

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Community Services Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.40 p.m.**

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**1692. Present:** Councillors N C Lear, J O Cornwell, D J Lloyd, A J MacGillivray, D Skan and A Pearce

**1693. Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllrs C M Arbenz and R Williams

**1694. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**1695. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs J O Cornwell and D Skan re item 1702.

**1696. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16:**

- i) The Clerk was asked to contact Lewes DC to confirm that District Link should still be circulated in Barcombe
- ii) The Clerk was asked to write to C I Natalie Carron, Sussex Police, to confirm the parish council embraced her idea of a neighbourhood panel to revive Neighbourhood Watch and ask that this be driven forward by PCSO Read
- iii) Cllr R St.Pierre has suggested a youth council be created – this will be considered at the July meeting of the Committee.

**1697. Village Action Plan:** It was reported that Cllr N Gant will write up the action points presented at the Annual Parish Meeting for publication in the June Barcombe News. It was asked that this be circulated in advance to the committee members.

**1698. Affordable Housing:**

- i) The new properties are to be occupied in the next few days.
- ii) A project review was overseen by Tom Warder of AirS with representatives from BPC, Lewes DC and Hastoe. AirS have a 10 step methodology which seems fit for purpose but does not quite match the Barcombe experience. Lewes DC now feel better prepared to deal with allocation in rural areas. With hindsight the project steering group should have continued to the end of the project. LDC asked that when the parish council is consulted about applicants this should receive more formal treatment. At the meeting it was mentioned that one of the two shared ownership properties might be allocated by the defined cascade process if no-one with a Barcombe connection applied.
- iii) The clerk was asked to write to Lewes DC and Hastoe to ensure the future occupants of No. 1 The Willows had local connections.
- iv) It was of paramount importance that any available Lewes DC housing stock be allocated to those with local connections in accordance with what is now Lewes DC policy and that Cllr N C Lear and the Clerk make this point in a letter to the Head of Housing Strategy.
- v) Graffiti had been reported on the outside of the fencing around the new houses.

vi) Cllr A J MacGillivray reported on difficulties in Wivelsfield where the parish council, due to local pressure, had changed its mind and now objected to a scheme for 14 dwellings that has been approved by Lewes DC planners. An application for a judicial review is being considered.

**1699. Lewes DC – Conservation Area matters:** Correspondence between Cllr N C Lear and Lewes DC had been circulated and the Clerk was asked to send the latest points direct to Head of Planning. Cllr A J MacGillivray had received an offer of help from two local residents if the parish council wished to mail drop all houses in the Conservation Area to advise and remind them of their responsibilities and obligations.

**1700. Lewes DC Rural Settlement Survey and Core Strategy:** Cllr A J MacGillivray reported on a meeting hosted by Lewes DC attended also by representatives from Chailey PC (no-one in attendance from Newick or Wivelsfield). The purpose was advise on the preparation of the Core Strategy – topic papers issued May 2010, preferred strategy due end of 2010, proposed submission ready spring 2011, formal submission autumn 2011 with adoption by summer 2012. The RSS is to be used as a background paper and part of the evidence to inform the emerging Core Strategy. Cllrs A J MacGillivray and D J Lloyd have reviewed the information on facilities and businesses in the draft RSS provided by ESCC.

**1701. Lewes DC – Older Persons Housing and Support Strategy:** There was a wide ranging discussion on the issue, prompted by weighty consultation documents produced by Lewes DC. It was felt these lacked a rural dimension and issues such as residential homes/in home care, public/private provision were key issues. This will remain as an issue for consideration with input likely from the Action Plan and AirS.

**1702. Village halls – update and funding:** There were no significant developments to report; the parish council did request that the funding shortfall be made transparent and clear to parishioners and this was noted by village hall representatives.

**1703. Barcombe web site – clubs and societies details:** Councillor Pearce reported that details of most clubs and societies are now on the web site and more information would be added.

**1704. Correspondence:**

i) A request to provide a site for a textile re-cycling facility in aid of the Kent and Sussex air ambulance should be passed to Lewes DC as they own potential sites, but the principle was supported.

ii) it was agreed a survey from Lewes DC concerning planning consultations will be completed by Cllr A J MacGillivray, N C Lear and the Clerk

iii) the Clerk reported that the latest “East Sussex in Figures” was now available on ESCC web site.

**1705. Outstanding Action Points:** These were covered in the agenda.

**1706. Close of meeting:** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.