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Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on
TUESDAY, 13th OCTOBER 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Present: Cllrs J Gyngell (Chairman), A Brown, C Davies, G Favell, A Russell, D Wheeler.

In attendance: Mr B Marks (Footpaths Advisor), C Harris (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

Public Question Time

A representative from RAUDIN (Residents Against Unauthorised Development in Netherfield) reiterated the comments made in a letter circulated to Council reporting the submission of its planning application to Rother District Council, and the reasons for it. Council were asked to support the application [RR/2020/1672/P](#) for a Traveller site at Watermill Lane, Bexhill to assist in the protection of the Battle area. The Clerk was asked to share the letter with District Councillors for comment and to include a discussion of this at the Full Council meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Kiloh.
2. **Disclosure of interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 8th September 2020** were approved for electronic signature by Cllr Gyngell.
4. **Clerk's report**
 - As previously reported, an **Enforcement Order** had been presented in relation to activity at **Land at the rear of Fir Tree Cottage, Netherfield Hill, Battle** following the refusal of application [RR/2020/599/P](#).
 - The feasibility application for the **surface hardening of the verge at Coronation Gardens** had been emailed to East Sussex County Council.
5. **Correspondence and Communications**
 - Notification from East Sussex Highways of temporary road closures:
 - **C94 Marley lane, Battle**, 30 metres either side of Marley Lane level crossing on **22 November 2020 from 06:00 to 18:00 hours** to allow Network Rail to deliver rails and sundries.
 - **A2100 London Road, Battle**, 30 metres either side of Battle level crossing on **6 December 2020 from 07:00 to 18:00 hours** to allow Network Rail to carry out maintenance works on the level crossing.
 - **Decisions received:**
 - Approved**
[RR/2020/500/P](#) [Watch Oak House, Chain Lane, Battle](#)
Approval of reserved matters relating to appearance, layout, scale and landscaping pursuant to outline permission [RR/2019/158/P](#)

[RR/2020/922/P](#) [30 Stream Farm Cottages, Netherfield Road, Battle](#)
Proposed ground floor wrap around extension, floor plan redesign and all associated works.

[RR/2020/962/P](#) [Oaklea, Marley Lane, Battle](#)
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling renewal of planning

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permission RR/2017/1285/P

RR/2020/1048/L 25 High Street, Battle

Internal alterations to sub-divide shop floor area with partition wall and re-open doorway

RR/2020/1061/P 6 Lewins Court, Mount Street, Battle

Replacement of existing front door, located in communal lobby. Replacement of existing sliding doors accessing balcony with bi-fold doors

RR/2020/1116/P 86 Hastings Road, Llemdor, Battle

Proposed porch and alterations to existing garage roof

RR/2020/1265/P 24 Frederick Thatcher Place, North Trade Road, Battle

Removal of existing white timber window/door frames and replacement with new white PVCu frames and black composite door

6. Terms of Reference

Members agreed to **recommend to Full Council** the Terms of Reference as attached.

7. Cycling & Walking Working Group

The notes from the previous meeting had been circulated, as attached. It was noted that the letter had been sent to ESCC, as agreed. Mr Marks was thanked for his detailed plan/map.

8. Footpath matters

- Mr Marks, Footpath Advisor confirmed that a request from the Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust for a grant for **surfacing hardening on a larger section of footpath 82**, as recommended by ESCC, had been issued. It is anticipated that a response will be received by the end of this month.
- The Clerk highlighted that three quotes had now been received for the **surface hardening** of sections of **footpaths 41, 82 and 87** but that the final contractor had based the cost on a higher specification and a longer section of footpath 82. The Clerk was asked to provide the revised specification for footpath 82 to the other two contractors for a true comparison.
- The Landscape Architect's report on the **Steps to Ramp Project** had been circulated to Members, as attached. The Clerk was asked to establish why none of the options allow for steps and ramp and to request that the slope starting from Mountjoy be investigated, as previously suggested.

9. Strengthening Local Relationships

The draft minutes from Zoom meeting held on 30 September 2020 were noted, as attached. Cllr Brown highlighted that the issue with **grass verges in Coronation Gardens** had not been resolved as reported in the minutes. Members considered recommendations:

- to request loan of **speed recording equipment** from Crowhurst Parish Council to support consideration of speed and feasibility studies to investigate speed reduction measures on Whatlington Road. Members noted that it had been previously agreed to await a report from Catsfield PC on its use of the CAT device. It was suggested that the section from Marley Lane crossing to Harrier Lane should be included in a speed indication survey. The Clerk was asked to circulate the Rother Association of Local Councils minutes when received;
- for **parking restrictions on North Trade Road**, opposite the entrance to the recreation ground

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car park. It was highlighted that, with vehicles parked on the road, exiting from the car park was extremely challenging. Members agreed that this should be included within the next parking restrictions review.

10. Dates for completion of consultations:

- [Planning for the future](#): the planning white paper (closes 29th October) - Wednesday 21st October at 10am;
- [Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control](#) (closes 30th October) – Monday 26th October at 10am (apologies from Cllr Favell);
- **Pavement parking consultation** (closes 22nd November) – Thursday 12th November at 10am (apologies from Cllr Russell).

11. Electric Charging Points

A suggestion for provision of ECPs in Battle's car parks as part of **East Sussex Economy Recovery Action Plan** was discussed. It was noted that these had remained unused on a new development in Herstmonceux. The Clerk was asked to seek further information from ESCC on the suitability of this proposal.

12. Sussex Police

The **Roads Network Activity Update at 16th September 2020** was noted, as attached.

13. Action Plan

Members reviewed and updated the Action Plan as attached. The Clerk was asked to also circulate the Detailed Action Plan, for cost identification, at future meetings.

15. To consider applications received to date

[RR/2020/431/T](#)

4 Parkridge Mews, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0FP

Sycamore Tree - fell.

Comment: Members felt that there is not sufficient information to support this work and it should therefore be refused.

[RR/2020/1205/P](#)

Aversden, Netherfield Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 0LH

Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2019/2616/P to allow an increase in size of dormers.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2020/1382/P](#)

24 Senlac Gardens, Battle TN33 0AX

Proposed workshop and shed.

Comment: Subject to a condition that the units are used for the purpose provided, and not ancillary living accommodation, Members had no objection to this.

[RR/2020/1422/P](#)

[RR/2020/1480/L](#)

13-14 High Street, Battle TN33 0AE

Variation of conditions 2 & 7 imposed on RR/2019/2243/P to allow change of store/utility room and staff WC's to a kitchen and extend opening hours from 11am to 10am. Removal of condition 5 to allow preparation of serving of hot food on the premises.

Comment: No objection to this.

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[RR/2020/1461/P](#)

114 Darvel Down, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QF

Proposed garage conversion and associated alteration to form new bedroom with en-suite

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2020/1503/P](#)

58 Wellington Gardens, Battle TN33 0HD

Side two storey addition and single storey rear addition.

Comment: Members felt that this is overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with existing properties and should be refused.

[RR/2020/1525/P](#)

The Gun House, Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QL

Construction of a single storey outbuilding, within the garden of a listed building.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2020/1539/P](#)

White Hart Bungalow, Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QH

Addition of a full first floor extension to a single storey construction with new roof.

Comment: Subject to the amendment for the building to be fully weather-boarded, in keeping with neighbouring properties and in accordance with the Battle Design Guidelines p36 and the High Weald Design Guide p32-36, Members had no objection to this.

[RR/2020/1571/P](#)

106 Hastings Road, Greenhayes, Battle, TN33 0TW

Single storey side extension

Comment: No objection to this on the basis that the extension is set back from existing line.

[RR/2020/1589/P](#)

Netherhay Barn, Whatlington Road, Battle TN33 0NA

Proposed replacement barn.

Comment: No objection to this subject to conditions 1-5 on previous application RR/2013/2375/P restricting the use of the building are restated.

[RR/2020/1668/P](#)

Reeves Cottage, Kane Hythe Road, Battle, TN33 9QU

Proposed change of use of ancillary living unit to self-contained dwelling

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2020/1755/C](#)

Netherfield C E Primary School, Darvel Down, Netherfield, Battle, TN33

9QF

RR/3297/CC - Retention of 3 no. Mobile classrooms for a further 5 years until August 2025.

Comment: No objection to this.

16. Finance

- The **budget report at 30th September 2020** was noted, as attached. The Responsible Finance Officer highlighted:
 - 4350 Bus shelter repairs are generally undertaken over autumn/winter.
 - 4510 Only minor car park maintenance should be required this year following the extensive work carried out last year.

Members agreed that, following the completion of the work above, EMR Car Park 435 funds of £1,787 should be transferred to EMR Footpaths 340.

- **Proposed budget for 2021-22**

Some items were highlighted and it was agreed that this should be an early Agenda item for at the next meeting.

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17. Matters for information / future agenda items

- Budget 2021-22

18. Date of next meeting: 10th November 2020

Members agreed, for the consideration of sensitive information it is recommended that the press and public be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2) for the following item.

Members of the public left the meeting.

19. Confidential item

The **updated enforcement list as at 5th October 2020** was noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Cllr J Gygell
Chairman

Minutes agreed & signed electronically 10th November 2020 - *JGygell*