



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 1 February 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs: Mrs T Farr, Mrs P Fisher, R Harris, Mrs M Howell and A Mitchell.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye, J Carter and Mrs M Kiloh.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest** – None.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 18 January 2012. Cllr Mrs Fisher proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Farr. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings** – None.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The updated **enforcement list** was noted. The Clerk said that, in the light of recent suggestions that further unauthorised development is taking place at Greenacres Farm he has asked Rother for an up to date summary of the position relating to each individual plot. Cllr Mrs Farr asked that the list should, in future, indicate the date on which new complaints are received. Although the Committee agreed that it remains important to keep in touch with progress on each case, it was accepted that, in terms of chasing progress, only the most significant cases should be pursued.

In response to the **invitation to submit work for the Village Maintenance Team** the only suggestion put forward was the cleaning of the brickwork on the roundabout.

The making of an **appeal against the refusal of permission to erect a terrace of 3 houses at Parkridge, Calbec Hill** was noted.

The attached **list of decisions** was also noted.

The next **SLR meeting** will take place on **15 February**. Apart from progress reports on matters previously raised the only suggestion for a new item was to ask the Highway Authority about their policy on the removal of redundant signage. Members were asked to let the Clerk know if they are aware of any specific problems.

6. Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Jessop reported discussions at a recent Localism Workshop organised by the District Council. One of the particular issues which may be of interest to Town and Parish Councils is the ability to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Such Plans, if approved would become part of the statutory planning guidance to be followed by the local authority alongside their own Core Strategies. In addition to pure spatial planning, including potential sites for new housing developments, a Neighbourhood Plan could embrace wider issues such as those identified in a Local Action Plan. Pilot studies are already underway in relation to several towns and parishes in East Sussex, supported by funds provided by Government. It was understood that another tranche of such funding will shortly become available and it was agreed that Rother should be approached to consider whether a bid should be made in order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Battle. This could draw heavily on the information already produced in the Battle Town Study report. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach Rother on a

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provisional basis pending a full recommendation being made to Council.

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received

RR/2011/2458/P (Del) **23 Stream Farm Cottages, Netherfield Road,**
2 storey rear extension
Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/19/P (Del) **37 North Trade Road, Banavie**
Proposed conversion and alterations to roof to form 2 no. bedrooms and bathroom. Proposed extension to rear to form new kitchen and proposed extension to front to enlarge existing bedroom
Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/32/P (Del) **Abbot's Cottage, Upper Lake**
Return to use from a single dwelling to two dwellings including infilling two internal door openings and removal of rear porch.
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RR/2012/37P (Del) **Great Wood Place, Marley Lane**
Conversion of integral garage to residential and construction of new detached garage
Comments: The site is outside the development boundary and, in the Committee's view, the proposed new garage building would be intrusive within the rural scene. Members also felt that the building would seriously impact on the amenities of the adjoining property. For both reasons the Committee were strongly opposed to the application.

RR/2012/78P (Del) **3 Almonry Fields, Battle**
Removal of brick outhouse and erection of two storey extension. Relocation of timber shed.
Comments: The Committee had no objection but, in relation to the invitation to express a preference for either timber cladding or tile hanging on the first floor of the extension, the Committee expressed a preference for the latter.

8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

It was noted that internal work is in progress in the former Woodwright's premises. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15 February 2012

The meeting closed at 10.30am.

Cllr Jessop
Chairman

