

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Community Services Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 8.00 p.m.**

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**1070. Present:** Councillors N C Lear, C M Arbenz, J O Cornwell, D J Lloyd, A J MacGillivray, D Skan and R Williams. Two members of the public were also in attendance.

**1071. Apologies for absence:** None received.

**1072. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**1073. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr R Williams declared a personal interest in minute 1074.

**1074. Barcombe School development plans:** The Clerk reported that Mr C Hughes was no longer Chair of Governors but was still managing the new building project. The Sports Hall Management Committee is due to meet on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009. As far as the sports floor is concerned, there are two conflicting views. The first, supported by Gelfloor, is that a new floor should be installed as part of the school refurbishment at a projected cost of £18,000 (£6,000 for materials and £12,000 for fitting); the contrary view, supported by Buxtons Flooring, is that the existing floor has 15 – 20 years of useful life. On the proposal of Cllr A J MacGillivray the Committee agreed to recommend the Sports Hall Management Committee consider replacing the floor

**Adjournment:** At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow two representatives, John Simpson and Peter Frost, from Bevern View to share their plans for extending and upgrading the home. A formal planning application will be made to Lewes District Council later in the month. It was suggested that an open day to share the plans in the village might be useful.

The Chairman then reconvened the formal meeting.

**1075. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16:** (i) RGC minute 1059 had considered the issue of dog fouling and PCSC endorsed the approach taken. (ii) the tree warden, Gary Saunders, has moved away and the Clerk was asked to write a formal letter of thanks for his contribution. A replacement will be sought via Barcombe News and the Clerk will contact Mary Parker at ESCC for details of what is involved. (iii) it was agreed the next meeting of the parish council will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**1076. Parish Action Plan:** It was agreed to launch the Plan and associated questionnaire at the Annual Parish Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009. Cllr A J MacGillivray will contact AirS to see if Teresa Gittings can make a presentation on the night. Mr H Cornwell has confirmed the Barcombe News delivery network can help with delivering the questionnaires

**1077. Affordable housing:** Cllr A J MacGillivray advised the meeting that funding has been secured and the legal documentation is almost complete so building should start in the near future. He will circulate, via the clerk, the Lewes District Council housing allocation policy. It may be appropriate to remind those who have already applied to reconfirm their interest to the District Council.

**1078. Policing:** Cllr A J MacGillivray had circulated a report on the regular meeting with the Chief Constable which was noted. Concern was expressed over the performance of the PCSO and whether she was receiving appropriate supervision to enable her to undertake an investigative role

**1079. New village hall:** It was reported that planning permission had been granted.

**1080. Correspondence:** (i) a survey form had been received from the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre had been received. Cllr N C Lear will complete to the best of his ability. (ii) an invitation to an ESCC Transport Strategy Seminar had been received and was noted.

**1081. Outstanding action points:** These had been updated by the Clerk

**1082. Close of Meeting:** there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.