



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 1 August 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs: Mrs T Farr, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh and A Mitchell.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs P Fisher.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 18 July 2012. Cllr Mitchell proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kiloh. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Regarding **Costa Coffee**, the Clerk had established that no licence has been granted by the Highway Authority to place **tables and chairs** on the footway. Committee Members had been monitoring the situation and, whilst there had been the occasional obstruction caused by chairs being moved, they felt that the current situation is satisfactory.

Cllr Jessop had attended the District **Council Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee** meeting which had discussed the provision of **permanent gypsy and traveller sites**. The District Council Committee had decided to defer further consideration of this matter pending site visits. The proposed public consultation process will therefore be delayed beyond September.

5. **Correspondence & Communications**

The updated **enforcement cases** list was noted.

The Clerk reported that **an appeal** has been made against the refusal of permission to convert a garage and store for short term holiday letting at **Richards Hill, Powermill Lane (RR/2012/876)**.

The latest **list of decisions** was noted as attached.

6. **Battle Schools Greenway Project**

Whilst noting that there would be a number of practical and financial issues to overcome the Committee endorsed the Council's already recorded support for this project. They identified no specific planning issues to which they were likely to object and which would prevent the project going forward. The need to widen existing rights of way and create a diversion around the Southern Water substation would be a matter for discussion by the Estates Committee.

7. **To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date**

RR/2012/1362/P (Del) **Lismoyne, Oakhurst Road**
Erection of wooden fence over 1 metre in height to replace (mostly dead) hedge.
(Retrospective).

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/1415/P (Del) **2 Old Post Office Cottages, Darwell Hill**

Proposed rear and side extensions.

Comments: No objection to this.

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RR/2012/1421/P (Del)

Woodlands Barn, Woodlands Farm, Netherfield Road

Conversion of garage block/outbuilding to form annexe to main dwelling/holiday accommodation.

Comments: After some discussion, and by a majority, the Committee agreed to object to this proposal on the grounds that it would potentially create a separate dwelling in the countryside.

RR/2012/1452/P (Del)

Greenacres Holdings, Hastings Road

New single storey 3 bedroom dwelling.

Comments: The Committee considered this application in the light of both the decision taken by Rother to refuse an earlier proposal for a 4 bedroomed domestic unit and the comments made by the Inspector in rejecting an appeal against that decision. Notwithstanding that the applicant has argued that the current scheme deals with the objections raised by the Inspector the Committee remained of the view that this would be an inappropriate development in the countryside outside the development boundary.

8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

The Clerk reminded the Committee that after the next meeting on 15 August the **District Council Planners** would be attending to discuss **site allocations**.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15 August 2012

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

Cllr Jessop
Chairman

