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MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 4 May 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), D Furness, J Gyngell, M Kiloh and A Ratcliffe.
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk), Bev Marks (Battle Ramblers)

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllrs Howell and Palmer.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – none.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 April 2016** – these were approved by Members and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Correspondence and communications**
 - Updated enforcement list as at 25 April 2016 was noted.
 - The Town Clerk informed Members of correspondence relating to the diversion in place on footpath 101. ESCC Rights of Way officers had been in contact with the landowners, and left with them an application to apply for an official diversion. Bev Marks commented that there had been a number of complaints about the diversion, and the Town Clerk was asked to contact ESCC to report these and the Council's view that the diversion should be removed as it was neither authorised nor justified.
 - The Town Clerk was asked to chase RDC for progress regarding work ordered at the Butcher's shop in the High Street, and regarding the outstanding planting scheme at Solar UK.
 - Decisions received were noted

GRANTED

- **RR/2016/536/P Ashlyn, Whatlington Road, Battle**
Two storey side extension & first floor rear extension. Whole property to have central cladding & smooth rendered & painted ground floor.
- **RR/2016/515/T 10 Glengorse, Battle**
Remove lower branch of no.1 Beech tree.
- **RR/2016/670/P 43 High Street, Battle**
Variation of condition 2 of permission RR/2015/2243/P – revised floor and elevation drawings and partial discharge of condition 3.
- **RR/2016/672/L 43 High Street, Battle**
Replace existing interlocking concrete tiles with natural slate.
- **RR/2016/683/P 43 High Street, Battle**
First floor change of use from residential to office accommodation associated with ground floor use as funeral director.
- **RR/2016/684/L 43 High Street, Battle**
First floor change of use to office accommodation with construction of new internal stair.
- **RR/2016/765/L 43 High Street, Battle**
Variation of condition 2 of permission RR/2015/2245/L – revised floor and elevation drawings.

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REFUSED

- **RR/2016/618/P Adanac, Whatlington Road, Battle**
Proposed two-storey side extension.

5. To consider planning applications received

[RR/2016/726/P](#) **9 High Street, Battle Delivery Office, Battle, TN33 0AA**

Removal of existing part boundary brick wall down to ground level and installation of new railway sleeper to perimeter (continuation of existing feature) to rear car park to denote the boundary.

Comments: Members object to the loss of a conservation property boundary, being replaced with unsuitable materials. Members also comment that they should not feel compelled to agree to a scheme where it is a result of a lack of appropriate previous maintenance.

[RR/2016/807/P](#) **Abbey Vista, Rear of 43 Lower Lake, Battle, TN33 0AT**

Variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission RR/2014/2076/P to rebuild two brick piers at highway boundary without intermediate pier and pedestrian gate.

Comments: Members commented that they welcome the idea of moving traffic safely off of the footpath and the improved access. They regret the loss of character with no gate now being proposed, and have concerns over where the refuse bins will now be located. Members also look forward to the resurfacing of the drive as per the original agreed application.

[RR/2016/1013/P](#) **Spring Bank Cottage, Netherfield Hill, Battle, TN33 0LE**

Enclosure of rear porch. Alterations to windows and insertion of French doors. Marley Eternit cladding to ground floor.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1027/P](#) **22 Virgins Lane, Battle, TN33 0JH**

Conversion of attached single garage to habitable room and adjust pitched roof.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1053/P](#) **Old Orchard, Chain Lane, Battle, TN33 0HG**

New conservatory to west side elevation.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1061/T](#) **8 Bowmans Drive, Battle, TN33 0LU**

Crown reduction of oak tree.

Comments: Members object as the work is unnecessary due to the tree being neither damaged nor diseased.

[RR/2016/1070/P](#) **170 Hastings Road, Camellias, Battle, TN33 0TW**

Demolition of existing detached garage and construction of new attached garage.

Comments: No objection

6. To agree a response to the ESCC public rights of way and countryside sites draft strategy

Members had been forwarded the details in advance of the meeting. Members acknowledged the proposals for management of countryside sites, noting this affected only Camber in the Rother District.

Members were pleased that a dedicated team would remain to manage the public rights of way, , although Bev Marks pointed out potential concerns over the future capacity of the team as their workload increases dealing with the 'lost ways' project up to 2026. He had briefed Cllr Field who had

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raised a question at cabinet regarding this matter.

Members agreed to respond to the consultation welcoming the retention of the public rights of way team, linking it to the recent work completed in the town, while also expressing their concerns over the future capacity of the team.

7. To agree agenda items for the SLR meeting on 18 May

Members agreed the following agenda items for SLR:

- Damage to bollards on the pavement around the Abbey Green and surrounding apron
- Missing bollards on the High Street, outside Nationwide and the provision of a new one by Battle House of Flowers
- The need to extend the boardwalk on the footpath at the bottom of the National Trust Field (footpath 38)
- Measures to address the poor visibility at pedestrian crossings in the town including the repainting of beacon posts
- Parking and traffic issues at Caldbec Hill

8. Matters for information / future agenda items

Members requested the Town Clerk contact Jempsons recommending a permit scheme of some sort to identify cars parked with permission within Market Square and for them to install a sign stating permit holders only.

Bev Marks informed Members that he was planning on behalf of BLAP to organise a litter picking event, which Members expressed support for.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 May 2016

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman