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MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held on
TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2017 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), C Davies, D Furness, J Gyngell, M Howell, A Ratcliffe and A Russell.

In attendance: Carol Harris (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence – None

2. Disclosure of Interest Cllrs Gyngell and Furness declared an interest in the road closure application for a Battle Festival event as members of the Committee.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2017

These were approved by Members and duly signed by Cllr Jessop

4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda

A response had been received from ESCC advising that they could not support signs requesting drivers to turn off their engines whilst waiting at the level crossing on Marley Lane. The Clerk was asked to obtain the cost of 2 signs plus posts and bring to the next meeting for consideration. She was also asked to write to National Rail to request that the central rail crossing bumps which cover the concrete separating the rails be smoothed out to enable a more comfortable ride by vehicles over the rails. It was noted that signage had been positioned either side of the crossing advising of the need for caution which indicated that the crossing arrangement was far from satisfactory and could involve a health and safety issue as the local buses had to be very careful when passing over the area so as not to cause undue discomfort to the passengers.

5. Correspondence & communications

- The updated enforcement list as at 31 July 2017 was noted.
- Decisions received were noted as:

GRANTED

RR/2016/1035/P 71-72 High Street, Co-op Supermarket, Battle

Replace an existing A/C condenser unit in the rear yard area

RR/2016/1036/L 71-72 High Street, Co-op Supermarket, Battle

Replace an existing A/C condenser unit in the rear yard area. New internal layout.

Strengthening of part of ground floor

RR/2017/1092/P Campfield House, Powdermill Lane, Battle

Demolition of hay barn and pair of stables. Extension and refurbishment to main stable block

RR/2017/1167/P 18 Vale Road, Battle

Proposed two storey extension with lower ground floor garden room

RR/2017/1192/P 11 St Marys Villas, Battle

Ground floor front entrance porch/cloakroom extension and loft conversion

RR/2017/1198/P 13 Vale Road, Battle

Two storey extension with Juliette windows and decking

RR/2017/1236/P 3 Wattles Wish, Battle

Loft conversion and rear extension

RR/2017/1280/P 1 Stream Farm Cottages, Netherfield Road, Battle

Front and rear extensions

RR/2017/1285/P Oaklea, Marley Lane, Battle

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling

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RR/2017/1398/P Darwell Beech Farm, Darwell Hill, Battle

Erection of a detached garage

RR/2017/1465/P Bowmans, Saxonwood Road

Two-storey rear extension and relocated balcony

REFUSED

RR/2017/1124/P Clinton, Netherfield Hill, Battle

Extension to residential curtilage to accommodate new swimming pool building for private use

RR/2017/1229/P Marley Farm – (former farmyard complex associated with), Marley Lane, Battle

Redevelopment of former farm complex to provide two detached dwellings

RR/2017/1352/P 24, 24A, 24B & 24C Mount Street, Battle

Proposed re-cladding of properties

RR/2017/1537/O Meadows, Whatlington Road, Whatlington

Erection of detached timber garage with tiled roof

- Members noted a letter to Highways, copied to BTC, asking for the provision of **kerbing outside Toad Hall, Telham Lane** that had been refused. The Committee agreed that there appeared to be no logic in this decision.

Cllrs Gynge and Furness repeated their declaration of interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion.

- Members had no objection to the proposed **road closure of North Trade Road – from the recreation ground to High Street, 7 October 2017**, for Battle Festival event, “The Winter Giant”.
- Cllr Jessop reported on an exchange of correspondence with **Cllr Kenward** of RDC in relation to the lack of an invitation to attend the **Scrutiny Committee meeting on parking**. An apology had been received which explained that Cllr Kenward had requested the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee to invite our chairman to attend but that this had not occurred. Cllr Kenward ended with the reassurance that consultation on the parking issues will be offered. Cllr Jessop was happy to accept the apology.
- A request to extend the area of footpaths that BTC staff clear in Western Avenue had been received. The Clerk was asked to write to ESCC to highlight that this footpath provides access to local schools and should be cleared on health and safety grounds.

6. To consider planning applications received to date

RR/2017/219/P 6a Mount Street, Battle TN33 0EG

Installation of rooflights on rear elevation and first & second floor staircase.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2017/220/L 6a Mount Street, Battle TN33 0EG

Installation of rooflights on rear elevation and first & second floor staircase.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2017/623/L 16 High Street, Natwest Branch, Battle TN33 0AJ

Repairs and redecoration of external facade and main roof portions.

Comments: The Committee were delighted to see maintenance being taken seriously in the conservation area and fully supported this application.

It was noted that the gardens are in a poor state.

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[RR/2017/1232/P](#) West View, Oakhurst Road, Battle TN33 0JL

Addition of first floor with rooms in the roof. New roof provided.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/1435/P](#) Wellington Court, Rue De Bayeux, High Street, Battle TN33 0EB

Replace all remaining windows and communal entrance doors in UPVC windows to flats 8,10 and 23. 10 doors and 8 windows to complete complex.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/1533/P](#) Top Deck, Kenwards Yard, Battle TN33 0AE

Garage converted to space ancillary to dwelling.

Comments: Members felt that the loss of parking amenity would be detrimental to the area and therefore supported a refusal of the proposal.

[RR/2017/1554/T](#) Caldbeck Court, Caldbeck Hill, Battle, TN33 0JU

T1 Japanese Cedar - Reduce by 30%. T2 Thuja - Reduce by 30%.

Comments: Members felt there was a lack of detail and no justification for this work and objected to this application.

[RR/2017/1591/T](#) Chain Lane - Land Adjacent, Battle

Holly tree - fell.

Comments: The Committee noted that the tree is in good health, did not offer any damage to the applicant's property and so the proposal should be refused.

[RR/2017/1609/P](#) 2 Hillcrest, Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 0HL

Single storey rear & side extensions. First floor roof extension to create further bedrooms (variation to planning permission RR/2017/500/P).

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/1612/P](#) 1 Hillcrest, Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 0HL

First floor extension to create new bedrooms and bathroom (variation to planning permission RR/2017/492/P).

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/1647/P](#) 12 Wellington Gardens, Battle TN33 0HD

Two storey side and rear extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/1650/P](#) 107 South Lodge, North Trade Road, Battle TN33 0HN

Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/1723/P](#) Netherfield Place Farmhouse, Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 9PY

Demolition of existing conservatory; construction of single storey kitchen extension; extension to garage with accommodation over; internal alterations to house and enlargement and conversion of roof space to form two en-suite bedrooms, landing and playroom.

Comments: No objection to this.

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[RR/2017/1727/P](#) 73 High Street, Battle TN33 0AG

Variation of Condition 4 imposed on RR/2016/3016/P to extend hours of use to include evening opening.

Comments: Members fully support this application that will help keep the High Street alive. It was also noted that the Core Strategy policies BA1 (vi) and EC6 encouraged activity in the town centre which can be seen to support this application.

[RR/2017/1741/P](#) Blackfirs Farm, London Road, Battle TN33 0LP

Front and rear two storey extensions and new porch with new double garage.

Comments: No objection to this.

7. Budget to 30 June 2017

This was noted. The Chairman confirmed that a specification for the **resurfacing works to the overflow car park** was in hand and that the **NHP grant application** would be completed within the next 7 days.

8. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Furness highlighted the **poor and offensive condition** of the property previously occupied by **Battle Gifts**. The Clerk was asked to write to RDC Environmental Health requesting investigation into the structural condition of the property.

Cllr Howell reported the ongoing **flooding issues at the junction of Telham Lane/Hastings Road**. The Clerk was asked to write to ESCC enclosing photographs of the blocked drains.

Cllr Davies reported the **flooding of the footpath between the Railway Station and Marley Lane**. The Clerk was asked to report this to Network Rail.

9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 September 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05p.m.

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman