

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Community Services Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.00 p.m.**

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**432. Present:** Councillors N C Lear, C M Arbenz, J O Cornwell, D J Lloyd, A J MacGillivray and D Skan. Cllr R Hepple was also in attendance.

**433. Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr R Williams.

**434. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting:** The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 had been approved at the Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

**435. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Lear declared a prejudicial interest over item 439. Cllr D Skan declared a personal interest over items 439 and 441.

**436. Urgent Business Pursuant to Standing Order No.16:** Lewes/Uckfield rail link - following a report from Cllr MacGillivray the committee agreed with the approach agreed by Transport and Highways Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 (see minute 413) that any public meeting should be held after the Central Rail corridor board had published their report.

**437. Barcombe School radio mast:** Cllr MacGillivray reported on a reply from the Governors and further correspondence from Dr K Baker. The Governors reported that the wireless network was an "ESCC initiative based on the assurance of safety issued by CFBT, the Health Protection Agency and ESCC itself". Dr Baker has asked if the parish council had any option other than to "accept the schools response at face value" and referred to a Bioinitiative Report submitted to Government on issues like these. A further related issue an advert in Barcombe News seeking subscribers for Sussex NetShare to act as either repeater or node sites for a wireless internet access system. Cllr MacGillivray felt the parish council had a duty to have the safety implications of such systems independently checked and proposed that the Clerk be asked to prepare a submission including all the information provided to the parish council to be sent to Lewes District Council Environmental Health for their advice. The committee agreed this course of action.

**438. Community School Governor:** Cllr MacGillivray reported on conversations with the Chair of the School Governors. The Governors are seeking a "community governor" and would like the parish council to nominate a representative which, it is felt, will enhance communication over issues such as the radio mast described above. It was agreed to seek a volunteer at the next meeting of the full parish council.

**439. Affordable housing:** Cllr MacGillivray reported on some issues raised by ESCC Highways over the proposed site, including the lack of a safe pedestrian route into the village centre. Thanks were expressed to Mr W Hope who had proven that the Dean's Meadow "twitten" belonged to Lewes DC and pedestrian access was guaranteed. The clerk reported that Hastoe's planning application was due to be submitted imminently.

**440. Neighbourhood Watch:** It was reported that the new Chief Constable is to review NHW schemes. There was disappointment that the new PCSO had not been seen in the village since before Christmas and no progress had therefore been made with NHW.

**441. New Village Hall funding – “BlinkTV”:** The Clerk reported on an e mail passed on from the Village Halls Development Officer at AirS. A TV company is looking to film the development of a “deserving community project”. The clerk has written to the company highlighting the new village hall and also the nature reserve project to see if these may be appropriate. A reply has been sought seeking more information and the Clerk will continue the dialogue and also add the levelling and drainage of the recreation ground to possible list of projects.  
The New Village Hall Committee will reimburse the parish council with £37.50 being the planning fee paid by the council for the application to display a sign on the site of the new hall.

**442. Parish Action Plan:** No further progress to report – Cllr N Gant is still considering suitable project leaders

**443. ESCC – No cold calling zones:** The Clerk described a scheme being researched by ESCC to limit “cold callers”. Given the lack of enforcement provisions ( the strongest sanction is that Trading Standards will write to the companies involved) the parish council was not enthusiastic but would seek views of villagers through an article in Barcombe News before making a final decision.

**444. Correspondence:**

(i)The clerk reported on a letter from ESCC which includes posters highlighting how people can register to reduce or stop junk mail. It was agreed the posters can be displayed and the initiative will be mentioned in Barcombe News.

(ii)SE Water has advised us that the Ouse Valley Transfer Scheme is complete which enhances flexibility of supply in the region

(iii)A retrospective notice has been received from Lewes DC (LW/07/1593) concerning the replacement of low voltage cables on the Spithurst Wood overhead line. This was noted.

**445. Outstanding action points:** These have been covered in the agenda and the clerk will update the list.

**446. Close of meeting:** There being no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m.