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MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 6 April 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), J Gyngell, M Howell and M Kiloh.
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk), 2 members of the public

Cllr Jessop invited the members of the public to address the committee. The first member of the public shared her experience of infrastructure training she had received and provided an example of a development which reflected the need to provide better connectivity, both within the development and through the wider town. It also encouraged a healthy lifestyle by providing walk and cycle ways for use by residents and commuters, and the Town Council were encouraged to consider any opportunity to promote such schemes, both for application RR/2016/725/P under discussion this evening, and other developments in the future. The example document will be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.

Cllr Jessop thanked the member of the public for her comments, and recommended further discussion through the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group when policies began to be developed.

The second member of the public spoke with regard to application RR/2016/725/P and supported the points raised by the first member of the public. Additionally, concerns were raised about protecting the hedges on the north-western perimeter of the site during and after construction to ensure no loss of amenity, with respect to views, from Battle footpath 20.

The second member of the public also reported on a condition relating to previously agreed application RR/2015/2482/P whereby signage was required to be installed to protect pedestrian safety. While some signage has now been installed, there was no signage at the Mount Street/Little Park Farm Lane junction. The member of the public sought the support of the Town Council to request ESCC to take immediate action to install the signs as per their statutory obligations outlined in the Countryside Act 1968 (c.41) section 27 (4).

Members requested the Town Clerk to contact ESCC to make the request.

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllrs D Furness, M Palmer and A Ratcliffe.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – Cllr Jessop declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application RR/2016/725/P. Cllrs Jessop and Howell declared personal interests in application RR/2016/738/P.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 March 2016** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Correspondence and communications**
 - Updated enforcement list as at 28 March 2016 was noted.
 - Decisions received were noted.

GRANTED

- **RR/2016/196/L Hemingfold Farmhouse, Hastings Road, Battle**
Conversion of barns/stores to a 1 bed private annex and a 1 bed holiday apartment including construction of new extension between the two existing buildings and demolition an existing concrete workshed and open sided timber garage.
- **RR/2016/250/P Oaklea, Marley Lane, Battle**
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling.

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5. To consider planning applications received

[RR/2016/725/P](#)

London Road – Land to the west of, Lillybank Farm, Wattles Wish, TN33 0JG

Outline: Residential development with associated open space on land to the west of London Road, with all matters reserved other than access.

Due to his earlier declaration, Cllr Jessop left the room for discussion of this application. The remaining Members considered the views expressed by members of the public, and those in the objection letters registered online.

Comments: Members have no objection to the outline plan, and would welcome the opportunity to work with the developer as more detailed plans are progressed, to encourage adherence to the developing Neighbourhood Plan principles and policies.

[RR/2016/670/P](#)

43 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

Variation of condition 2 of permission RR/2015/2243/P – revised floor and elevation drawings.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/672/L](#)

43 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

Replace existing interlocking concrete tiles with natural slate.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/683/P](#)

43 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

First floor change of use from residential to office accommodation associated with ground floor use as a funeral director.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/684/L](#)

43 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

First floor change of use to office accommodation with construction of new internal stair.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/765/L](#)

43 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

Variation of condition 2 of permission RR/2015/2245/L – revised floor and elevation drawings.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/738/P](#)

East House, Darwell Hill, Battle, TN33 0EE

Proposed new garage and rear extension.

Comments: Members were unable to discuss this application as the committee was inquorate due to the personal interests declared.

[RR/2016/103/L](#)

17 Upper Lake, White Horse Cottage, Battle, TN33 0AN

Works to eaves wall plate, roof and fascia including specialist preservation treatment.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/811/P](#)

178 Hastings Road, The Outlook, Battle, TN33 0TW

Replacement storage shed.

Comments: No objection

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6. Review of committee expenditure

Members reviewed the budget position for the end of the financial year. Further to the previous decision, the unspent amount allocated to the Neighbourhood Plan will be placed in a newly created earmarked reserve. The Town Clerk reminded Members of the agreed committee budget for the new financial year.

7. Matters for information / future agenda items

None

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 April 2016

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman

