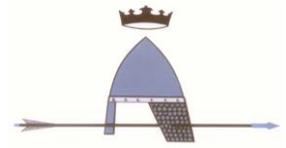




Battle Town Council



**Minutes of the CONFIDENTIAL, ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2019 at
The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllrs G Favell (Chairman), J Boryer, A Brown, V Cook, M Dass, C Davies, P Fisher, J Gyngell, M Howell, A Russell, D Wheeler and C Would.

1. Apologies for absence – None.

Cllr Ratcliffe was absent.

2. Disclosure of interest – Cllrs D Furness and M Kiloh declared an interest as potential adjacent land owners.

3. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 April 2019 were agreed and duly signed by Cllr Favell.

4. Battle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

A draft document had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Cllr Russell presented the proposals on behalf of the Steering Group. He highlighted the need for confidentiality to ensure that public and potential developers have an opportunity to see the plan together at the consultation on Saturday 4 May in the Memorial Hall between 10am and 1pm.

He highlighted that an approved Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that development is approved in areas chosen by people of Battle; not those at Rother. The increase in Community Infrastructure Levy from 15% to 25% was also emphasised.

Cllr Russell explained that subsequent to the Call for Sites, all identified land had been assessed within a criteria agreed by the Group and consultants AECOM. Small developments had been preferred by the steering group but Rother had not been restricted in its own allocations for planning consent. Plots had been identified in priority order to produce an additional 25 dwellings in Battle and 23 in Netherfield.

A timescale had been agreed with a possible referendum pre-Christmas 2019.

Cllr Russell confirmed that the aim of the Plan is to protect the open spaces and produce an expectation to developers about not building in strategic gaps and putting a cap on further development.

He reported that all information presented to Councillors will be available at the consultation on Saturday and will be on the website <http://battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/> with a hard copy in the Town Council office from Tuesday 7 May 2019.

5. Future agenda items / matters to note – None.

6. Date of Annual Meeting: Tuesday, 14 May 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm

CLLR G FAVELL
CHAIRMAN