



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 10 October 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Mrs T Farr and M Palmer.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest** – None.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 12 September 2012. Cllr Mrs Kiloh proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Jessop. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings** – None.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The **enforcement cases** list was noted. Committee Members were particularly pleased to see that this now includes recent cases reported by the Town Council.

The **latest list of decisions** was noted as attached.

The Inspector's **decision to refuse an appeal relating to the siting of a mobile home in conjunction with a poultry unit at Greenacres Farm (RR/2011/1174)** was also noted; as was the fact that an **appeal** has now been made following the **refusal of permission to convert a garage and store to a self contained annexe at Richards Hill, Powdermill Lane (RR/2012/152)**.

Finally, the Committee noted a paper being circulated to the business community by the **South East Local Enterprise Partnership** inviting views on a list of **transport infrastructure** priorities. The list covers the main road and rail schemes currently under discussion.

The Council has been asked to consider the name for the development of **the Gate Farm Lodge site**. Either Gate Farm or Old Gate Farm was suggested.

6. Report Back from Parish Planning Seminar

Cllr Jessop had received positive feedback via RALC about the content of the seminar. The Clerk echoed this saying it had been more informative than those he had attended in recent years. The main aim appeared to be to ensure that, in considering planning applications, Town and Parish Councils focus on current planning policies as set out in the Government's recent National Planning Policy Framework and Rother's Local Plan. The latter had been examined for conformity with the former and found to be consistent so it is important to fully understand those Local Plan policies. In due course these will, of course, be replaced by the policies in the Core Strategy and related Site Allocations documents once these have been approved. Whilst it was acknowledged that, in some cases, material considerations could arise which might override Local Plan policies these should only be taken into account if there would be a clear public interest in doing so.

The seminar also included a useful presentation on the work of the Enforcement team which now combines the staff previously employed separately on environmental and planning enforcement.

