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MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 24 February 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), D Furness, J Gyngell, M Howell, M Kiloh and A Ratcliffe

In Attendance: 2 members of the public, Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr M Palmer.
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – none.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2016** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.

4. Review of footpath markings and general footpath update

John Harmer provided an update on the situation with regard to footpath 4, where the three month notice period was nearing expiry. Bev Marks was co-ordinating action and would arrange for the notice to be issued on ESCC, and liaise with the Town Clerk for any necessary support to action this.

John Harmer also provided updates on footpath 82, where continued problems with uneven surfaces and the inconsiderate use of barbed wire on the fencing existed, and the footpath from Lower Gate Farm, confirming the problem area was within the Parish of Whatlington and the concern had been raised with the Parish Council.

John Harmer notified Members that he was standing down as the footpath representative after completing the role for around 20 years. Bev Marks, as the new secretary of the Ramblers, would attend meetings in future.

On behalf of the committee, Cllr Jessop thanked John Harmer for his work over a long period of time and welcomed Bev Marks in his new official capacity.

Bev Marks provided an update on the location survey he had completed, which had previously been circulated to Members. The next step was to get ESCC's Rights of Way team to agree the locations where their input was needed, and for the Ramblers to begin work on the locations they could deal with.

Cllr Jessop asked for the highest priority locations to be highlighted, and Bev Marks identified seven spots as the most important to address. Cllr Kiloh pointed out that there continued to be issues with the surfaces of some footpaths, and questioned what could be done about these as requests to ESCC to take action had been unsuccessful.

Cllr Jessop suggested the Community Payback team could be approached to help deal with some of the issues identified with the paths, and the Town Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding this and report back to the committee, and to continue to liaise with Bev Marks in supporting the efforts to deal with the waymarking issues. The Town Clerk is to seek either funds or materials from ESCC Highways for BTC to be able to make some replacement fingerposts.

5. Correspondence and communications

- Updated enforcement list as at 15 February 2016 was noted. Cllr Jessop requested additional updates on the cases at Crowhurst Park, Greycot, The Outlook, Forward Wells and Solar UK.
- Cllr Jessop informed Members of an email received from Graeme Lake concerning falling

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render from 82 High Street. Temporary safety measures had been authorised until the work can be carried out. A bench had been identified as in need of moving, which appeared to belong to the Town Council. The Town Clerk was asked to speak with the property owner to make the necessary arrangements.

- Decisions received were noted.

GRANTED

- **RR/2015/2718/P 1 Beech Close, Woodlands, Battle**
Loft conversion, porch and single storey rear extension.
- **RR/2015/2983/P 4 North Trade Road, Battle**
New vehicular access and parking.
- **RR/2015/3019/P 112 Hastings Road, Telham Firs, Battle**
Erection of double garage.
- **RR/2015/3075/P Tower Hill Farm, North Trade Road, Battle**
Three bay detached garage with games room over.
- **RR/2015/3088/P Laneham, Oakhurst Road, Battle**
Proposed entrance porch and alterations.
- **RR/2015/3091/P Sunny Banks, Battle Hill, Battle**
Erection of detached double garage.

DISMISSED APPEAL

- **Land to north of Nos 17-19 Virgins Lane, Battle**
Erection of earth sheltered (underground) house.

6. To consider planning applications received

[RR/2016/196/L](#)

Hemingfold Farmhouse, Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0TU

Conversion of barns/stores to a 1 bed private annex and a 1 bed holiday apartment including construction of a new extension between the two existing buildings and demolition of an existing concrete workshed and open sided timber garage.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/274/P](#)

Greenwood Cottage, Marley Lane, Battle, TN33 0RB

Use of mobile home for business purpose (temporary residential accommodation for clients) (retrospective).

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/276/P](#)

Greenwood Cottage, Marley Lane, Battle, TN33 0RB

Demolition of single stable. Extension and part conversion of large stable building into storage and residential accommodation (not self-contained) for clients of business.

Comments: No objection, although Members support the request for proper management of the footpath as detailed in the letter from Battle Ramblers dated 24 February 2016.

[RR/2016/346/P](#)

94 Hastings Road, Heather Hill, Battle, TN33 0TQ

Proposed granny annexe as detached living accommodation to replace existing stable building.

Comments: No objection

7. Review of committee budget and proposal to create a reserve fund for the Neighbourhood Plan

Members reviewed the existing budget position. Cllr Jessop explained the requirement for the Neighbourhood Plan grant from Locality to be used by 31 March. It was proposed that any unspent funds allocated by the Council for the Neighbourhood Plan should be used to set up an earmarked reserve for the Neighbourhood Plan.

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RESOLVED: Members agreed the principle, and on the advice of the Clerk agreed to confirm the amount to go into the earmarked reserve at the meeting on 23 March 2016.

8. Review of committee action plan

This item was deferred to the next committee meeting to allow time for Members to review the updated plan notes of the Committee Chairman.

9. Update on maintenance of the Twitten between Mount Street car park and the High Street

Cllr Jessop informed Members that Paula Fisher had successfully obtained permission from all of the landowners concerned for work to take place in the Twitten. B & Q had been contacted by Cllr Jessop and an email sent to them via the Town Clerk as they ran a community scheme whereby they may be able to provide materials for projects. No response had been received to date. A number of volunteers had been identified to carry out the work, including re-fixing of the unsightly wires. The Battle Abbey School had also been approached by Cllr Fisher in her capacity of Chairman of BLAPG and were prepared for their students to design murals for boards to go on the walls to further enhance the Twitten. This is a joint project between BLAP and the Town Council.

10. Matters for information / future agenda items

None

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9 March 2016

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman

