



Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on
TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2019 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

Present: Cllrs J Gyngell (Chairman), A Brown, G Favell, M Holmes, M Kiloh, D Wheeler.

In attendance: Cllr B Brown, District Cllr Cook, 2 members of the public, C Harris (Town Clerk).

Public Question Time

Mrs Kerr reported that there appeared to be confusion in relation to the arrangements for preventing vehicles parking on the wildflower area at Caldbec Hill.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs C Davies and A Russell.

2. Disclosure of interest: Cllr A Brown declared an interest in item 14, application RR/2019/1355/P as a friend of the householders.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 11 June 2019 were approved and duly signed by Cllr Gyngell.

4. Civil Parking Enforcement

District Cllr Cook reported that some amendments to the original proposals had been made. This included an increase from 30 minutes to one hour parking; 2 hours for blue badge holders. Some of the permit zones had been amended. She highlighted that these are still open to consultation and may be found at [civil parking enforcement proposals-report.pdf](#) Cllr Cook confirmed that 2 wardens will be employed across the district.

5. Bus service provision

Cllr Cook highlighted concerns at the further bus reduction in service 95 for the Battle area. She reported that there are not a vast number of people that use the service, however, this does not mean it is not valuable.

The Clerk reported that Stagecoach had confirmed that congestion and parking issues remain an issue for the bus service which adds to costs. They highlighted that the 304/305 service is no longer subsidised. They will soon be operating the route 95 on a revised timetable as reported above. Stagecoach are happy to discuss sustainable opportunities with Council.

Members agreed that the bus service provides a community service and an essential link. It was highlighted that with the proposals for more development, there would be further need for the transport service to be improved. **Members agreed that a smaller, newer bus for the Community Area Bus Transport should be included in the projects for Rother Community Infrastructure Levy Fund.** The Clerk was asked to invite a representative from BACT to the next meeting.

6. Clerk's report

A meeting had been held with James Newmarch of East Sussex County Council to discuss the location for **bollards at Caldbec Hill**. He had suggested that, within the changes for CPE, yellow lines would be a more cost effective way to control dangerous and inconsiderate parking in the area. However, he had more recently contacted the Council to revert to the original plan to erect bollards along the whole length, excluding access to Hugh's Field. This would prevent parking in the area currently used by local residents. Mr Newmarch had indicated that a local landowner would be

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willing to provide alternative, safer parking for residents. Members agreed that the Clerk should contact the landowner for details of this offer prior to consulting local residents in relation to the installation of bollards.

A contractor has been asked to provide quotes for **repairs to footpaths** identified by the Footpaths Advisor.

7. Correspondence & communications

- Members shared the concern at size of accommodation raised by a member of the teaching staff in relation to the proposed **rebuild of Claverham Community College**. The Clerk was asked to email the consultants and respond to the consultation with the Council's comments.
- The proposed **Road Closure Order** to facilitate **Remembrance Day parade** was noted.

• Decisions received:

GRANTED

RR/2019/529/P **5 St Marys Cottages, Battle Hill**

Two storey rear extension with new windows in existing side elevation.

RR/2019/609/P **14 Claverham Close**

Proposed single storey rear extension to existing property.

RR/2019/958/P **12 Claverham Way**

Raised decking to rear of property.

RR/2019/1004/P

RR/2019/1005/L **Doctors Cottage, Darwell Hill, Netherfield**

Extension to existing garage and conversion of garage roofspace to form ancillary accommodation. (Renewal of RR/2016/1301/P and RR/2016/1302/L).

RR/2019/1107/P **16 Claverham Way**

Front extension and loft conversion with hip-to-gable roof extensions, roof light windows and rear dormer.

RR/2019/927/T **Mill Place, Caldbeck Hill**

The reduction of lateral branches by up to 3m. The removal of the lowest branch on the Mill Place side of the tree.

REFUSED

RR/2019/927/T **Mill Place, Caldbeck Hill**

Overall crown reduction by up to 4m.

RR/2019/869 **Springwell Cottage, Whatlington Road**

Proposed double carport to front garden.

