



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 13 February 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr R Jessop - Chairman  
Cllrs: R Bye, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh, M Palmer and Mrs S Pry.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs P Fisher.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 30 January 2013. Cllr Bye proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pry. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

#### 4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

The Clerk had received confirmation from the District Council that the recent time-limited planning permission relating to the **mobile home at Beeches Brook** had superseded that issued previously without the time limit.

#### 5. **Correspondence & Communications**

The **enforcement cases** list was noted. There will be no further action in relation to a Beeches Brook wooden structure and hardstanding case as Rother consider that this would not be in the public interest. Otherwise progress reports on old cases have yet to be received. The Clerk was asked to press Rother for a firm date for a comprehensive statement on the current state of play. The Clerk's attention had been drawn to the use of plain glass to replace broken leaded light windows at the Kings Head in Mount Street. He has reported this to Rother's conservation officer.

The **latest list of decisions** was noted as attached.

Two interesting papers had recently appeared on Rother's web-site. The first, a report to the Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee, following site visit to **potential travellers' sites including Beeches Brook and Greenacres Farm**. The paper, which was simply noted, focuses mainly on future consultation arrangements. The second report concerns Government proposals to create additional **Permitted Development Rights** particularly in relation to the **change of use from commercial to residential**. The report, to Rother's Planning Committee, sets out cogent reasons why this proposal should be resisted. Although acknowledging the need to stimulate the provision of additional housing, the report argued that this should not be at the expense of business accommodation which would have an adverse economic impact. The Committee were unanimous in their wholehearted support for this opinion and asked the Clerk to write in support.

#### 6. **To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date**

**RR/2013/85/L**

**6B Mount Street**

Fill-in external back door within modern extension between kitchen and bathroom.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2013/97/P**

**10 Virgins Croft**

Two storey rear extension and loft conversion.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

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**RR/2013/102/P**

**Loose Chippings, Canadia Road**

First floor extension to form new bathroom and music room with extended balcony.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2013/113/P**

**Netherfield Place, Netherfield Hill**

Variation of condition 1 imposed on RR/2011/1603/P – to retain use of the mobile for staff, relating to the main dwelling, on a permanent basis.

**Comments:** The Committee had objected to the continued retention of this structure when consulted previously and noted that, although permission had been given, it was time-limited to 22 September 2014. As before, the Committee consider that the structure is an intrusion in the countryside and that the current time limited permission should not be extended.

**RR/2013/120/P**

**Netherhay, Whatlington Road**

Revised design and position of house as approved by RR/2011/211/P.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2013/127/P**

**Ivy Cottage, Battle Hill**

Enlargement to previously approved rear extension to create wc on ground floor and incorporate new stair to bedroom on first floor.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2013/137/P**

**Richards Hill, Powdermill Lane**

Retention of building for private garaging, domestic and garden storage and domestic workshop originally approved under reference RR/2007/2126/P with internal and external changes.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2013/157/P**

**Brooklands, London Road**

Proposed extensions and alterations.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2013/169/P**

**1 North Trade Road, The Property Café Ltd**

Change of use of ground floor from shop premises to restaurant and including new rear toilet extension and filtered extract flue.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2013/189/A**

**80 High Street, Lloyds TSB Bank Plc**

1 x internally illuminated text band, 1 x internally illuminated hanging projector, 1 x internally illuminated hanging sign, 2 x internally illuminated window light strip, 1 x non-illuminated wall mounted name plate, 1 x internally applied vinyl window overlay.

**Comments:** The Committee noted that this proposal makes provision for some externally illuminated signs. As with similar proposals within the conservation area the Committee were opposed to the application for this reason.

**RR/3115/CC**

**Battle & Langton School, Market Road**

Relocation of existing single (two no) and double (1 no) mobile classrooms to make way for extension to main school building.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

## 7. Building Design Award

The Committee considered whether any development within the last 12 months had met the criteria for such an award by the Council but made no nominations at this stage.

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**8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items – None.**

**9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Cllr Jessop  
Chairman

