

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on the 14th January 2026 immediately following the Planning Meeting

Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Holman, Smith and Sokoloff
Julia Shelley (Clerk).

Minutes

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Arnold, Gwynne, Parson
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 10th 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*

Planning Support Group/Major Developments

The group is meeting regularly, and the Terms of Reference has been prepared. The support of three new advisors on proposed developments is welcomed by the Parish Councillors.

Wild About Barcombe

It was noted that the gardener has stepped down due to finding full time employment.
Action: Clerk to seek replacement.

Environment:

Barcombe Parish Council has received the funding for the Greening Barcombe & Pollinator Path Project so plans can be finalised.

Footpaths

Cllr Graham and other residents are currently walking the paths recorded in the Barcombe Footpath Guide to check accessibility. It is hoped to republish the routes in time for the EcoFair inn March. Please note that the bridge over the river between the Barcombe Mills carpark and The Anchor is unlikely to be replaced until March 2026. The footpath team at East Sussex have been asked to provide a notice at the carpark indicating route closed.

Lewes Local Plan

The documents supplied by Lewes District Council will be made available at the Societies Fair on the 17th January. Copies to be circulated elsewhere in the village and the District Council consultation sessions promoted on Facebook.

Defibrillator

The clerk reported that the existing box cannot be replaced and both the alternatives sourced by the electrician have associated issues.

Action: Clerk to seek funding towards a complete replacement as this may be the most cost effective and robust solution.

8. Proposals
 - a. Adopt IT Policy – approved.

b. Approve website quotation received from Parish Council Websites (circulated pre-meeting) – approved.

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 Sokoloff during the meeting as required.

Payments proposed and seconded: Cllrs Alexander & Holman

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Date of next meeting – Wednesday February 18th, 2026,