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## BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barcombe Parish Council's Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, starting at 6pm.

Attendees: Cllrs Arbenz, Cornwell, Holman, Mills, Pack, Skan, Smith, Stewart

### MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Smith, Cllr Stroude

2. **Declarations of Interest: None**

**Case No:** LW/21/0341

**Case Officer:** Julie Cattell

**Location:** The Old Forge High Street Barcombe East Sussex BN8 5BB

**Proposal:** Alterations to existing rear extension to include replacement of windows, addition of bi-fold patio doors on rear elevation and creation of new pitch to flat roof to match the existing total height of the host dwelling.

**Case No:** LW/21/0266 & 0265

**Case Officer:** Julie Cattell

**Location:** The Old Forge High Street Barcombe East Sussex BN8 5BB

**Proposal:** Construction of a detached double car port, timber clad on four course brickwork.

The Parish Council is **positive** towards this application. It highlights the neighbours' concerns regarding disturbance during the work, and asks that working times and days are considerate.

**Case No:** LW/21/0231/CD

Discharge condition 14 (ecological mitigation) in relation to planning approval LW/18/0627

**Case Officer:** Julie Cattell

**Location:** Bridgelands, Ecological Mitigations Report

The Parish Council's first concern is with the delay in bringing this report to its attention. The report was received by Lewes District Council in March, but not given to the Council for consideration until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June (the day the Case Officer was going on holiday) with comments required on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. A longer period for public review may be required.

The use of a more reliable, suitably qualified company to produce the report is recognised. This is a clear improvement on the previous one. However, the following points have still not been addressed:

- The new report is still only a desktop survey.
- It does not fully reflect seasonal change on the site.

The Parish Council expects this report to be reviewed by an East Sussex County Council ecologist (Kate Cole or other), and the findings to be fed back to the Parish Council and wider community. The Parish Council emphasises that an onsite survey cannot adequately be carried out once any site development has been started.

Lewes District Council will be asked the following questions:

- 1) How does the Ecological Mitigation Report align with LDC's own Biodiversity Plan?
- 2) What are the scheduled dates for the remaining Reserved Matters regarding application LW/18/0627?

Significant concerns were raised at the public meeting about the ability for developers to apply biodiversity credits outside the immediate area. This should not be acceptable in any circumstances.

4. **Any other Business:** None.