



Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on
TUESDAY, 8 MAY 2018 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

Present: Cllrs J Gyngell (Vice Chairman), A Brown, D Furness, M Howell, A Ratcliffe and A Russell.

In attendance: Cllr Fisher, Bev Marks (Footpath advisor) and C Harris (Town Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr C Davies.

2. **Disclosure of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 April 2018** were approved, subject to the addition of Cllr A Brown to those present, and duly signed by Cllr Gyngell.

4. **Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda**

The Clerk confirmed that RDC's policy for the distance between an A road and the fence-line is 1.2m minimum. The concern at the small gap at Blackfirs, London Road had been reported to RDC.

5. **Speed limit restriction**

Victoria Wilkin(VW) was welcomed to the meeting. She reported that the 20's Plenty is a national campaign to reduce the speed limits throughout towns. VW highlighted the many benefits to pedestrians and cyclists and confirmed that the speed reduction does not add any significant time to journeys for drivers. She confirmed that an open letter had been written to Cllr Bennett at ESCC emphasising the misleading information that has been circulated and setting a case for not pursuing the reduction of speed limit to 20mph. In response to questions, VW reported that not all accidents/incidents are recorded, no speed limits are necessarily enforced and that the whole area is included in the proposal initially. Members thanked Ms Wilkin for her presentation and offered support in principle to the scheme.

6. **Correspondence & communications**

- Members supported the request to District Cllr Kirby-Green to take forward issues of **parking areas at Darvel Down**.
- A suggestion for **warning signage at Battle Hill** was discussed. Members acknowledged that permanent signage could not easily be erected and agreed that temporary ESCC signs should be trialled.
- The **road closure** for Saturday 23 June 11am to 12.30pm from Recreation Ground North Trade Road to Station Approach as part of Battle's Big Weekend was agreed.
- Updated **enforcement list** as at 1 May 2018 was noted.
- Notification of **planning appeal** in respect of **RR/2017/1146/P Land at Darvel Down- land east of Battle/Mountfield** – Outline: proposed residential development for up to 48 dwellings, including parking, access and open space was noted. The Clerk was asked to submit the Council's comments to the Inspectorate.

• **Decisions received and noted:**

GRANTED

RR/2017/2007/L **14 Mount Street, Our Lady Immaculate, Battle**

Creation of ramp from steps outside parish office for wheel chair access

RR/2018/514/P **50 Hastings Road, Luciento, Battle**

Proposed rear single storey western extension, first floor southern flank extension and single storey north flank extension, rear elevation decking. To the front elevation new entrance porch with roof canopy over.

RR/2018/624/P **Telham Forge, Hastings Road, Battle**

Erection of storage building with improved off-road parking and turning area and widened vehicular access (alternative to RR/2017/1812/P).

RR/2018/671/P **2 Avenue Cottages, North Trade Road, Battle**

Proposed extension and alterations to existing single storey rear addition.

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REFUSED

[RR/2017/1290/P](#)

The Hammonds, Telham Lane, Battle

Erection of two new detached holiday lodges

[RR/2018/767/P](#)

4 Loose Farm Barns, Hastings Road, Battle

Proposed garden room extension to replace existing conservatory.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Group

Cllr Brown reported that the previous meeting had dealt with the election of officers, minutes attached, and a meeting would take place the following day to deal with business matters. He confirmed that a Grant application will be submitted for the maximum permitted up to £20k. Cllr Brown reported on concern from the Campaign to Protect Rural England that there is a Government consultation that appears to threaten the value of Neighbourhood Plans. **Members agreed to support the objection to this as recommended by CPRE.**

8. Footpath matters

Bev Marks(BM) reported on a site meeting of sections of footpaths 41, 82 and 87 identified as being priority for surface hardening. An indication of cost is £4,100 which he felt the Ramblers may contribute £1,500 towards. BM confirmed that he would now seek County funds to progress this project.

Members were happy to accept Mr Mark's offer to walk a section of these footpaths on Wednesday 23 May at 6.30pm; meeting at the Almonry.

9. To consider planning applications received to date

[RR/2017/2228/L](#)

3 Langton Close, Battle TN33 0XH

Insert a roof light into the existing roof.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2018/943/P](#)

16 Glengorse, Battle, TN33 0TX

Single storey rear extension finished in Petarch composite stone cladding panels

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2018/999/P](#) &

[RR/2018/1000/L](#)

Lake Cottage, Lower Lake, Battle, TN33 0AT

Proposed single storey conservatory to side, internal alterations including removal of walls and replacement windows and patio doors.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2018/509/P](#)

Park Lane, Battle TN33 0AB

Erection of a 4 bedroom, 6 person dwelling house (previously approved under RR/2009/1145/P - revised scheme).

Comments: Members felt that this proposal should be refused as overdevelopment of a restricted site and out of keeping in this area.

[RR/2018/953/P](#)

59 North Trade Road, Tollgates Farmhouse, Battle TN33 0HS

Erection of wooden garage.

Comments: The Committee felt that the plan does not show accurate, nor enough, site detail to make an informed comment on this application.

[RR/2018/969/P](#)

Chantlers Shaw Yard, North Trade Road, Battle TN33 9BW

Erection of 2.8m high security fencing to yard curtilage.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2018/986/P](#)

22 High Street - Land at rear, Battle TN33 0AE

Proposed cottage style dwelling.

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Comments: Members felt, as with previous application RR/2017/2900/P, that this is an overdevelopment of the site with no parking provision and should therefore be refused.

[RR/2018/1064/P](#) &

[RR/2018/1065/L](#)

82 High Street, The Maisonette, Battle TN33 0AQ

Internal alterations to first floor accommodation to create a third bedroom. Replacement and new sliding sash windows.

Comments: No objection to this.

[RR/2018/1111/L](#) &

[RR/2018/1112/P](#)

Battle Abbey School, High Street, Battle TN33 0AD

Alter existing library bay windows to provide opening escape windows. (Part retrospective)

Comments: No objection to this.

10. Finance

There was no up to date budget report available for the meeting.

11. Matters for information / future agenda items

The Clerk was asked to identify the reason for trees being cut down on land opposite the Wilmoths Garage, within the strategic gap.

12. Date of next meeting: Provisionally - Tuesday, 12 June 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Cllr J Gyngell
Vice Chairman**