

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Planning and Community Services Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.15 pm.**

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**1512. Present:** Councillors N C Lear, C M Arbenz, J O Cornwell, D J Lloyd, A J MacGillivray, D Skan and R Williams

**1513. Apologies for absence:** The Clerk (snowbound)

**1514. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

**1515. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr N C Lear re minute 1518 and Cllr D Skan re minute 1521.

**1516. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16:**

Cllr A J MacGillivray reported that Lewes DC had not given notice of the arrangements for collecting rubbish over the holiday. It seemed that District Link was again not being delivered to Barcombe residents. It was agreed that Cllr A J MacGillivray would investigate

[A subsequent look on the website shows no District Link since the summer edition. There should have been one in September and another in December. Perhaps it has been abolished?]

**1517. Village Action Plan:** Cllr A J MacGillivray reported on proposals for public communication in March and April

**1518. Affordable housing:** Cllr A J MacGillivray reported on recent developments. There was concern at a recent suggestion from Lewes DC that finding a parish connection for the three-bedroomed house might prove a struggle. It was agreed Cllr MacGillivray would communicate to Lewes DC and Hastoe the parish council's disappointment that the dwellings had not been advertised en bloc and that there had been no opportunity to put announcements in the parish magazine as well as querying the "struggle with the parish connection" statement.

**1519. Doctor's surgery:** A recent suggestion by a parishioner to use the front of the old village hall building to provide a surgery was considered. It was agreed that the suggestion was not practicable for various reasons and that the principal problem was finding a medical practice willing to come to Barcombe. Cllr A J MacGillivray reported that some people responding to the recent Action Plan consultation had mentioned a surgery in Barcombe and that this issue was likely to remain live in the foreseeable future.

**1520. ESCC – Waste and Minerals Development Framework Consultation:** The Clerk had submitted comments on behalf of the parish council as agreed.

**1521. Village halls update:** Nigel Greenwood, Treasurer of the New Village Hall Committee, outlined the financial position. The project is short of £169k taking account of certain and probable income but ignoring other income which is likely but uncertain in amount. He asked the Council to consider raising £100,000 by loan which would give rise to a charge on the people of the parish for the next 25 years or so – a fair way to charge those getting the benefit, including newcomers to the village. It was agreed that this was a matter for the full parish council and the committee also considered that such a loan should only be raised after consulting the whole parish. It was pointed out that the council already has two loans, one of which was used to buy the land on which the new hall is to be built. All were reminded to be at the Village Hall open day on the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**1522. Satellite dishes in Conservation Area:** The Clerk and Cllr A J MacGillvray had researched the issue. Planning permission was needed to fix a satellite dish on a visible front elevation to a building within the Conservation Area. An elevation that was not visible from the road at the front does not need permission. Each application was judged on its merits. It was agreed that the Council's piece in the Barcombe News could include a reminder of the law and provide a reference to the website for more detail. It was agreed there was no call for reporting to Lewes of apparent breaches.

**1523. Correspondence:** The Clerk had circulated an invitation from the organisers of the Lewes Carnival for the parish council to enter or sponsor a float in the procession. The invitation was noted.

**1524. Outstanding Action Points:** None reported.

**1525. Close of meeting:** There being no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.