

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Community Services Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

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**1264. Present:** Councillors N C Lear, D J Lloyd, A J MacGillivray, D Skan and R Williams

**1265. Election of Chairman:** It was resolved that Cllr N C Lear be reappointed as Chairman for the next twelve months

**1266. Election of Vice Chairman:** It was resolved that Cllr C M Arbenz be reappointed as Vice Chairman for the following twelve months

**1267. Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr J O Cornwell

**1268. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**1269. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr N C Lear re minute 1273

**1270. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16:** Cllr A J MacGillivray expressed some concern over the way the Planning Applications Sub-committee was being chaired. It was felt consultations could be spread more widely around committee members and that better communication of absences and access to paperwork in such absences would be beneficial. Cllr N C Lear agreed to speak to the sub-committee chairman.

**1271. Village Action Plan:** A report from Cllr N Gant indicated that 150 questionnaires had been received. This was slightly disappointing but there was still much useful data that would be analysed over the summer. The question of thanking the distribution team from the Barcombe News was discussed and a “thank you” note or card was felt to be sufficient. Cllr D J Lloyd agreed to divide the parish into appropriate tranches so that volunteers in the project group can try to obtain further completed questionnaires.

**1272. Barcombe School Community Governor:** It was noted that an advert has appeared in Barcombe News for a new community governor. It was agreed to consider whether any parish councillor might be willing and able to undertake the role.

**1273. Affordable housing: (i)** Cllr A J MacGillivray/the clerk reported on a letter (circulated prior to the meeting) from Lewes DC regarding the change of the parish council’s role in housing allocations following the adoption of a Choice Based Lettings Scheme which would affect the new development. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr MacGillivray would prepare a response rejecting the notion that parish councils had been properly consulted, which should have included mention of the loss of the safeguard of consulting parish councils about applicants and to suggest the

creation of a formal legal partnership with Lewes DC to overcome any perceived confidentiality issues **(ii)** Hastoe had asked for street name suggestions, and it was agreed an extension of the existing “The Willows” would be simplest. **(iii)** a questionnaire seeking views on Hastoe has been received and it was agreed Cllr A J MacGillvray and the Clerk will complete on behalf of the parish council. **(iv)** complaints from a resident over temporary toilets was considered and no action was felt needed as the matter had apparently been resolved **(v)** The Clerk had been contacted by ESCC to ascertain the views of the parish council on the desirability of having street lighting at the new development. It was agreed the parish council felt street lighting to be incongruous in this location and should object.

**1274. Lewes District council planning policy:** Nothing has been heard from Lewes DC, Cllr N C Lear will pursue in conjunction with District Cllr D Mitchell

**1275. Rural Voices, Rural Choices:** Cllr N C Lear circulated a paper setting out the possible future role and structure of this forum. It was agreed he should explore the possibilities of clustering with other local parishes and report by the end of October.

**1276. New village hall:** No significant progress to report.

**1277. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment:** The clerk reported on a Lewes DC letter requesting applicants who might have sites for potential housing development to put them forward for consideration by 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 - noted

**1278. Crimestoppers:** SALC have asked all local councils to consider a letter from Crimestoppers highlighting their work and to consider a funding request for a grant of £50. It was agreed this should be considered with other grant requests in March 2010.

**1279. SOS village initiative:** Village SOS is a joint Big Lottery/BBC initiative looking for 6 villages with a great business idea and 6 enterprising individuals to create a brand new venture to bring new life and energy to the village with funding of up to £400,000 from BIG. The journey of the 6 successful villages will be filmed by the BBC. It was agreed this was not for Barcombe

**1280. Correspondence:** Lewes DC is conducting a litter bin survey and has asked for a list of those owned by the parish council – these will be surveyed and repaired or replaced as necessary.

East Sussex CC has updated its Focus on East Sussex which provided statistical information on the county and the towns and parishes within ESCC. Information is available at [www.eastsussexinfofigures.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexinfofigures.org.uk) and the Clerk will have the link posted to the web site.

South East England Partnership Board has prepared a partial review of the South East Plan to cover the accommodation needs of travellers – noted

**1281. Outstanding action points:** A revised Conservation Area report is awaited – Cllr N C Lear will chase.

**1282. Close of meeting:** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.