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Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on
TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2019 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

Present: Cllrs J Gyngell (Chairman), A Brown, G Favell, M Holmes, D Wheeler and A Russell.

In attendance: Cllr B Brown, Bev Marks (Footpaths Advisor), C Harris (Town Clerk).

Public Question Time

Mr Marks raised concern at the progress of projects identified for Community Infrastructure Levy funds. The Clerk confirmed that this is an Agenda item for discussion at the next Full Council meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs C Davies and M Kiloh.
2. **Disclosure of interest:** Cllrs A Russell and G Favell declared an interest in item 6 as neighbours to the Kingsmead area.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 21 May 2019** were approved and duly signed by Cllr Gyngell.
4. **Clerk's report**
 - Communication is ongoing with East Sussex County Council(ESCC) in relation to the installation of **bollards at Caldbec Hill**. An on-site meeting to establish exact location will be undertaken prior to contact with local residents.
 - No contact had been made with the **Community Payback Team**.
5. **Correspondence & communications**
 - Notification of **road closures:**
 - **C96 – Netherfield Hill**, from junction with Beech Farm lane to property known as Club House on **3rd & 4th July from 09:30 to 15:30** to allow BT Open Reach to carry out cabling works;
 - **Powdermill Lane, Battle**, from junction with A2100 Lower Lake to a point 330 metres north east of the junction with Telham Lane on **9th July** to facilitate Antiques Roadshow;
 - **Telham lane, Battle**, from junction with C27 Powdermill Lane to junction with C93 Forewood Lane, on **7th & 8th August from 09:30 to 15:30** each day to allow BT Open Reach to carry out service repairs
 - **Decisions received:** None

6. Neighbourhood Plan Group

The draft **minutes of meetings held on 8 and 28 May 2019** were noted, as attached. Cllr Russell highlighted a forthcoming meeting would discuss the possibility of adoption of open spaces as Town or Village Greens, which have a far longer protection than the current proposal as Open Green Spaces that are for the period of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Russell highlighted the frustration that a **complaint** in relation to the Steering Group was not able to be shared and responded to. The Clerk confirmed that the complainant had written in confidence to the Council and that a response, in accordance with the Council's Complaints Procedure, had been issued. Members agreed that any concerns could have been raised and dealt with much sooner.

7. Footpath matters

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Mr Marks(BM) circulated a report, as attached. He highlighted that **FP30** has now been actioned. BM reminded Members that **estimates for work on two key footpaths** remains outstanding and the Clerk was asked to assist in obtaining quotes. He also emphasised the deterioration of **Bridleway 86b** which appears to suffer from a drainage issue from Battle Abbey and the farmer's operations. Members agreed that this should be actioned as a priority.

8. Mount Street overflow car park

The Clerk reported that confirmation of warranty period for the driving area and cost of additional markings is awaited. Members delegated authority to the Clerk to contract the work, as appropriate, in accordance with the Action Plan.

9. Action plan

The Chairman thanked Cllr Favell for her extensive work on revising the Plans to comply with the agreed Council format. These were agreed as attached. This will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

A concern was raised that there is no feedback from Rother District Council when decisions are not consistent with comments made. The Clerk reminded Members that training on planning has been agreed.

10. SLR

- The draft **minutes of the meeting of 22 May 2019** were noted. Members asked the Clerk to request that the **re-painting of the roundabout at Powdermill Lane/Lower Lake** be actions as a matter of urgency. Further information on the declassification of A2100 should be sought.
- Members noted that the **frequency of future meetings** would be reduced from 4 to 2 per year.

11. Rother Parking Places Order 2019

Members were encouraged to respond to this in a personal capacity. A Council response to be agreed at the next meeting.

12. Bus service provision

A report on the current poor provision of bus services in the Battle area had been circulated. Members noted that a subsidy is provided by ESCC. The Clerk was asked to invite the local bus service provider and Cllr Kathryn Field to an informal meeting to discuss this issue. The matter will then be discussed in detail by Committee.

Cllr B Brown left the meeting.

13. To consider planning applications received to date

[RR/2019/666/P](#)

Amended plans - The Meads- Land at 12 Isherwood Battle, TN33 0EJ

Outline: Proposed residential development of 3no. dwellings served by existing access

Comments: Whilst Cllrs Gyngell and Russell opposed this application, a majority supported a comment of no objection in principle, although concern was raised regarding the new access point.

[RR/2019/1075/L](#)

78 High Street, Battle TN33 0AG

Proposed roof repairs and repairs to partially damaged lath and plaster ceiling.

Comments: No objection.

[RR/2019/1226/T](#)

The Deanery, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0JY

T1- Garrya - leaning - fell. T2- Sycamore - prune back canopy by 2.53.0m. T3- Sycamore - prune back canopy by 2.5-3.0m. T4- Sycamore - prune back canopy by 2.5-3.0m. T5- Goat Willow - re-prune to

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previous pruning points. T5a- 3 No. Hazel - prune back canopy by up to 2.5 m. T6- Buddleja- hard prune back to 1 metre. T7- Beech - fell.

Comments: As there is no justification for this work, Members support a refusal of this application.

RR/2019/1259/P Highfields, Telham Lane, Battle TN33 0SN

Proposed Re-roof of existing attached double garage.

Comments: No objection.

14. Finance

The **budget report at 30 April 2019** was noted. The Clerk was asked to confirm that Yard signs had been passed to ER&TD Committee.

Mr Marks left the meeting.

15. Confidential item – Enforcement list

The list as at 3 June 2019 was noted.

16. Matters for information / future agenda items

- Bus Service
- Action Plan objective 1
- Response to RDC parking consultation
- Planning training

17. Date of next meeting: 9 July 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Clr J Gyngell
Chairman