

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of Barcombe Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

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**1717. Present:** Councillors C M Arbenz, J C Cornwell, J O Cornwell, N Gant, R Hepple, N C Lear, D J Lloyd, A J MacGillivray, A Pearce, D Skan and R A Williams. Also in attendance was District Councillor D. Mitchell.

**1718. Election of Chairman:** On the proposition of Cllr J O Cornwell, seconded by Cllr J C Cornwell, Cllr N C Lear was elected as Chairman for the coming year .

**1719. To receive apologies for absence:** There were none.

**1720. Election of Vice – Chairman:** On the proposition of Cllr N C Lear, seconded by Cllr R Williams, Cllr D J Lloyd was elected as Vice – Chairman for the coming year

**1721. Confirmation and signature of the last Minutes of the Council:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 as recorded by minutes 1629 to 1646 having previously been circulated were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**1722. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs J O Cornwell, J C Cornwell, N Gant and D Skan re minute 1736; Cllr N C Lear re minute 1735(iii)(a)

**1723. Public Question Time:** Cllr A J MacGillivray explained the concerns of some Barcombe residents about the planned polo matches at Banks Farm. Mr and Mrs Owen were invited to explain their plans. Having moved from Brightling to Barcombe the club has moved with them; the matches are low key events, with about five each year on weekends; about 20 cars and 8 lorries can be expected; the P/A system will be unobtrusive; no helicopters are expected; occasional charity matches might be held where attendance might rise to 200 cars, but local charities would be the beneficiaries; it is hoped local people, particularly youngsters, might get involved in the events. They will try and publicise their plans to allay any public concerns.

**1724. Appointment of members to standing committees:** It was resolved that the following members would serve on the following committees:

Transport and Highways: J C Cornwell, J O Cornwell, N Gant, A Pearce, D Skan and R Williams

Recreation Ground: D J Lloyd, R Hepple, N Gant, C M Arbenz and A Pearce

Planning and Community Services: N C Lear, C M Arbenz, A J MacGillivray, D Skan, A Pearce, R Williams and J O Cornwell

Finance and General Purposes: R Hepple, N C Lear, A J MacGillivray, D J Lloyd and J C Cornwell

It was noted that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are ex-officio members of all committees

**1725. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies:**

**(i) Barcombe Sports Hall Management Committee:** It was resolved that Cllrs C M Arbenz, D Skan and J C Cornwell be appointed for the following year

**(ii) Barcombe Sports Council:** It was resolved that Cllrs D J Lloyd, R Hepple and N Gant be appointed for the following year

**(iii) Lewes District Association of Local Councils:** It was resolved that Cllrs A J MacGillivray and J O Cornwell be appointed for the following year

**(iv) Rural Voices, Rural Choices:** It was resolved that Cllr N C Lear be appointed for the following year.

**(v) Barcombe New Village Hall Committee/ Village Hall Management Committee AGM:** It was resolved that Cllr N C Lear be appointed for the following year

**(vi) Barcombe Mills Society:** It was resolved that Cllr N C Lear be appointed for the following year.

**(vii) Wild About Barcombe:** It was resolved that Cllrs N Gant, J O Cornwell, D Skan and N C Lear be appointed for the following year.

**1726. Authorisation of signatories:** It was agreed that the following councillors would be authorised to sign on the Bank accounts with HSBC Bank plc– Cllrs A J MacGillivray, D J Lloyd, R Hepple, N C Lear and J C Cornwell

It was further agreed that any two of the above, plus the clerk, will be required for any transaction or payment to a third party.

**1727. Appointment of bankers:** It was agreed that the parish council's bank accounts should continue to be maintained with HSBC Bank plc.

**1728. Appointment of auditors:** It was agreed that Mr R Peck should continue as the parish council's internal auditor and it was noted that Mazars continue as the appointed external auditors.

**1729. Inspection of Deeds and Documents:** The deeds and documents held by the Clerk are available for inspection on request.

**1730. Urgent Business Pursuant to Standing Order No.16:** There was none.

**1731. Annual Return and Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010:** After being proposed by Cllr R Hepple, seconded by Cllr D J Lloyd, the Annual Accounts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, which had been given an unqualified approval by the internal auditor, were approved.

It was also agreed on the proposition of Cllr R Hepple, seconded by Cllr D J Lloyd, that the Statement of Accounts and the Governance Statement in the Annual Return for the same period should be completed as required by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**1732. Questions from Councillors:** The relatively new District policy for allocation of housing in rural areas provides for priority for those with a local connection. There

were cases which made it appear that the policy was not being implemented in non exception site cases. Cllr D Mitchell reported that he has asked to receive full details of the policy.

**1733. Report from Chairman:** Cllr A J MacGillivray, as outgoing Chairman, reported on i) an ESCC planning application concerning the composter site in Isfield and any possible adverse impact on Barcombe, particularly traffic flow. The Clerk was asked to raise this with CC R St.Pierre ii) A SALC meeting with the Chief Constable. Savings of £35m over the next 5 years have to be made; some parish councils have suggested PCSO funding could be met from the precept, a view not supported by Barcombe.

**1734. Reports of Committees:**

**(i) Transport and Highways:** : After being proposed by Cllr J C Cornwell, seconded by Cllr A Pearce, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th May 2010 as recorded by minutes 1659 to 1672 were adopted. **(a) Parking, including Deans Meadow** – the Clerk reported that he was still waiting to hear from Lewes DC and District Cllr D Mitchell on the issues raised. **(b) Cycle races** – The Clerk has received responses from the Bayeux Club and the organiser of “puncheur sportif”. The latter event is to be repeated next March and the organiser has offered to attend a meeting to discuss arrangements etc. It was agreed he should be invited to a Transport and Highways Committee, perhaps in January 2011. **(c) Barcombe Mills car park:** work undertaken so far is impressive; it is hoped completion will be by 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**(ii) Recreation Ground:** After being proposed by Cllr D J Lloyd, seconded by Cllr R Hepple, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 as recorded by minutes 1673 to 1685 were adopted.

**(a) Grant applications and Wild About Barcombe** – it is anticipated that work on the Biffaward “business plan and environmental policy” will be completed within the next month. It was agreed that a letter of support and permission from the parish council should be provided to support the Lottery application **(b) pavilion works** – the Clerk is still waiting to hear from the underwriters about the insurance claim **(c) Barcombe school remedial work:** The Clerk has not had a response from ESCC and the work remains incomplete. Concern was expressed over the use by school staff of the recreation ground car park which is causing problems for the Art club and Bowls Club matches. It was agreed to invite the Chairman of the governors to the next RGC and a firm line should be taken.

**(iii) Planning and Community Services:** After being proposed by Cllr C M Arbenz, seconded by Cllr A J MacGillivray, the Minutes of the Planning Application Sub Committees held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 as recorded by Minutes 1623 to 1628, 1653 to 1658 and 1686 to 1691 respectively were adopted

After being proposed by Cllr N C Lear, seconded by Cllr R Williams, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 as recorded by Minutes 1692 to 1706 were adopted.

**(a) Affordable housing** – Lewes DC and Hastoe have both confirmed that a local connection will be required by any new residents in The Willows. There are still some “snagging” issues in the new houses and Cllr Lloyd will compile a definitive list for transmission to Hastoe. Cllr D J Mitchell agreed to see if Lewes DC could ramp the footpath from Deans Meadow to School Path to make this usable for those with

buggies and wheelchairs **(b) Village Action Plan** – Cllr Gant has submitted an article for the next Barcombe News outlining the summarised actions. **(c) Conservation Area** – Cllr A J MacGillivray has drafted a note concerning planning restriction in the Conservation Area which could be delivered to all the houses in the CA. this will be discussed at the next meeting of PCS.

**(iv) Finance and General Purposes:** After being proposed by Cllr Hepple, seconded by Cllr D J Lloyd, the Minutes of the Meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> April and 6th May 2010 as recorded by Minutes 1647 to 1652 and 1707 to 1716 respectively were adopted.

**1735. Correspondence:**

An e mail from Mr O Pendered concerning a safer route for pedestrians from Spithurst to the school was discussed and will be considered further at the next meeting of T&H Cttee..

**1736. Administration and Accounts for Payment:**

The following payments were approved  
M Wilson – Clerk's expenses – toner ink - £62.28  
R Peck – internal auditor - £100.00

It was agreed the s.278 Highways Act 1980 agreement with ESCC regarding the new village hall should be signed on behalf of the parish council.

**1737. New councillors from May 2011 – how to attract?:** it was agreed new blood would be required from 2011; an article in Barcombe News at appropriate time might help but it was felt that personal contact with those who were felt to have the skills or experience to help the work of the parish council would be most effective.

**1738. Date time and place of next meeting:** The Chairman announced the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 20th July 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe

**1739. Close of meeting:** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.