

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Barcombe Parish Council full meeting held at the Sports Pavilion on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 immediately following the Planning Meeting

Attendees: Cllrs Alexander, Holman, Smith, Sokoloff

Julia Shelley (Clerk).

#### Minutes

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Arnold, Gwynne, Parsons.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Confirmation and signature of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**  
The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

4. **Short presentation by Matthew Bird (Love our Ouse) on value of endorsing The Rights of the River.**

Matthew Bird kindly spoke about the value of parish councils endorsing The Rights of the River. It provides a vehicle for community engagement and places the River (and therefore nature) at the centre of decision making. Love your Ouse hope that it will help provide a consistent approach to development. By endorsing the Rights it demonstrates a level of consensus to the various statutory bodies which have an influence on the River. The work of the group is recognised nationally and Love our Ouse are being invited to engage with statutory bodies.

Barcombe Parish Council **agreed** to endorse the Rights of the River. It is the intention of the Parish Council to allocate a councillor to be the River representative. This will, however, be dependent on adding extra people to the councillor body.

5. **Cllr Milligan's report (circulated pre meeting).** Noted.
6. **Questions from Electorate.** None
7. **Questions from Councillors.** None.
8. **Subject Reports as required**

#### **Wild About Barcombe**

It was agreed that the councillors would meet with the WAB gardener and have session to relocate the compost to allow the bins to be used properly.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange a date.

**Action:** Clerk to order signs for bins.

#### **Environment:**

Eco Fair planning all underway. The first steps for the Pollinator Pathway activity are also in place and will be progressed after the Eco Fair.

There will be a flower planting session at the school (April 17<sup>th</sup>) as part of the Pollinator Pathway project. Any donations of flower seedlings welcome.

As the environmental group evolves it is intended to hold twice yearly strategic meetings.

#### **Footpaths**

As weather allows volunteers are walking the local paths and revising the routes. A number of walks will be available at the Eco Fair.

**Social Media**

67 Followers on Facebook

**Hillside**

Cllr Holman is working with the developers to arrange one to one meetings for the neighbours who have specific concerns remaining about the development.

**Cricket**

The Cricket team, with financial support from the Parish Council, will install permanent poles in the carpark so a high nets can be put up doing matches. The net around the playground will also be repaired at the same time.

**Annual Meeting**

It was agreed to hold a simple meeting at the Pavilion during May. Date to be confirmed.

9. Finance

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

- a) Payments and receipts for February 2026
- 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 Holman & Smith*

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm*

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

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**