



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 29 June 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), D Furness, J Gyngell, M Howell and A Ratcliffe
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence** – None. Cllr M Palmer was absent.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – None
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 June 2016** – these were approved by Members and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Correspondence and communications**
 - Updated enforcement list as at 20 June was noted.
 - The Town Clerk had circulated in advance of the meeting an amended site plan for applications RR/2016/1419/P RR/2016/1422/L, along with confirmation that the proposed Tea Museum was to be a static exhibition with no sales or trading facilities, and would therefore generate no waste. After consideration of this additional information, Members agreed to raise no objection to the applications.
 - Decisions received:

GRANTED

- **RR/2016/575/P Campfield House, Powdermill Lane, Battle**
New replacement stables.
- **RR/2016/1053/P Old Orchard, Chain Lane, Battle**
New conservatory to west side elevation.
- **RR/2016/1150/P 7 Mountjoy, Battle**
Single storey rear extension.
- **RR/2016/1214/P The Chalet, Beeches Brook, Telham Lane, Battle**
Extension to application site area (5m) to incorporate revisions to layout (retrospective).

REFUSED

- **RR/2016/1061/T 8 Bowmans Drive, Battle**
Crown reduction of oak tree (permission granted for reduction of lateral branches only growing towards the house by up to 2m to a natural rounded shape).
- **RR/2016/1235/P 30 Falconers Drive, Battle**
Single storey front and side extension with part two-storey extension.

WITHDRAWN

- **RR/2016/726/P 9 High Street, Battle Delivery Office, Battle**
Removal of existing part boundary brick wall to ground level and installation of new railway sleeper to perimeter (continuation of existing feature) to rear car park to denote the boundary.

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5. To consider planning applications received

[RR/2016/1135/P](#) 68 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AP

New shopfront windows and doors.

Member comments: Members object as the proposed windows are not in keeping with the building or neighbouring properties and the proposed front door is inappropriate for the conservation area.

[RR/2016/1255/P](#) 114 Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0TQ

Proposed orangery to rear.

Member comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1415/P](#) 17 Senlac Gardens, Battle, TN33 0AX

Re-building of existing rear extension, construction of two storey side extension with minor internal alterations.

Member comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1507/P](#) Parkridge – land adj., Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JY

Amendments to approved schemes for four new houses, applications RR/2011/1475/P, RR/2015/2637/P and RR/2015/2506/P refer. Changes to windows, parking, paths, planting and materials.

Member comments: Members object as the additional proposed house is overdevelopment of the site, and in contrary to RDC policies OSS4, BA(i) and EN3, affecting the character of the surrounding area. The parking provision in front of Mews No 4 is both impractical and unsightly reinforcing the suggestion that this is an overdevelopment of the site.

[RR/2016/1545/FN](#) Hill House Farm, Catsfield Road, Battle, TN33 9BU

New agricultural building as replacement floor space for buildings being lost elsewhere within the agricultural unit.

Member comments: Members object and recommend relocation of the proposed structure to a less obtrusive position on the site.

[RR/2016/1576/P](#) Bannatynes Spa Hotel, Hastings Road, Battle, TN38 8EA

Proposed external escape stair.

Member comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1595/P](#) 11 Falconers Drive, Battle, TN33 0DT

Rear extension.

Member comments: Members have no objection to the application, but point out the inaccurate information contained on the application with regard to question 7 – trees and hedges within falling distance of the proposed development.

[RR/2016/1605/P](#) Oak View, Netherfield Hill, Battle, TN33 0LE

Proposed garage conversion, two storey side extension and front entrance porch.

Member comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1607/P](#) 4 Loose Farm Cottages, Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0TG

Proposed two-storey rear extension.

Member comments: No objection

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6. To consider proposed diversion of footpath Battle 101 at Telham Lane

Members were advised of the comments of Bev Marks on behalf of Battle Ramblers, who advised that in his opinion the proposed Diversion Order is acceptable since it maintains walkers amenity, as required by HA 1980 s119 (maybe even enhances slightly with views to the west) and the fencing already provided by the landowner, although premature to the Diversion Order, segregates walkers from live stock in the field and is of adequate construction and width throughout the diversion.

Members agreed to endorse this response.

7. Update on Community Payback Team planned works

Cllr Jessop informed Members that the Town Clerk had met with Peter Bond, the works co-ordinator, and agreed the priority projects, including the footpaths previously identified by the committee. The contract had been signed, and the next step was for the Payback team to conduct a site and risk assessment, agreeing any materials which would be needed. This was being arranged with Gary Champion, and once complete it was anticipated work would begin during July.

8. Financial matters

(a) **To receive budget report to date** – Members noted the report.

(b) **To agree 3 year budget proposals to support business plan aims** – Members agreed that at this time, there was no long term financial budget needed to support the business plan aims. As the plans developed, this item would be kept under review and plans made accordingly.

9. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Ratcliffe reported on a recent meeting with MP Huw Merriman, where parking had been discussed. The MP stated that the failure to move forward with this was his biggest frustration. The Town Clerk was asked to contact Carl Maynard again to seek a meeting with the committee Chairman in an attempt to reignite the discussion.

Cllr Ratcliffe also reported overgrown vegetation along Marley Lane which was obscuring the road signs and causing issues for traffic. The Town Clerk was asked to report the issue and seek to deliver letters to the offending landowners.

Cllr Howell reported that the broken and missing signs at Telham had still not been fixed. The Town Clerk was asked to report the issue again.

10. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13 July 2016

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman