

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 7th July 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

1222. Present: Councillors J.C. Cornwell, J.O. Cornwell, A J MacGillivray, N Gant, D J Lloyd and R. Williams. D Prior from the Barcombe Mills Society was also in attendance.

1223. Election of Chairman: It was resolved that Cllr J C Cornwell be appointed as Chairman of the Committee for the following twelve months.

1224. Election of Vice Chairman: It was resolved that Cllr R Williams be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the following twelve months.

1225. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr D Skan.

1226. Declarations of Interest: Cllr A J MacGillivray re minute 1231.

1227. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2009 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 19th May 2009.

1228. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16: Cllr N Gant raised the question of trees overhanging the highway from St. Bartholomew's Church. The clerk will approach the diocese to try and arrange some pruning.

1229. East Sussex County Council - parking proposals: The Clerk has contacted Paul Crawford of ESCC to set up the proposed meeting to discuss residents concerns and finalise proposals. A response is awaited

1230. East Sussex County Council – Highways issues: The Clerk had written to the Director of Transport and the Environment as requested and provided access to photographs taken by Cllr N C Lear. A copy of his reply had been circulated. Cllr Lear had expressed serious concerns and it was agreed the best route to pursue matters was through the Strengthening Local Relationships initiative.

The clerk was asked to report the loss of a “cul-de-sac” sign at the entrance to Mongers Mead.

Refurbishing the pavements in the High Street would be pursued by the Chairman through SLR

1231. Road cycle races: In response to a letter sent by the clerk a reply setting out the rules and regulations of such events had been received and circulated in advance. Parish councillors felt this was inadequate and Cllr A J MacGillivray will raise through SALC at its next meeting with the Chief Constable. The Clerk agreed to look

at the other villages affected by the “Burgess Hill circuit” to see if they have similar concerns.

1232. Community payback scheme: Cllr J C Cornwell will check on progress with Newick parish council

1233. Correspondence: None received

1234. Outstanding action points: It was thought that buses were now stopping again “on request”. The Clerk was asked to chase District Councillor D Mitchell over the lack of promised improvements to Deans Meadow car parking.

1235. Barcombe Mills: D Prior reported on problems with dog fouling and litter and was given the relevant Lewes DC and police telephone numbers to seek action against offenders and improved litter collection facilities. The Clerk was asked to write to thank Mr Jim Smith for his volunteer help in collecting litter. The BM Society would like the car park open for longer in the winter period but the practical and cost implications needed to be fully considered and she agreed to provide a fully thought through proposal for consideration in the future.

1240. Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.