

## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Transport and Highways Committee held at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, High Street, Barcombe on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.00 p.m.**

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**1116. Present:** Councillors J.C. Cornwell, A J MacGillivray, N Gant, D J Lloyd, D. Skan and R. Williams

**1117. Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr J O Cornwell

**1118. Declarations of Interest:** None were declared.

**1119. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**1120. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: (i) Barcombe buses:** Buses have ceased stopping “on request” which is a strict interpretation of the bus company’s licence and it is reported that the request stop signs at Deadmantree Hill have been removed; ESCC officers are sympathetic to altering the licence and the clerk was asked to contact County Cllr R St.Pierre to support her campaign to revert to the former status quo. **(ii) affordable housing:** Construction starts on 18<sup>th</sup> May and Hastoe has enquired about parking for construction workers. Hastoe will approach the Lear family to see if land near the old sewage works might be available. **(iii) road cycle races:** A race organised by the Bayer club from Burgess Hill had taken place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. No advance notice had been received and although the event was stewarded the Clerk was asked to write to ascertain why no notice had been given, what right had stewards to prevent residents from leaving the car park in their cars and what permission, if any, had been sought from the appropriate authorities.

**1121. East Sussex County Council - parking proposals:** These continue to generate concern and comment and one of the new signs has been vandalised. It was agreed that the parish council had done everything possible to consult with parishioners over the last four years and Cllr A J MacGillivray will produce a summary of action taken. The clerk was asked to write to ESCC to add the following comments to those previously submitted: the posts for the new signs are too tall and intrusive for a conservation area and some have been sited without regard for the impact on properties of residents; the yellow lines are too wide for a conservation area; the restrictions should be from 09.00 – 17.00 as previously agreed and not the 08.00 – 18.00 as marked; could the restrictions not apply on Bank Holidays? Cllr Williams had been approached about the difficulty of crossing the road safely but unless the school funded a school crossing patrol there was little more to be done.

**1122. East Sussex County Council – Strengthening Local Communities:** The Clerk reported that the first meeting had been held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009. A copy of the draft minutes and action points had been circulated in advance of this

meeting. The following actions were agreed: (i) Cllrs J C Cornwell and D J Lloyd will complete a schedule of work to be carried out by the Village Maintenance Team (ii) the Traffic Calming Strategy will be reviewed and the Clerk will send a copy to ESCC once the parish council had decided on its current preferred way forward.

**1123. East Sussex County Council – Highways Survey:** This had been completed by Cllr J C Cornwell on behalf of the Committee and it was agreed to submit as prepared

**1124. Community payback scheme:** Cllr J C Cornwell reported the scheme is progressing

**1125. Correspondence:**

East Sussex County Council – Community Transport Strategy – a letter from ESCC reporting on the work on a draft strategy was noted

Hamsey – Quiet Lanes initiative – the Clerk reported on an e mail from the Clerk of Hamsey PC; it had been suggested an update from the Chairman of Hamsey PC should be obtained

East Sussex County Council – Right of Way survey – this is now complete and parish councils will be given a summary of findings if requested –the clerk will request details in a user friendly format

**1126. Outstanding action points:** The clerk reported he had contacted District Cllr D Mitchell over the improvements to the Deans Meadow car park but had not had a reply. He will chase again. The Clerk will update the schedule.

**1127. Close of meeting:** There being no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.