



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), D Furness, J Gyngell, M Kiloh, and S Pry.

**In Attendance:** John Harmer, Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllrs M Howell, M Palmer and A Ratcliffe
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – All Members declared a pecuniary interest in application RR/2015/1399/P as the Town Council was the applicant.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 June 2015** – these were proposed by Cllr Kiloh, seconded by Cllr Furness and approved by those present at the meeting.
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings**  
None.

### 5. Report from John Harmer on footpath matters

John Harmer provided an update for Members, including the following points:

- No follow up contact by the footpaths adviser had yet been made with the secretary of the Battle Ramblers.
- Footpath 4 – an unofficial diversion had been posted by either the landowner or occupier. The situation had been reported to ESCC, but there had been no progress on the matter.
- Footpath 5 – Cllr Boryer had reported a problem, which had been passed onto ESCC by the Battle Ramblers.
- Footpath 82 – the landowner had enclosed the path, but the poor surface and overgrown brambles were causing a problem. ESCC did not consider this a priority, advising uneven paths were to be expected in the countryside. However, the condition was not just of uneven ground but was formed of rumble and bicycle parts along with stumps from felled trees and shrubs. ESCC to be asked to deal with these issues by the Town Clerk.
- Footpath 87 – problems had been reported with the poor surface.
- Bridleway 109 – still work in progress

Cllr Kiloh stated she had reported the issues of the ploughed footpath 52 and diversion to ESCC. John Harmer replied that Bev Marks was also looking into the issue.

Cllr Jessop thanked John Harmer for his report, and requested he provide any updates to the Town Clerk, who would circulate to all Members.

### 6. Correspondence and communications

- Updated enforcement list as at 8 June 2015 was noted. Cllr Jessop stated his frustration at the continued lack of updates on long standing cases, and requested the Town Clerk contact RDC to ascertain the current situation.
- Decisions received were noted

#### **GRANTED**

- **RR/2015/412/P 2 Loose Farm Cottages, Hastings Road, Battle**  
Variation of condition 2 of planning permission RR/2014/1954/P substituting new drawing 170714/02A showing revised car parking arrangement.
- **RR/2015/559/P The Firs, Darvel Down, Netherfield**
- Proposed removal of conservatory and construction of single storey extension to rear of property.
- **RR/2015/849/P 29 High Street – Land rear of, Battle**  
Erection of two retirement flats.

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- **RR/2015/890/P 32 North Trade Road, The Pillars, Battle**  
Single storey extension and loft conversion.
- **RR/2015/932/P Haycroft, Netherfield Hill, Battle**  
Single storey rear extension.
- **RR/2015/939/P Baytree Cottage, Caldbeck Hill, Battle**  
Proposed new vehicle driveway, parking and turning area to serve existing dwelling.
- **RR/2015/943/P 8 Claverham Close, Oakwood, Battle**  
Single storey rear extension and decking.
- **RR/2015/1157/P 125 North Trade Road, South Court, Battle**  
Proposed single storey extension.

## **REFUSED**

- **RR/2015/873/P The Kings Mead Windmill, Caldbeck Hill, Battle**  
Erection of triple bay cartlodge.
- **RR/2015/912/P Greenacres Farm, Land at Loose Farm Lane, Hastings Road, Battle**  
Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for one gypsy family comprising the stationing of two caravans of which no more than one would be a mobile home as well as the provision of an amenity building and hardstanding.

## **7. To consider planning applications received to date.**

### **RR/2015/819/P Netherfield Post Office and Stores, Darvel Down, Netherfield, TN33 9QF**

To convert existing double garage, used at present for shop storage, into tea room. Existing garage door to be removed and window installed.

**Comment:** No objection

### **RR/2015/1361/P 59 Virgins Lane, Battle, TN33 0JH**

Proposed extensions and alterations with new roof and improvements to driveway.

**Comment:** No objection

### **RR/2015/1244/L The Abbey Hotel, 84 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AQ**

Redecoration of exterior façade. Replacement of traditional signwriting & swing sign pictorial (retrospective)

**Comment:** No objection

### **RR/2015/1355/P 55 Virgins Lane, Battle, TN33 0JH**

Front, side and rear ground floor extension and loft conversion / raise roof to provide additional living accommodation.

**Comment:** No objection

### **RR/2015/1375/TN The Watch Oak – Telecommunications site at Chain Lane, Battle, TN33 0HG**

Proposed upgrade of telecommunications site 94791.

**Comment:** No objection

### **RR/2015/1394/P 4 Stream Farm Cottages, Netherfield Road, Netherfield, TN33 0HH**

Proposed first floor extension.

**Comment:** No objection

### **RR/2015/1399/P Battle Cemetery, Marley Lane, Battle, TN33 0BB**

Change of use of unimproved grassland to be used as an extended burial area to existing cemetery.

**Comment:** Due to the previously declared pecuniary interest, The Town Council made no comment on this application

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## [RR/2015/1407/P](#)

### Pipers Meadow, Chain Lane, Battle TN33 OHG

Demolition of existing house and garage and construction of new detached and detached double garage and store.

**Comment:** No objection

## [RR/2015/1409/P](#)

### Cherry Orchard, Canadia Road, Battle, TN33 0LR

To replace and existing approved triple garage with office over with a three bedroom annexe without kitchen (part retrospective).

**Comment:** Members recommend refusal for the same reasons as the refused application RR/2015/468/P, as the proposal is outside the development boundary, would create a new dwelling in the ANOB, would result in poor quality accommodation with two detached dwellings sharing a single kitchen, would create more traffic movements on a narrow and poorly accessed road and is excessively bulky compared to neighbouring properties. This is in contravention of RDC policies OSS4 (ii), EN1 (i), EN3 and CO6 (ii).

## [RR/2015/1424/P](#)

### Undermill, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JS

Timber double garage & garden store & enlarge parking / turning area.

**Comment:** No objection

## [RR/2015/1430/L](#) and

## [RR/2015/1436/A](#)

### Pyke House, Upper Lake, Battle, TN33 0AN

Erection of signage.

**Comment:** Members object and recommend refusal as the signage is excessive in size, within the conservation area and in contravention of RDC policy EN3.

## [RR/2015/1440/P](#)

### Lyndale, Marley Lane, Battle, TN33 0RB

Single storey extension to side, erection of detached garage.

**Comment:** Members have no objection to the single storey extension, but feel the poor quality design of the proposed garage is in contravention of RDC policy EN3.

## 8. Business and action plans, and risk assessment

These had previously been circulated, and Members had reviewed the content. A number of suggested amendments were discussed, and some minor alterations were made to the plan.

## 9. Rother District Council – CIL examination

Cllr Jessop informed Members that the examination was scheduled to take place on 14 July, and offered to attend on behalf of the Town Council to reinforce the previously submitted recommendations of a higher levy for the Battle area.

## 10. Matters for information / future agenda items

The Town Clerk was asked to ensure all the footpath concerns had been reported to ESCC through the correct channels.

The Town Clerk was asked to contact Hugh Merriman MP to invite him to attend a future meeting of the committee to discuss planning & transport issues.

## 11. Date of next meeting: 1 July 2015

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Cllr R Jessop  
Chairman

