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## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 11 March 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr R Jessop - Chairman  
Cllrs D Furness, J Gyngell, M Howell, M Kiloh, S Pry and A Ratcliffe.

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr M Palmer.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – Cllr Kiloh declared a personal interest in application RR/2015/374/L as a neighbour.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 February 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings** – none
5. **Footpath matters** – John Harmer was welcomed to his first quarterly P&T meeting. Mr Harmer reminded the Committee of outstanding issues as at the Estates Committee meeting on 24 June 2014 and confirmed current positions on various footpaths: Fp82 – some clearance had been carried out and whilst ESCC are not prepared to take any further action the Ramblers had identified the footpath as a priority 1 in terms of work required. The temporary closure of a section of this footpath close to Battle and Langton School had been to allow access for builders' equipment, as per terms of agreement. Signage had been requested on Fp 21 and 105, one has been erected at Chain Lane – others are outstanding; Fp4 required work but no response has been received from ESCC; Fp87 requires attention to the surface and to a fallen holly tree at Mansers Shaw; BLAP had suggested that steps be replaced with a slope at Fp107 but this was not possible due to space available and ESCC not being the land owners.

Mr Harmer reported that an Order has now been made that the previous footpath between Uckham Lane and Marley Lane has been designated Bridleway 109 with a separate section not for horses. Issues on Fp56 had been raised at the meeting and Matt Harper, ESCC Rights of Way Officer, had confirmed that works would be carried out, i.e. signposting, gates and surfacing.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk will liaise with Mr Harmer to arrange a familiarisation walk for the committee members in June.

It was confirmed that although Ramblers are happy to carry out remedial footpath works it was unable to satisfy ESCC rules on Health & Safety and First Aid requirements. This will be brought to the next SLR meeting.

Mr Harmer was thanked for his continued assistance.

### 6. **Correspondence and communications**

- Updated enforcement list as at 6 March 2015 was noted.
- Decisions received – Members noted the following decisions:
  - GRANTED**
    - **RR/2014/2541/P Cobwebs, Land to rear of Netherfield Road, Battle**  
Two storey detached chalet bungalow with integral garage.
    - **RR/2014/3082/P Mill View, Netherfield Hill, Battle**  
Stationing of mobile home at rear of barn to be used as office and to provide staff welfare facilities.
    - **RR/2015/143/P 1 Meadow Bank, Marley Lane, Battle**  
Removal of existing conservatory. Proposed extension and decking.
- Members noted the usual **Road Closures** for Battle Marble Competition and Easter Bonnet Parade on 3 April 2015 at Abbey Green Road; and the Battle Scouts' St George's Day

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Procession on 26 April 2015 from Market Road, High Street to Upper Lake.

- Confirmation of the **Order** relating to **Bridleway** as reported by Mr Harmer above.

## 7. To consider planning applications received to date.

### **RR/2015/139/P Undermill, Land adjacent to Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JS**

Proposed new (additional) dwelling.

**Comment:** No objection to this.

### **RR/2015/235/P Low Chimneys, Whatlington Road, Battle, TN33 0NA**

Proposed tractor shed and secure storage for forestry building including access.

**Comment:** No objection to this.

### **RR/2015/311/P Tower Hill Farm, Battle, TN33 0HN**

Extended ground floor porch with first floor extension over forming new en-suite.

**Comment:** No objection to this.

### **RR/2015/374/P Stuart House, Blackfriars, Marley Lane, TN33 0DQ**

4 number roof lights to attic.

*Cllr Kiloh repeated her personal interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.*

**Comment:** No objection to this.

### **RR/2015/380/P Netherfield Court, Netherfield Road, Battle, TN33 9PX**

Extension to garage with new roof over.

**Comment:** The Committee noted that its concerns to the previous application relating to height and bulk have not been addressed and is therefore opposed to this proposal. If the project is approved Members would ask that the building be subjected to strictly storage only and not accommodation.

### **RR/2015/412/P 2 Loose Farm Cottages, Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0TG**

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission RR/2014/1954/P substituting new drawing 170714/02A showing revised car parking arrangement.

**Comment:** No objection to this.

### **RR/2015/460/P 17 Sunny Rise, Battle, TN33 0GF**

Erection of rear conservatory.

**Comment:** No objection to this.

### **RR/2015/493/P 2 Great Wood Cottages, Marley Lane, Battle, TN33 0RA**

Two storey side extension with loft improvements.

**Comment:** Whilst Members had no objection to this in principle it was requested that alternative arrangements should be sought for an additional parking space.

## 8. Neighbourhood Planning Update

Cllr Jessop reported that notification of receipt of the Council's NP had been received from RDC. The Plan is now within the consultation period and the link is on the Council's website. He confirmed that Netherfield is included within the Battle's NP to enable funds to be distributed advantageously throughout the whole of the Town Council's area.

## 9. Response to Community Infrastructure Levy consultation

Cllr Jessop confirmed that the initial consultation had resulted in adjustments being made to the document which is now out for consultation. 15% of approved housing projects, excluding social housing, care homes and small retail units, would be paid to the Town Council for infrastructure projects, community facilities, etc. Once the NP had been completed this would rise to 25%. Members agreed to accept the proposal with a figure of £240 and not the £200 currently proposed for the Battle area and more improvements to traffic issues around the town centre be included.

The Town Clerk was asked to query with RDC the number of instances that water and electricity fail in

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Netherfield.

## **10. Response to National Grid consultation**

Members were reminded that an alternative design of pylon was being proposed. These are of a similar design to wind turbines for the main pillar with a height similar to the bottom set of existing power lines. This was felt to minimise the visual impact without the cost implications of undergrounding. The latter would also be physically difficult due to the width of land required. The Committee agreed to request a feasibility study for re-routing the supply through valleys with the aim of both reducing height impact and for introducing landscaping improvements.

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

Cllr Pry asked that, in the light of recent accidents, 'Deer warning' signs be requested at the next SLR meeting.

## **12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 25 March 2015**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Cllr R Jessop**  
**Chairman**

