

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Transport and Highways Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 at 7.00 p.m.**

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**1395. Present:** Councillors J.C. Cornwell, J.O. Cornwell, A J MacGillivray, N Gant, D J Lloyd, D. Skan and R. Williams. Inspector M Clothier from Sussex Police and one member of the public were also in attendance

**1396. Apologies for absence:** None were received

**1397. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A J MacGillivray re minute 1399

**1398. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009.

**1399. Road Cycle Races – visit from Inspector Marc Clothier, Road Policing Unit, Operations Unit:** Following long standing concerns of the parish council over the impact of road cycle races on the local community this matter was raised at SALC's regular meeting with the Chief Constable and Inspector Marc Clothier was attending as a result. Cllr A J MacGillivray summarised the parish council's well documented concerns over safety, communication, liaison and publicity and that these were shared with other Sussex villages such as Shipley and Plaistow. It was thought there had been four races this year.

Inspector Clothier declared his personal interest as a cycle racer! In general all races are carried out under the auspices of the British Cycling Federation and should have a race commissar to ensure compliance with the law and race regulations. The Police generally do not "police" these races but for time trials they do monitor and control routes. Any controls would need a risk/benefit assessment and he feels there are few people injured, particularly non cyclists, through these races. Pedestrians need to be alert to the races, but no more alert than they should be for other more dangerous traffic like cars and lorries. In some parts of the UK (Wales, but not Sussex) race marshalls have been delegated powers to enforce traffic control.

He understood the concerns of the parish council and agreed he would take the following actions:

- check Police data for injury and accident statistics
- ascertain which clubs are running races through Barcombe
- research the rules and regulations governing these races
- consider how to improve communication and publicity from the clubs

**1400. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: (i)** Concern was expressed over what appears to be subsidence on the bridge at the southern entrance to the village causing vehicles to ground. The Clerk was asked to raise this with County Councillor R St.Pierre (CCRStP) **(ii)** "bends" signs have appeared near Exchange corner, whilst other more bendy roads have no warning signs – again the

clerk was asked to raise with CC RStP. (iii) There seems to have been no progress on “horses – slow” signs at Barcombe mills – again, the Clerk to raise with CCRStP.

**1401. East Sussex County Council – Strengthening Local Relationships:** The question of moving the eastern village gateway to ensure the entrance to the new village hall was within the 30 mph speed limit zone remains uncertain – Cllr J C Cornwell will pursue. There is an action point for the parish council to suggest designs for village gateways. It was pointed out that there is evidence to show that polite signs work. Cllr N Gant volunteered to help with design work but the Clerk was asked to approach CCRStP to request details of ESCC’s formal requirements for gateway signs.

**1402. East Sussex County Council – draft bus strategy:** ESCC have circulated a Draft Bus Strategy Consultation paper setting out how it plans to improve overall transport provision. Comments are required by 23<sup>rd</sup> December. It was agreed Cllr J C Cornwell will review and prepare a response.

**1403. East Sussex County Council – parking:** The Clerk reported he had tried to get an update from Mr P Crawford, the officer managing the scheme, but had not had the courtesy of a reply. He was asked to raise this with CCRStP.

**1404. Community Payback Scheme – update:** Cllr J C Cornwell had heard nothing further but apparently the scheme has been re-activated in Newick. The Clerk will seek clarification from the Clerk in Newick.

**1405. Deans Meadow car parking:** The Clerk was asked to chase District Councillor D Mitchell for an update.

**1406. Countryliner buses – request stops:** It appears from correspondence that not all drivers on the routes to Barcombe have been told of the reinstatement of the “stop on request” policy. County Cllr R St Pierre is pursuing the matter.

**1407. Barcombe Mills Car Park – possible improvements:** The Clerk reported on correspondence with David Tonge, ESCC Rights of Way Ranger over the possibility of funds being available to improve the footpath into the stile and also the car park itself. Further contact and detail is awaited.

**1408. Correspondence:** None

**1409. Outstanding action points:** Nothing has been heard on the “Quiet Lanes” initiative with Hamsey and other parishes. The Clerk will pursue.

**1410. Close of meeting:** There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

