



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 15 July 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), M Howell, M Palmer and A Ratcliffe.
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllrs D Furness, J Gyngell, M Kiloh and S Pry.
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – none.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 July 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings** - none.
- 5. Correspondence and communications**
 - Updated enforcement list as at 29 June 2015 was noted. The Town Clerk was asked to report to RDC the condition of the shop front of 1066 Butchers in the High Street, expressing concern at the dilapidated state of the building within the conservation area, and requesting RDC as landlords to take prompt action.
 - Decisions received were noted

GRANTED

- **RR/2015/1152/P 2 Coarse Barn Cottages, Uckham Lane, Battle**
Two storey side extension and alterations.
 - **RR/2015/1159/P 2 Asten Fields, Battle**
Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer.
 - **RR/2015/1254/P 10 Claverham Close, Battle**
Proposed extension at rear with raised patio and rendering of existing walls.
- 6. To consider planning applications received to date.**

RR/2015/1625/P **The Kings Mead Windmill, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 OJS**
Erection of double bay cartlodge.

Comments: No objection

RR/2015/1637/P **Orchard Cottage, Oakhurst Road, Battle, TN33 OJL**
Two-storey side-extension and a first-floor rear-extension with associated internal remodelling; and improvements to the rest of the building, including the installation of pv solar panels.

Comments: No objection

7. Feedback from meeting held with Rye Town Council on proposals to share the costs of a Traffic Warden for Battle and Rye Towns

Cllr Jessop informed Members of the meeting which had taken place on 14th July with representatives from Rye Town Council. A general accord had been reached with regard to sharing a traffic warden across the two towns at a cost of approximately £15,000 per annum per town. Cllr Jessop had arranged a meeting with Katy Bourne (Police & Crime Commissioner) to gain support for the idea at a high level. Members agreed that talks should continue, with progress reported back to the committee and a proposal made to Full Council in due course.

8. Committee budget 2016/17

Cllr Jessop had circulated a draft budget as attached to the minutes. Members discussed the figures and agreed they represented a realistic forecast, which was supported by the attached cashflow projection. The Town Clerk raised the issue of responsibility for footpaths, which lies with ESCC not the Town Council. Members

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acknowledged this, but felt that the lack of regular maintenance reflected poorly on the town, and taking ownership for completing this work on the highest priority footpaths was an important principle to agree.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that the Town Council should undertake footpath maintenance where ESCC do not fulfil their obligations, and will make this recommendation to Full Council. Members agreed the draft committee budget.

9. Matters for information / future agenda items

The Town Clerk reminded Members that Huw Merriman MP would be attending the meeting on 29th July to discuss the general planning and transport concerns of the Town Council.

10. Date of next meeting: 29 July 2015

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman

