



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 2 January 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr R Jessop - Chairman  
Cllrs: Mrs T Farr, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh and Mrs S Pry.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye, Mrs P Fisher and M Palmer.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 5 December 2012. Cllr Mrs Farr proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kiloh. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

#### 4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Following further discussion with the District Council the Clerk had established that the **solar panels on the property in Mount Street have the benefit of permitted development** and not planning permission as suggested in an earlier enforcement report.

Having read the **permit scheme** proposed by **East Sussex and Surrey Highways** Cllr Jessop advised that it need only be noted.

#### 5. **Correspondence & Communications**

The **enforcement cases** list was noted. The Committee was disappointed to hear that no reply had been received regarding cases more than six months old and the Clerk was asked to register this with the District Council.

The **latest list of decisions** was noted as attached.

An **Appeal against refusal of permission to relocate vehicular access at Wychmour, Hastings Road (RR/2012/539/P)** was noted.

An **Appeal against refusal of permission to provide car port to detached garage at 2 Hastings Road (RR2012/1359/P)** was noted.

**Proposed resurfacing works from Battle Hill to the Black Horse beginning on 14 January for 8 nights** was also noted.

As agreed at the latest Council meeting, Cllr Jessop had studied the **Draft Strategy for Bexhill Town Centre** and gave the Committee a brief summary of the key elements. None of the proposals appeared controversial or particularly relevant to Battle residents and it was therefore agreed that there would be little value in attempting to complete the related questionnaire. However, it was noted that the draft strategy emphasises the benefits to Bexhill's economy of having free on-street parking. This appeared to contrast with Rother's policy of ever increasing car parking charges in Battle where there is so little free on-street parking. The Clerk was asked to register this point.

The County Council had circulated a **Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**. Inevitably the focus is on areas prone to flooding and the Committee therefore felt it would have little direct relevance to the Town Council area. However, the discussion prompted comments about recent highway drainage problems which will be raised as the forthcoming SLR meeting.



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Primary School which it is understood has recently been bought by a developer.

Bearing in mind that there is now adequate **parking** within the recreation ground itself Cllr Mrs Farr felt that the time had come to prevent parking adjacent to the **children's play area** perhaps by the installation of bollards. To be raised at the next SLR meeting.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 16 January 2013**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Cllr Jessop  
Chairman

