

Battle Town Council

6. Neighbourhood Plan Group

The latest minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had been circulated. It was noted that the grant received must be repaid if not used by 31 March. It is hoped a new application can be made.

A position is available for an admin/collating clerk to support the NP. Funding has been made available for a maximum of 200 hours.

The new website is now in place.

The recommendation to establish a Heritage Sub Committee has been passed over to External Relations & Town Development for consideration. Members agreed a Heritage Policy could support future funding applications and responses to RDC for planning implications.

7. Footpath matters

Bev Marks was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that the request for support from the Community payback scheme for repairs to the footpaths from Claverham across the back of the recreation ground and Mountjoy to the field by the old windmill had been declined. However, Bev has been speaking with the Ramblers Holiday Charitable Trust and they may fund the capital costs for the necessary work to be undertaken. They would want recognition of their support via markers on site. The Council would need to provide assistance with the labour aspects. The surfacing would be road shavings, boarding would be required to keep the shavings in place.

Bev agreed to write the proposal for what is required. The capital aspect would need approval of Finance & General Purposes Committee. Members requested the Town Clerk support Bev with the land owner agreement which would be required for the land currently owned by Optivo.

8. To consider planning applications received to date

[RR/2017/2613/P](#)

Lake House, Lower Lake, Battle TN33 0AY

Proposed demolition of garages, erection of a single dwelling and alterations to the existing building.

Comments: No objection subject to 3 points; The archaeology report referred to by RDC is completed; due diligence is shown with regard to Health & Safety aspects of site traffic delivering to and leaving the site and that there will be no additional on-street parking at the property.

[RR/2018/293/P](#)

Caldbec House, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0JR

Amended plans and/or description

Conversion of outbuilding to residential dwelling (as an alternative to the scheme approved for a holiday let under RR/2015/2758/P).

Comments: No objection

[RR/2018/489/L](#)

16 High Street, Battle TN33 0AJ

Remove existing NatWest brand signage and ATM on the exterior. Through-out the building, carefully remove non-original fixtures, fittings, furniture and equipment relating to the operation of the NatWest branch.

Comments: No objection subject to all works being sympathetic to the building and the stone required to replace the ATM is of a matching stone to the existing building.

Members are still concerned that the ATM cannot be retained or re-sited.

[RR/2018/514/P](#)

50 Hastings Road, Lucentio, Battle TN33 0TE

Proposed rear single storey western extension, first floor southern flank extension and single storey north flank extension, rear elevation decking. To the front elevation new entrance porch with roof canopy over.

Comments: no objection

[RR/2018/624/P](#)

Telham Forge, Hastings Road, Battle TN33 0SH

Erection of storage building with improved off-road parking and turning area and widened vehicular access (alternative to RR/2017/1812/P).

Comments: No objection

[RR/2018/625/T](#)

4 Parkridge Mews, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0FP

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Sycamore - Remove branches and crown

Comments: Members felt the application did not show sufficient information with regard to scale or reports regarding the damage to the conservatory. A site visit had been made which did not reveal the concerns referred to in the application. The Committee therefore supports a refusal of this application.

9. Finance

- The draft budget report to 28 February 2018 was noted.
- The possible return of the Neighbourhood Plan grant was noted, as referred to earlier in the agenda.
- The following funds were agreed to be placed as Ear Marked Reserves; Miscellaneous income (1900), Car park maintenance (4510), Neighbourhood Plan (4515) and Car park resurfacing repayment (4520).
- Members noted the CiL payment of £3,432 and agreed the pathway between Mountjoy & Bowman's Drive would be a suitable use of these funds.

10. Matters for information / future agenda items

Members noted the meeting with the Roads Minister regarding the A21. Cllrs Andrew Brown & Andrew Ratcliffe are attending.

It was agreed that the view of the Council is that we want to see the A21 being dual carriageway to Hastings to allow the de classification of the A2100 to reduce HGV traffic in the town.

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 10 April 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

**Cllr J Gyngell
Vice Chairman**