- Gillings Planning had confirmed that a planning application for a Care Home at North Trade Road has been submitted. They had suggested attendance at the meeting that this will be considered at to answer any questions. This was agreed.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Group

Cllr A Brown reported that: one member has resigned due to a move out of the area; units proposed at the Blackfriars development have increased from 216 to 240; a meeting with Frank Rallings of Rother District Council will be held on 10 July to discuss draft policies, timetable etc; on 12 July a meeting will be attended with MPs John Howell and Huw Merriman; a full draft Plan is expected by 30 July from the consultant Donna Moles. **Members agreed that, as submission of Regulation 14 is approaching, more decisions will be required and it would therefore be more time efficient for the BCPNPSG to report directly to Full Council.**

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9. Footpath matters

A report of **trees across footpaths** had been reported and these are being dealt with by the relevant authorities.

Cllr Gyngell recorded thanks to Bev Marks for his very useful familiarisation walk on 2 July. It was highlighted that **Bridleway 86a** is in desperate need of attention. The Clerk was asked to clarify the lease condition of the tenant farmer and to enter further communication with English Heritage to resolve the issue of water ingress, apparently from EH land. The **poor condition of sign posts** approaching this bridleway was highlighted. Cllr Gyngell agreed to provide photographs for the Clerk to take the matter forward

10. Mount Street overflow car park

Members agreed that an installation date in September, once the children return to school, would be appropriate. Once an exact date has been confirmed, the Clerk was asked to ensure cars parking in the area are notified of the plans to close the car park for a period of 2 weeks.

Cllr B Brown left the meeting.

11. Consultations:

- a) Rother parking Places Order 2019 www.rother.gov.uk/carparks2019 - no issues were raised.
- b) High Weald Residential Design Guide consultation [the High Weald AONB website](#) – this required further consideration.
- c) East Sussex County Council parking charges review <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/parking-charges/> - Members felt that, whilst very supportive of protecting the environment, the excessive increases would be prohibitive and counter-productive in encouraging people into the town.

12. Action plan

Members agreed minor amendments to Objective 1 and 2, as attached. It was agreed that Objective 2 would be considered at the next meeting.

13. Planning training

It was noted that Sussex Association of Local Councils offer update training. Members agreed that bespoke training be researched and the Clerk was asked to contact RDC for their consultant's details.

14. To consider planning applications received to date

[RR/2019/841/P](#) Chantlers Shaw Yard, North Trade Road, Catsfield/Battle, TN33 9LJ

Change of use of the land to equestrian and new equestrian stables.

Comments: No objection.

[RR/2019/1311/L](#) 34 High Street, Battle TN33 0EA

Replacement of existing non illuminated fascia signs with new and redecoration of shopfront to change colour.

Comments: No objection.

Cllr Brown repeated his interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion.

[RR/2019/1355/P](#) Marbat, Marley Lane, Battle TN33 0RB

Variation of approved scheme RR/2019/241/P to propose alterations and extension of house and garage to include an infill extension to the rear of the dwelling together with the addition of a door and a log store to the garage.

Comments: No objection.

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RR/2019/1453/P 1 The Laurels, Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QJ

Proposed single storey rear infill extension.

Comments: No objection.

AMENDED PLANS AND/OR DESCRIPTION

RR/2019/666/P The Meads - Land at, 12 Isherwood, Battle TN33 0EJ

Outline: Proposed residential development of 3no. dwellings served by existing access

Comments: No objection in principle subject to the land ownership being established.

RR/2019/1504/P 19 Claverham Way, Battle TN33 0JE

Erection of annexe/ancillary living unit in rear garden for family and friends. External changes to dwelling and decking as alternative to scheme approved by RR/2017/2627/P (part retrospective).

Comments: Members felt that this is overdevelopment of the site and support a refusal of this application.

RR/2019/1545/P 46 Wellington Gardens, Battle TN33 0HD

Proposed front and rear extensions to dwelling and detached garden building (alternative to RR/2018/1507/P).

Comments: No objection.

15. Finance

The budget report at 31 May 2019 was noted, as attached.

16. Confidential item

Members noted that at 3 July 2019 there was no update to the previous **enforcement list**.

17. Matters for information / future agenda items

- Action Plan Objective 2
- Planning training
- Declassification of A2100

18. Date of next meeting: 13 August 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Clr J Gyngell
Chairman**

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7- Gillings Planning.....considered at, to answer any questions.