

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 8th September 2009 at 7.30 pm.

1330. Present: Councillors D J Lloyd, J.C. Cornwell, C M Arbenz and A J MacGillivray. One member of the public was also in attendance.

1331. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr N Gant, R Hepple and M Austen

1332. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 21st July 2009.

1333. Declarations of Interest: None were declared

1334. Tree inspection: Cllr D J Lloyd and the new tree warden, Mr J Smith, had inspected all trees on parish council land. Two dead and rotten elms had been felled in the pump house field and following storm damage to a large oak tree on the recreation ground Mr B Smith had carried out emergency remedial work to make safe. The only item of concern is the ancient oak at Barcombe Mills car park. On the advice of ESCC's tree officer the Clerk is to arrange for a specialists report to be obtained.

1334. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: At this stage the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow Mr C Hughes to give an update on the progress of the school building project. He reported that ESCC and its contractors were leading the project, which was on track. He will continue to brief the parish council. Parking has been an issue but staff have been asked to ensure users of the recreation ground have priority, especially on Thursday mornings and Fridays. He confirmed contractors have a responsibility to repair any damage to School Path and, indeed, had already done so in one instance. The Chairman thanked Mr Hughes for the information and reconvened the meeting. He reported that fortunately there had been relatively little vandalism – some graffiti and slight damage to the pavilion roof - during the summer. A youth “camp” had sprung up and the debris had now been cleared away by Cllr N Gant.

1335. Recreation Ground – Grant Applications: The Clerk reported he had prepared a draft application in the name of Barcombe Sports Council. He was asked to arrange a meeting with Cllrs Lloyd, Gant and Hepple to progress this.

1336. Wild About Barcombe: Cllr N Gant had reported in advance to the Clerk that the project group were meeting shortly to progress matters, including a survey of the needs of under 11's and teenagers

1337. Sports pavilion: The Chairman reported that quotes for the bowls club gable end were still awaited. It was noted that any new windows installed in the pavilion must be made of laminated glass.

1338. Caretaker: The Clerk is still waiting list of current duties from Mrs Hepple so an advertisement for a successor can be prepared.

1339. Playground refurbishment: The Clerk reported that the refurbishment was complete and the safety inspection arranged by Lewes DC was still awaited

1340. Correspondence: None received

1341. Outstanding action points: These were covered in the agenda apart from improvements to the public toilets which are on hold at present. The Clerk was also asked to draft a letter to be sent to those regularly parking vehicles in the recreation ground car park reminding them this was not permitted.

1342. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 p.m.