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MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 1 June 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), D Furness, J Gyngell and M Howell.
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk), 5 members of the public

- 1. Apologies for absence** – None. Cllrs Palmer and Ratcliffe were absent.
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – Cllrs Howell declared a personal interest in application RR/2016/1170/P as she knows the applicant.

Cllr Jessop invited the members of the public present to speak regarding the applications they had an interest in.

The applicant spoke in support of application RR/2016/1242/P explaining the reasons for the application to assist living arrangements with their disabled daughter. They were working with RDC to revise some aspects of the design following initial feedback. They had spoken with their immediate neighbours and no objections had been raised, with some writing letters of support to RDC.

A neighbour spoke to object to application RR/2016/1170 citing reasons including concerns over loss of view and potential noise disruption. A hedge had been cut down which would make the proposed structure more visible for half of the year. When asked by the Chairman what discussions had taken place with the applicant, the objectors confirmed none regarding this application.

[RR/2016/1242/P](#) **Thatched Cottage, Whatlington Road, Battle, TN33 0NA**

Demolition of the existing two storey dwelling and garage. Erection of a new purpose built house with integral garage and other necessary facilities to provide accommodation for a severely disabled young person, her carers and family.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1170/P](#) **Quarry House, Telham Lane, Battle, TN33 0SN**

Proposed detached garage.

Comments: Members were sympathetic to the objector's reasons, but found no material planning reasons to change their previous opinion of no objection.

The members of the public left the meeting.

- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 May 2016** – these were approved by Members and signed by Cllr Jessop.
- 4. Correspondence and communications**
 - Updated enforcement list as at 16 May 2016 was noted. The Town Clerk was asked to chase RDC regarding the long outstanding cases involving Solar UK (need details of the planting scheme) and Forward Wells (update on application request), and report back to the next meeting.
 - Decisions received:
GRANTED
 - RR/2015/2863/P Acorns, Oakhurst Road, Battle**
Detached annex building.

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- **RR/2015/2981/P Fox Hole Farm, Kane Hythe Road, Battle**
Conversion of garage building and existing accommodation to form ancillary accommodation for family and friends of occupiers of Fox Hole Farm.
- **RR/2016/1013/P Spring Bank Cottage, Netherfield Hill, Battle**
Enclosure of rear porch. Alterations to windows and insertion of French doors. Marley Eternit cladding to ground floor.
- **RR/2016/1148/A 9 High Street, Battle Delivery Office, Battle**
Proposed non-illuminated free cash withdrawal sign above the ATM fascia

5. To consider planning applications received

Applications RR/2016/1242/P and RR/2016/1170/P had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

RR/2016/680/P Greycot, Netherfield Road, Battle, TN33 9PX

New driveway and vehicular access plus deletion of existing access (retrospective application).

Comments: No objection

RR/2016/1036/L 71-72 High Street, Co-op Supermarket, Battle, TN33 0AG

Replace an existing A/C condenser unit in the rear yard area. New internal layout. Strengthening of part of ground floor.

Comments: Members have no objection, but recommend conditions are imposed regarding sound deadening for the air conditioning unit.

RR/2016/1085/P White Hart Inn, Darwell Hill, Battle, TN33 9QH (Amended plan)

Change of use of the first floor managers flat to self-catering holiday accommodation or staff accommodation. Retention of the timber staircase to the rear elevation and retention of timber cladding to all elevations.

Comments: No objection

RR/2016/1247/NA Bannatynes Health Club, Battle Road, Hastings, TN38 8EZ

Proposed single storey ground floor extension to form spa facilities.

Comments: Members object as there is insufficient clarity in the application. In particular, there is no reference to whether additional car parking is needed, the land survey does not appear to cover the proposed extension area and there are no details as to whether any trees will need to be cut down to accommodate the extension and any ancillary works.

RR/2016/1301/P and RR/2016/1302/L Doctors Cottage, Darwell Hill, Battle, TN33 9QL

Extension to existing garage and conversion of garage roof space to form ancillary accommodation (Renewal of RR/2013/856/P and RR/2013/857/L).

Comments: No objection

RR/2016/1396/P 58 North Trade Road, Battle, TN33 0HU

Single storey extension to front of property to enlarge study and form porch, plus other alterations.

Comments: No objection

6. To agree budget priorities regarding footpath work

Cllr Jessop informed Members that a meeting between the Town Clerk and the Payback team coordinator had been arranged, and agreed work would include the previously identified footpaths 82 (top priority), 41 and 55.

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7. Proposed road closure for Abbey Green 16 October 2016

Members considered the request and took into account the reservations expressed by the District Councillors. However, Members agreed they had no objections to the request.

8. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Jessop informed Members of the work completed on the twitten between Mount Street car park and the High Street. Cllr Howell expressed concern over the close boarded fence erected outside 112 Hastings Road. Cllr Jessop requested the Town Clerk check whether planning permission is needed for the fence.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15 June 2016

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman