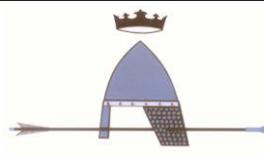




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MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on  
WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2017 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), C Davies, D Furness, M Howell, M Palmer and A Ratcliffe

**In Attendance:** Carol Harris (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr J Gyngell.

2. **Disclosure of Interests** – None.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25 January 2017**

These were approved by Members and signed by the Cllr Jessop.

4. **Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda** – None.

5. **Correspondence & communications**

- The removal of trees on woodland adjacent to **Kelklands Farm, Chain Lane, Battle** was noted. RDC have now placed TPOs on some of the remaining trees.
- Updated **enforcement list** as at 15 March 2017 was noted.
- **Decisions** received were noted as follows:

**GRANTED**

- **RR/2016/2434/P** **Telham High Farm, Telham Lane, Battle**  
**RR/2016/2435/L**  
Proposed garden room
- **RR/2016/3208/P** **17-19 Virgins Lane – Land north of, Battle**  
Erection of earth sheltered (underground) house (revised scheme following refusal of planning application no. RR/2015/1419/P)
- **RR/2016/3219/P** **117 Hastings Road, Hillrise, Battle**  
Proposed summer house
- **RR/2016/3251/P** **Pipers Meadow, Chain Lane, Battle**  
Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2015/1407/P to increase size of garage
- **RR/2017/42/P** **Stellata, Marley Lane, Battle**  
Lower ground floor extension with roof terrace and dormer to existing rear roof
- **RR/2017/163/P** **42 Hastings Road, White Lodge, Battle**  
Erection of single storey oak framed garage with pitched roof
- **RR/2017/191/P** **3 Telham Close, Battle**  
Erection of front entrance porch in excess of 3 square metres

**PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED**

- **RR/2017/123/PN3** **8 Old Ladies Court, Battle**  
Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of building from office use (B1) to dwelling house (C3)
- An email from a concerned resident emphasising the potential **safety issues on the pavements in the High Street**. Whilst Members empathised, it was acknowledged that this is a matter for ESCC. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Lee confirming that a letter highlighting the

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incidents in the town would be sent to ESCC and the issue raised at an SLR meeting.

- Cllr Jessop reported on his attendance at the **RDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee** meeting at which an update on the **Civil Parking Enforcement** was discussed. All Rother Members have been requested to complete and return maps identifying areas of concern by 31 March. This will then be further discussed on 24 July. The Clerk was asked to contact Malcolm Johnston for a copy of the map to assist Battle's District Councillors.

## 6. Comments as agreed via email:

### [RR/2017/344/P](#) Netherfield House, Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 9PY

Side extensions and alterations to provide parapet wall around the dwelling

**Comments:** No objection.

### [RR/2017/362/P](#) Beech Estate, Kane Hythe Road, Battle TN33 9QU

Use of the land for a seasonal campsite with parking, warden accommodation, storage, and washing and WC facilities.

**Comments:** No objection.

### [RR/2017/367/P](#) 47 North Trade Road, Pine Wold, Battle TN33 0HS

Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2016/2930/P for the addition of a single storey garden room to the rear of Plot 2

**Comments:** No objection.

### [RR/2017/370/P](#) 3 Wattles Wish, Battle TN33 0JG

3 dormers to south west elevation, 2 storey extension and 2 dormers to north east elevation.

**Comments:** Support a refusal on the basis that there is no additional parking available on a property increasing from 2 to 3 bedrooms which could lead to unwelcome street parking on a narrow road.

### [RR/2017/425/P](#) Reeves Cottage, Kane Hythe Road, Battle, TN33 9QU

Proposed barn

**Comments:** No objection in principle although, as the barn is large, some tree screening to reduce the impact from the highway would be beneficial.

### [RR/2017/426/P](#) 1 Coronation Gardens, Battle, TN33 0DN

Proposed first floor extension to annexe

**Comments:** The design is now incongruous with the additional floor added and should be refused. If approved, RDC should be encouraged to impose condition 3 from the consent to application RR/2014/2350/P.

### [RR/2017/453/P](#) Wildwood, Kingsdale Close, Battle TN33 0DP

Proposed infill extension and over-cladding render with weatherboard

**Comments:** No objection.

The Committee ratified these retrospectively.

## 7. To consider planning applications received to date

### [RR/2016/3173/P](#)

### [RR/2016/3174/L](#) 9 High Street, Battle Delivery Office, Battle, TN33 0AA

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Removal of existing part boundary brick wall to rear/side down to ground level and replace with railway sleeper.

**Comments:** The Committee strongly objected to this proposal as the poor condition of the wall is due to a lack of maintenance. Members felt that the wall should be rebuilt with traditional historic materials and lime mortar.

**RR/2017/178/P**      **Green Acres, Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0TG**

New single storey three bedroom dwelling.

**Comments:** The Committee noted that the proposal, although 'affordable housing', is the same design as application RR/2015/512 which was refused. Members therefore felt that the same reasons for refusal apply.

**RR/2017/431/P**      **Old Wellington House, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JS**

Proposed garden building to be used as ancillary living accommodation for family/friends.

**Comments:** No objection subject to the restriction of use to ancillary of the existing property.

**RR/2017/442/P**      **Woodlands Farm, Netherfield Road, Battle, TN33 9PY**

Proposed agricultural barn and access track.

**Comments:** No objection.

**RR/2017/492/P**      **1 Hillcrest, Wattle's Wish, Netherfield Road, Battle, TN33 0HL**

First floor extension over whole bungalow footprint to create three bedrooms and one bathroom.

**Comments:** No objection.

**RR/2017/500/P**      **2 Hillcrest, Wattle's Wish, Netherfield Road, Battle, TN33 0HL**

Single storey rear and side extensions including replacement doors and windows. First floor extension over whole bungalow footprint to create two further bedrooms with en-suites.

**Comments:** No objection.

**RR/2017/593/C**      **7 Market Square, Battle, TN33 0XB**

Replacement of all first floor windows, and the ground floor entrance door sets.

**Comments:** No objection.

**RR/2017/610/FN**      **Little Park Farm, Mount Street, Battle, TN33 0LX**

Erection of steel framed agricultural building.

**Comments:** The Committee felt that the proposed location of the structure would be too prominent from Caldbec Hill and other areas of the town. Members would have no objection if the building was situated in the lower areas of the farm.

**8. Recommendation from the Environment Committee to consider the poor condition of the twittens in the town**

**The Committee resolved, for safety purposes, to keep the Western Avenue twitten clear of debris.**

**9. Budget matters**

**Members resolved to transfer to earmarked reserves £3,400 for the Neighbourhood Plan.**

As a one-off project, **Members agreed to fund the plants for the tubs along the High Street footway from the footpaths budget to a maximum cost of £300.**

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Cllr Furness reported that the wildflower meadow project is progressing with various areas around the town identified as suitable locations. **The Committee resolved to purchase appropriate flower/bee signs at a maximum cost of £100.**

## **10. Matters for information / future agenda items**

Cllr Jessop confirmed that the **roundabout** is almost ready for the wildflower turf to be laid.

The Committee thanked the Town Clerk and Insp Dan Russell for their efforts after the **tragic accident** in Battle last Sunday.

Cllr Howell reported the appearance of **large containers** on land in **Hastings Road** and agreed to monitor and bring to the next meeting.

Cllr Jessop reported communication with developers of **land at Lilybank Farm** confirming revised plans that include the relocation of the western side welcome sign.

## **11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5 April 2017**

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.10pm.

**Cllr R Jessop  
Chairman**