurbishment or rebuild.

711. Recreation Ground – playing surface improvements: Cllr Lloyd reported he has received quotes for drainage and levelling but this did not include the bottom field; a further quote was awaited.

712. Correspondence: (i) The Clerk reported he had been contacted by Tony Still from Lewes District Council Environmental Health concerning cricket balls being hit into the garden and house of a Mr Ashwood of 1 School Field(01273 400538). Apparently the Cricket Club have not taken complaints from Mr Ashwood seriously. It was agreed the Clerk should refer the matter to Mr G Tomsett, Chairman of the Cricket Club. **(ii)** The Clerk had received a request from Mr Alan Main of Main Cleaning Services (01424 733846/07802 502440) for permission to drive a skip lorry across the Recreation Ground to deposit a skip at Old Cottage, Grange Road. This was declined and the clerk was asked to suggest he applies for a skip licence to locate the skip in the High Street.

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

714. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.