



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 6 November 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Bye, Howell and Kiloh.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest** – None
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 23 October 2013. Cllr Gyngell proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Pry. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**
Cllr Furness confirmed that he had reported back to **Mr Whistler** the Committee's thoughts regarding land at **Caldbec Hill** and that Mr Whistler would like to attend the meeting on 18 December to express his views.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The Committee noted:

- the updated **enforcement cases** list;
- the latest **list of decisions** as attached;
- receipt of a **notice of appeal against the refusal of planning permission for erection and alteration of a fence to the south-east boundary (part retrospective) at the Methodist Church, Lower Lake (RR/2013/1365/P/2210)**;
- the decision of the Planning Inspectorate to **dismiss the appeal relating to site at Denton House, Hastings Road to erect a detached dwelling and stand-alone cartlodge.**

The Chairman reminded the Committee of the forthcoming **SLR meeting on 20 November**. He reported receipt of a letter from a local resident highlighting his concerns regarding parking in Marley Lane, particularly near to the level crossing where there is a double white line marking system in place. The resident suggested that East Sussex County Council (ESCC) re-consider this. In the light of a full response having already been sent to him by ESCC the Committee did not feel there would be any further information to be gained by taking this to the meeting. The Asst Town Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

Members asked that agenda items include a large pot hole on Darvel Down, near to the school; loose drain covers on both sides of the High Street near to the roundabout; the lifting of the drain by heavy rain water on the junction of Netherfield Hill and the A2100 and continuing problems associated with parking on Caldbeck Hill and Battle Hill.

6. Tree Inspection

Following up the decision taken at the meeting on 9 October the Committee had inspected potential Tree Preservation Order sites. Notes of the site inspection are attached.

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

RR/2013/2116/T The Deanery, Caldbeck Hill

Reduction of one willow.

Comments: No consent required.

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RR/2013/2136/P

The Old Police House, Darvel Down

Erection of detached double garage.

Comments: In the absence of any elevation plans it was difficult to interpret this application. However, even without these plans, the Committee felt that this was an overdevelopment of the site.

RR/2013/2140/T

1-10 Mill Place, Caldbeck Hill

Works to T1 – Oak; and removal of dead tree T2.

Comments: No objection to this.

8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items – None.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 20 November 2013

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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 6 November 2013

| Location | Proposal | Decision |
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| Gaynes Cottage, Netherfield Road RR/2013/1711/P | Proposed new two storey chalet bungalow with detached garage on land to rear and east of Gaynes Cottage. | Granted √ |
| Moonrakers, Hastings Road RR/2013/1876/P | Enlargement of care home business. Removal of existing roof. Construction of walls to form first floor and replacement roof over. | Refused X |
| 31 Claverham Way RR/2013/1928/P | Loft conversion with flat roofed dormer and roof light to rear elevation. | Granted √ |

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NOTES ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS SITE VISITS REGARDING TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

At the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th October 2013 it was agreed to conduct a series of site visits around the town to see which trees were worthy of advising RDC of the need to have Tree Preservation Orders placed upon them.

The Chairman of the Committee was advised by RDC's Tree Officer within the Planning Department, Angela Ingram, that time would be best spent on looking at sites which were included within the revised Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment document. This advice was followed.

Site BA3 – Site to the north of Sunny Rise. There is a band of leylandii and Scots pine on the co-terminus boundary with Sunny Rise. The leylandii were deemed to have little merit but the Scots pine should be retained wherever possible. The general site had only scrub upon it with no need to be retained.

Site BA40 – Site opposite Sunny Rise and to the south of North Trade Road. The trees to the northern boundary with North Trade Road should be retained as they provide a useful screen to the busy A271 and are in good order.

Site BA25 – Land to the north of Netherfield Hill. This site has limited trees of interest and the site is general devoid of foliage. It is not currently within the SHLAA allocation.

Site 31a – Land to the east of Glengorse. There are mature trees to the eastern boundary of the site and these should be retained apart from allowing one access road through.

Site 23 – Land to the rear of Hastings Road and accessed from Glengorse. There are many trees of interest on this site and most should be retained to provide good screening to the development.

Other Trees:

It was felt by the Members that:

1. The oak on the triangle of land between Netherfield Hill and xxx should be retained
2. The group of trees at the entrance to Rutherfords Business Estate off Marley Lane provided great variety and interest and should have an Order placed upon them
3. The tree on the triangle of land at Darvel Down should be retained with an Order placed upon it.