

**BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 immediately following the Planning Meeting**

Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Gwynne, Holman, Parsons, Smith

Julia Shelley (Clerk).

**Minutes**

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Arnold, Sokoloff
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**  
The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Cllr Milligan’s report (circulated pre meeting).** Noted.
5. **Questions from Electorate.** None
6. **Questions from Councillors.** None.
7. **Subject Reports as required**

**Traffic surveys & black cat**

**Approved** in principle but will wait until the appropriate time 3 x new surveys £980+VAT at entrances to the village.

**Recreation**

The councillors are in discussion about a replacement garage door with the users. They will also look at some options to improve the walls in the outside loo temporarily.

**Carpark**

**Approved** in principle to take the management of the carpark over from Lewes District Council.

**Action:** Clerk to inform LDC.

**Village Hall adjacent development**

The Planning Support Group are preparing for an application being made and trying to lay down defences.

**Planning Support Group/Major Developments**

Cllr Holman has been reviewing the existing traffic data and its potential influence on development plans. Bottlenecks and alleviation plans are being produced.

The group have been responding in details to the Reserve Matters for the Blackcurrant Field and meeting with representatives of LDC.

**Wild About Barcombe**

A new gardener has been contracted on a three month pilot.

**Bus Shelter**

The Bus Shelter will require repair or replacement.

**Action:** Clerk to investigate funding options.

**Environment:**

Eco Fair planning all underway. The first steps for the Pollinator Pathway activity are also in place.

**Footpaths**

As weather allows volunteers are walking the local paths and revising the routes. It is hoped to make some of them available at the Eco Fair.

**Active Travel**

Cllr Gywnne is preparing for the Eco Fair.

It was noted that the introduction of a Mayor may help the active travel programme as the Mayor's budget includes a specific transport budget (available from July 2026).

8. Proposals
  - a. Removal of shop defibrillator – approved.
  - b. Monday Group Grant Application £450 – approved.

It was agreed to gather further information about the Rights of the River Ouse.

9. Finance

The Clerk prior to the meeting submitted the following financial papers:

- a) Payments and receipts for January 2025
- b) Performance against budget as at end of financial year
- c) Statement for Bank and Savings account (quarterly)
- d) Reconciliation for both bank and Savings account (quarterly)

a), c) and d) signed by Cllr Parsons during the meeting as required.

*Payments proposed and seconded: Cllrs Alexander & Holman*

*The meeting closed at 8.56pm*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday March 11th, 2026,**