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MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 30 January 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs: R Bye, Mrs P Fisher, Mrs M Howell, M Palmer and Mrs S Pry.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs M Kiloh.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 2 January 2013. Cllr Mrs Pry proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fisher. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings** – None.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The **enforcement cases** list was noted. In the absence of a response to the request for a progress report on old cases the Clerk was instructed to chase up again and to record disappointment at the lack of courtesy in not even receiving an acknowledgement or interim response.

The **latest list of decisions** was noted as attached. Regarding the **Beeches Brook** permission this appears to replace an earlier permission granted in August 2012 which included no reference to a time limit. The latest permission is limited to 3 years. The Clerk was asked to enquire about the reasons for this change and to query, in the circumstances, the status and legality of the initial permission.

The Clerk reported the **dismissal of 2 appeals**. The first relating to the **conversion of a garage and store to self-contained annexe and for use as short term holiday letting at Richards Hill, Powdermill Lane (RR/2012/152 and 876)**. The second relating to the proposed **car port to detached garage at 2 Homestead, Hastings Road (RR/2012/1359)**.

6. SLR Meeting

The attached report from the SLR meeting held on 9 January was noted. Cllr Jessop gave updates on the following matters:

- the County are responding to the concern about the safety of the **Lower Lake pedestrian crossing** by replacing existing optics with an up-rated version, with clear glass within the existing head of the column. This will not change the appearance of the ornate columns but should throw more light onto the crossing area
- regarding the **muddy area of highway verge adjoining the children's playground in North Trade Road**, Highways have agreed to install "wood effect" bollards to prevent parking and will repair the grass area in the spring;
- outstanding **resurfacing work in the High Street close to the Almonry** has been completed, incorporating creating a ramp for the pedestrian crossing which it is hoped will slow traffic;
- further discussion with English Heritage about the **footway provision by Battle Abbey steps** has resulted in one of the previous options being reviewed. This would introduce a path across the verge running parallel with the Court House wall and using natural stone. Highways are working on the redesign detail and Cllr Jessop has asked to see details as soon as they are available.

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Cllr Palmer asked that, at the next meeting, attention be drawn to the perceived increased dangers arising from the changes to the parking restrictions in Caldbec Hill which has simply moved parking further up the hill. He also asked that drainage problems at the Telham Lane junction be highlighted.

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

RR/2012/2454/P **Netherfield Hill Farm, Netherfield Hill**

A 24.38m x 12.19m agricultural livestock building to serve the essential requirements of Netherfield Hill Farm.

Comments: In the light of the cancellation of the Committee meeting planned for 16 January details of this application had been circulated to all Committee Members who agreed that no objection be raised.

RR/2012/2315/P **Little Park Farm, Mount Street**

Temporary use of land for the siting of a storage container. (Retrospective).

Comments: No objection to this though the Committee would wish any temporary consent limited to 12 months.

RR/2012/2399/P

RR/2012/2400/L **71 High Street – Co-op Welcome Store Ltd**

Remove existing automatic entrance swing doors and replace with new automatic sliding door. Shop front adapted to suit.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/2484/P **38 Virgins Lane**

Alterations/extension to front elevation

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2013/9/P **40 Hastings Road**

Two storey rear extension – extension to garage to form study and extension to porch.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2013/24/P **7 Vale Road**

Loft conversion with new rear dormer, replacement of hip roof with gable wall and velux rooflights to front elevation.

Comments: After some discussion the majority view of the Committee was that the proposed work would be out of keeping in this row of properties and too bulky in relation to the property itself.

RR/2013/36/P **Netherfield Place, Netherfield**

Proposed timber framed garages with storage area over.

Comments: No objection to this subject to the same condition being applied to the previous application RR/2012/474 preventing the use of the building for any trade or business or habitable accommodation.

RR/2013/38/P **Netherfield Hill Farmhouse, Netherfield Hill**

Extensions to existing bungalow to create chalet style dwelling at the rear.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2013/101/T **24 Glengorse**

T1 pine – raise canopy to 4m, remove low branches. T2 conifer – raise canopy to 4m.

Comments: Since the applicant had chosen to locate the new shed and greenhouse so

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close to the tree the Committee felt that he had created the problem and that there was no justification for carrying out the work proposed.

8. Terms of Reference and Risk Assessment

The Committee noted previously agreed Terms of Reference and the results of the Risk Assessment previously undertaken. No reason could be seen for requiring any changes and the endorsed documents are therefore attached.

9. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items – None.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 13 February 2013

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Cllr Jessop
Chairman

