

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee held at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, High Street, Barcombe on Tuesday 2nd June 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

1204. Present: Councillors C M Arbenz, N C Lear, A J MacGillivray, D J Lloyd and R Williams. One member of the public, Mr C Hughes, was also in attendance.

1205. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllrs D Skan and J O Cornwell

1206. Declarations of interest: None declared

1207. Urgent business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: Cllr A J Macgillivray reported on two issues (i) Hastoe development – there are problems over a temporary road made by the contractors to access the new site to minimise use of Deans Meadow itself. Lewes DC are insisting that planning permission is required. The Clerk was asked to contact Hastoe to ascertain the facts and find out if this will delay the development in any way. (ii) Bevern View Cottages – work being undertaken appears significant but is in accordance with latest planning guidelines issued in October 2008. It is in order within these to convert two dwellings into one, but the converse situation would require planning permission

1208. Planning applications received:

LW/09/0483 – 35 Grantham Bank, Barcombe – erection of a first floor side extension for Mr M Osborne – it was reported that because of objections from neighbours the application had been withdrawn and would be resubmitted in a revised format in the future. It was agreed to report this to Lewes DC to ensure the revised plans were presented to the parish council for comment.

LW/09/0475 – Barcombe Church of England School – Consultation by East Sussex County Council – extensions and alterations comprising the demolition of the existing kitchen and dining room, the dismantling and removal of a timber system sectional building used as a classroom, construction of a kitchen, additional teaching space and staff room, new stores to the existing sports hall, new external canopies to the classrooms and main entrance. New ramp to the new pupil entrance and external works consisting of making good to existing disturbed hard and soft landscaping, internal modifications to the administration and entrance area to the corridor and sports hall for ESCC (council ref LW/2787/CC) – It was reported that the major changes from the original plans already seen by the parish council were the use of flat, not pitched, roofs and high level windows in the sports hall. It was agreed no objections would be made but the following observations on the plans would be sent to ESCC via Lewes DC: a) pitched roofs would be preferable to flat roofs for a number of reasons (i) drainage of rain water, and hence ongoing maintenance issues, will be less of a problem (ii) the site will be used by local youths playing unofficial ball games – the balls will get stuck on the flat roofs and people will climb up onto the roof to retrieve the balls, as happens now on the sports pavilion (iii) the flat roof will encourage freestyle roof climbing and jumping activities, increasing the risk of injury or something more serious. b) provision must be made to ensure the glass in the new windows is appropriate for a site adjacent to a cricket pitch and that there is no reflective glare across the recreation ground that affects either cricket or football matches.

1209. Correspondence: The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspector had rejected an appeal from Mr M Purnell against the refusal by Lewes DC to grant approval for a fence constructed at Forge Cottage, Spithurst Road.

1210. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

