



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), J Gyngell, C Davies, M Kiloh, A Ratcliffe,
D Furness, M Howell.

In Attendance: 7 Members of the Public

Public Questions

Members of the public attending expressed their concerns about Planning Application number RR/2016/2722/P regarding the proposed residential development at Darvel Down, Battle/Mountfield. The main objections were:

- Lack of infrastructure which is already insufficient in Netherfield in that there is no mains drainage, septic tanks discharge into the field giving rise to concerns about water quality, poor bus service, no sustainable transport, power failures, broadband coverage.
- Speeding traffic has already caused some fatal collisions and the development would likely increase the amount of traffic by 1 or 2 vehicles per dwelling.
- Increased traffic problems caused by dangerous access from site on to the highway
- Part of the old Mountfield mine is under the site raising the possibility of subsidence.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending the meeting and expressing their views. Committee would discuss this item later on the agenda.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr M Palmer.

2. **Disclosure of Interests** – None

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 2 November 2016**
Approved by Members and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Correspondence and Communication**

- No date had yet been received for the Town & Parish Council Seminar.
- The updated Enforcement List as at 10 November 2016 was not available.

5. **Planning Applications Received to Date**

RR/2016/2722/P Darvel Down – land east of, Battle/Mountfield, TN33 9QB

Outline: residential development to include 48 dwellings, parking, access and open space.

Member Comments: The Chairman reminded the meeting that this application was for outline planning permission only and the access to the site. After some discussion and having heard representations from the public, the Committee agreed that there was a need for more housing but this site was totally unsuitable and would exacerbate the traffic problems, particularly around the proposed access to the site.

Decision: Members therefore objected to the development due to poor access to the highway, speed of vehicles, lack of width of highway, and danger to pedestrians. Additionally, the proposed development would have a very detrimental impact on the AONB being on high land and visible from a great distance

RR/2016/2756/P 32A Mount Street, Senlac Veterinary Centre, Battle TN33 0EG

Replacement of external timber staircase with metal.

Member Comments: No Objection.

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RR/2016/2792/L 36 Mount Street, Forge Cottage, Battle TN33 0EG

Installation of French doors and fence with gate at rear.

Member Comments: No objection.

RR/2016/2850/P 19 Claverham Way, Battle, TN33 0JE

Loft conversion and extension at rear including new decked area.

Member Comments: Committee objected to this application due to over development of the property and proposed size of room over the kitchen which has very minimal headroom for a habitable room.

6. Lower Mount Street Car Park Layout

The Chairman reported that the maintenance costs were not available. To be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

7. Matters for Information/ Future Agenda Items

- Lower Mount Street Car Park – Costs.
- Traffic Calming - Cllr Furness reported he is in contact with both Battle Abbey and the Battle and Langton schools. They, together with representatives of the Battle and District Chamber of Commerce and the Leader of Rother District Council will be invited to attend the next meeting to make and hear concerns relating to parking management in the area.
- Telham Lane – still no sign installed. Clerk to pursue.
- Flooding junction of Hastings Road/Crowhurst Road – Clerk to report via Rother District Council website.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30 November 2016 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman