



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 20 June 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

Present: Cllrs: Mrs T Farr, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh and A Mitchell.

1. Election of Chairman

In the knowledge that he was willing to stand, Cllr Mrs Kiloh proposed that Cllr Jessop be elected Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Farr and with no other nominations Cllr Jessop was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

In Cllr Jessop's absence, Cllr Mrs Howell proposed that Cllr Mrs Kiloh be elected as Chairman for the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Farr and agreed unanimously.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Deferred until next meeting.

3. Apologies for Absence – In the light of the discussion at the previous evening's Council meeting Cllrs Bye, Carter and Mrs Pry are no longer Members of the Committee. Apologies for the meeting were therefore from Cllrs Mrs Fisher and Jessop.

4. Disclosure of Interest – None.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 May 2012. Cllr Mrs Howell proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kiloh. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

It had been intended to report back on the site **allocations meeting with the District Council** at the Planning Committee meetings which had to be cancelled. The note of the site allocations meeting is therefore attached to these minutes.

Following up the discussion on 9 May Cllr Mitchell offered to take responsibility for **tree matters** but in doing so felt that, ideally, someone with greater expertise should be found. In the meantime, **Cllr Mrs Kiloh formally proposed that Cllr Mitchell take on this task. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Farr and agreed unanimously.**

7. Correspondence & Communications

The updated **enforcement cases** list was noted.

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

The **appeal relating to refusal of permission to erect two detached dwellings on land to north of 17-21 Virgins Lane (RR/2011/585)** has been dismissed.

An **appeal against refusal of permission for mobile home in conjunction with poultry unit at Greenacres Holding (RR/2011/1174)** has been made.

The **Highway Authority** has written to confirm its **adoption of Knights Meadow.**

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The **County Council** has forwarded its comments on the proposed **Thameslink Franchise Service Specification**. These cover a wide range of issues across the whole of the network such as the condition of rolling stock, ticketing arrangements and station improvements. However there is a specific section on the Hastings – London line a copy of which is attached. Though she was not present at the meeting to formally record the point it was known that Cllr Mrs Fisher wishes that the problems regarding disabled access at Battle station should be drawn to the attention of the County Council.

The County Council has written to all Town and Parish Councils seeking assistance in updating information about the location and condition of **grit bins**.

8. Site Allocations

The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of the Working Group will be on 18 July at 11.00am.

9. Items for SLR Meeting on 4 July

In addition to following up progress on matters previously discussed Cllr Mitchell asked that attention be drawn to **road signs** which are currently obscured by overhanging trees. Cllr Mrs Farr mentioned the poor state of the grass verges which appear not to have been cut for some time.

10. To Consider Planning Applications Received

As reported to the Council meeting the previous evening a number of applications had been considered by those Members of the Committee who were able to meet on 6 June. Comments arising from that meeting had been forwarded to the District Council and, as confirmed in the Council minutes, represent the formal views of the Council.

RR/2012/1132/NA (Del) Wychnour Cottage, Hastings Road

Proposed first floor side extension to form 2 no bedrooms with ensuites. Installation of additional window to main bedroom.

Comments: No objection.

RR/2012/1009/P (Del) Yew Tree Cottage, Netherfield Road

Demolition of existing side extension and replacement with larger side extension. Replacement garden shed in new position.

Comments: No objection.

RR/2012/1089/P (Del) 4 Barley Grattens, Netherfield

Single storey rear extension.

Comments: No objection.

RR/2012/1145/P (Del) Kinross House – East Wing, St Mary's Villas

New double garage.

Comments: Although permission had been granted for this building the Committee had previously opposed it on the grounds that its excessive size would be out of keeping with the building to which it relates. Notwithstanding that this latest application proposes only minor amendments to the design the Committee wished to reiterate its previous objection.

RR/2012/1185/P (Del) St John the Baptist Church – land adj

Provision of car parking for up to 3 cars.

Comments: After some discussion, and by a majority, it was agreed to object to this application on 2 grounds. Firstly, that it would create a dangerous access onto Netherfield

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Road and, secondly, that a hard standing in this position would be out of keeping in this countryside location.

11. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

Cllr Mrs Farr asked that the situation regarding A boards be raised again at the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 4 July 2011.

The meeting closed at 10.15am.

MRS M KILOH
Chairman

