



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on
WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2017 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), C Davies, D Furness, J Gyngell and M Howell.
In Attendance: Carol Harris (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs M Palmer and A Ratcliffe.

2. **Disclosure of Interests** – None.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25 January 2017**

These were approved by Members and signed by the Cllr Jessop.

4. **Access Issues Bowmans Drive/Mountjoy**

Cllr Jessop reminded the Committee that this issue had been raised by Battle Local Action Plan group (BLAP) approximately six months ago and the Council had agreed not to pursue. He welcomed Alan Cole (AC) to the meeting. AC reported that he had made enquiries in relation to land ownership and costs involved to replace the 14 steps with a ramp to facilitate use by those that are mobility restricted. He had received agreement from Amicus Horizon that their land could be transferred for only the relevant legal costs of around £350 plus land registry £40. An indication of £10k for construction had also been obtained. **The Committee agreed to authorise the Clerk to seek ownership from Land Registry of the area of land not yet identified and to obtain legal costs from Ian Davidson, SSALC recommended solicitor.** This information would then be communicated to AC and brought back to the Committee for further consideration.

5. **Road Safety Issues**

John Harmer (JH) was welcomed to the meeting. He advised that BLAP felt that road safety is not a specific project and could no longer be under their remit. JH expressed concern that several agencies are involved in these issues but there is no action being taken. Cllr Jessop confirmed that the Council have many conduits at which parking and road safety concerns are raised and this would continue. He suggested that an updated BLAP survey may assist to assert pressure. Members agreed that JH should continue to contact the Clerk with new issues and these would be communicated to relevant agencies.

6. **Correspondence & communications**

- The Committee noted that the enforcement list as at 1 February 2017 had not changed. The Clerk advised that the Crowhurst Park advertisement application had been approved on 12 December. Members asked that RDC be contacted for any further information on Forward Wells, Peppering Eye Lane.

- Decisions received and noted:

GRANTED

- **RR/2016/3115/P** **36 Mount Street, Forge Cottage, Battle**
Proposed fence and gate.
- **RR/2016/3224/P** **Armiger House, Bowmans Drive Battle**
Proposed garage building and new vehicular access.
- Appeal decision against **ENF/114/15/BAT (RR/2015/2065/P) West View, Kane Hythe Road, Battle TN33 9QU** in relation to the removal or reduction in height of a close boarded fence 120m in length and 2m high on land adjacent to a highway. The appeals are dismissed and the

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enforcement is notice upheld with corrections. This was noted.

The Clerk reported communication from a local resident at Wellington Gardens advising that he was often unable to leave his property due to inconsiderate parking. The Committee reiterated the Clerks advice to contact police as the vehicles are causing an obstruction.

An email had been received from a local resident expressing dismay at the lack of enforcement of parking restrictions. The Clerk was asked to respond advising of the Council's efforts to remedy this.

7. Strengthening Local Relationships meeting on 18 January 2016

These were noted.

8. To consider planning applications received to dates

[RR/2017/123/PN3](#) 8 Old Ladies Court, Battle TN33 0AH

Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of building from office use (B1) to dwelling house (C3).

Members Comments: No objection.

[RR/2017/129/P](#) 7 Battle Gates, Battle TN33 OJD

Front entrance/hallway extension. Single storey rear extension. First floor dormer extension. Convert garage to office.

Members Comments: No objection.

[RR/2017/163/P](#) 42 Hastings Road, White, Lodge, Battle TN33 OTE

Erection of single storey oak framed garage with pitched roof.

Members Comments: No objection.

[RR/2017/191/P](#) 3 Telham Close, Battle TN33 0FN

Erection of front entrance porch in excess of 3 square meters.

Members Comments: No objection.

9. Matters for information / future agenda items

- Footpaths report – Bev Marks
- Review of Action Plan

10. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 22 February 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.30pm.

**ClIr R Jessop
Chairman**