



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 4 December 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs D Furness, J Gyngell, M Kiloh, M Palmer and S Pry.

Cllrs P Fisher and J Sydes were also in attendance.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Bye and M Howell.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest** – None.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 20 November 2013. Cllr Furness proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Jessop. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings** – None.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The Committee noted:

- the updated **enforcement cases** list;
- the latest **list of decisions** as attached;
- receipt of a copy of **Rother's Enforcement Notice** issued to **Land at Greenacres Holding, Loose Farm** Lane for the change of use of the land from agriculture to a mixed use comprising agriculture and the stationing of a residential caravan and use thereof for human habitation;
- the **receipt** from **Southern Water** of a **Statement of Response** to their **draft Water Resources Management Plan**;
- confirmation from **South Eastern Railway** that **Battle** is to be considered for **Access for All funding** by the DfT. The Chairman commended Bev Marks for his sterling work to achieve this.

The Committee discussed the **survey on a new Draft Waste Strategy for East Sussex** and Cllr Jessop agreed to submit the Committee's comments.

Options for the future of the overflow car park was discussed. It was agreed to ask that this item be included on the January agenda of Full Council for discussion.

An **invitation to appoint a representative to Rother Transport Action Group (RTAG)** had been received. Bev Marks attends these meetings on behalf of the Battle Ramblers and had volunteered to represent the Council. Subject to Mr Marks reporting on meetings to the Planning Committee, **Cllr Jessop proposed to recommend to Council that Bev Marks be the Council's representative for meetings of RTAG. This was seconded by Cllr Palmer and agreed unanimously.**

The Asst Clerk reported that the **Post Office** had sent a consultation document relating to a **proposed move from existing premises to the Budgens/Jempson's Store.**

Cllrs Jessop and Palmer declared a prejudicial interest in this item and took no part in the discussion. Cllr Kiloh took the Chair for this item.

Members felt that this should be discussed fully and asked the Asst Clerk to circulate the proposal document and add this to the next agenda.

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A communication from Rother requesting any further comments in relation to **140 Hastings Road (RR/2013/1809/P)** for outline permission for the demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two pairs of semi-detached dwellings now that the Highway Authority had not raised any objection subject to conditions. The Committee agreed to raise no objection.

6. Strengthening Local Relationships Meeting held on 20 November 2013

The attached report was noted. Subsequent to the meeting a consultation plan for revision to double yellow lines in North Trade Road (NTR) and Caldbeck Hill (CH) had been received and circulated to all Members. The Committee supported both proposals subject to clarification that a space by 9 NTR had an existing white line and to highlight concern about the open space on CH being omitted from the double yellow line scheme.

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

RR/2013/1248/P Howard Bros Joinery, Station Approach

Proposed extract flues and chimneys from new sprayroom.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2013/1992/P Fir Tree Cottage, Netherfield Road

Close board fencing to the right of driveway 6'6" long. (Retrospective).

Comments: The Committee felt that this would be incongruous on the street scene and should therefore be refused.

RR/2013/2271/P Old Barrack Inn, Whatlington Road

Proposed new garage and wood store.

Comments: Members were of the opinion that this would be overdevelopment of the site. They also noted that the proposal appears to involve using some agricultural land to the rear of the shed to the boundary.

RR/2013/2239/P 85-86 High Street – land rear of

Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2012/894/P – changes to approved plans including formation of loft accommodation, installation of rear roof windows and additional window to WC at front of each unit.

Comments: The Committee were opposed to this as overdevelopment of the property on the grounds that adding a further bedroom would indicate extra traffic movement when there is no parking provision.

RR/2013/2375/P Netherhay Barn, Whatlington Road

Proposed agricultural storage barn.

Comments: No objection to this subject to conditions being placed for no flood lighting or illumination, no livestock and that the use to be limited to private only.

RR/2013/2376/P 33 North Trade Road, Merryvale

Erection of replacement extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2013/2419/C Battle Wastewater Treatment Works, Marley Lane

Motor control kiosk, pumping station electrical kiosk and three low pressure blower kiosks to support wastewater treatment upgrades.

Comments: No objection to this.

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8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

The Committee was reminded that Mr Whistler will be attending the next meeting to speak in relation to land at Caldbec Hill.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 18 December 2013

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Cllr Jessop
Chairman





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Planning Application Decisions

The Town Council has been notified by Rother District Council of the following planning application decisions as at 4 December 2013:

Location	Proposal	Decision
Battle Methodist Church, Lower Lake RR/2013/1955/L	Removal of first floor internal wall and erection of new partition wall to form larger landing.	Granted √
Little Park Farm RR/2013/2028/P RR/2013/2029/L	Proposed change of use to 5 no holiday homes, demolition and re-building of cowsheds and refurbishment of ancillary buildings.	Granted X
The Old Police House, Darvel Down RR/2013/2136/P	Erection of detached double garage.	Refused √
1-10 Mill Place, Caldbec Hill RR/2013/2140/T	Works to T1 – Oak; and removal of dead tree T2.	Granted √