



# Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on  
**TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle**

**Present:** Cllrs J Gyngell (Chairman), C Davies, G Favell, M Holmes, M Kiloh, A Russell, D Wheeler.

**In attendance:** B Marks (Footpaths Advisor), 1 member of the public, C Harris (Town Clerk).

## Public Question Time

Mr Whistler reported that an application has been submitted to Rother District Council for a small number of units on his land, Hugh's Field Caldbec Hill.

*Mr Whistler left the meeting.*

### 1. Apologies for absence: None.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Andrew Brown had resigned from the Council. This will be formally reported at Full Council.

### 2. Disclosure of interest: None.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 13 August 2019** were approved and duly signed by Cllr Gyngell.

### 4. Clerk's report

- Two copy letters objecting to **RR/2019/792/P 56-58 High Street – land to the rear of**, had been received.
- East Sussex County Council is now considering installation of a low post and rail barrier at **Caldbec Hill** to prevent access onto the area. They are investigating cost implications. There has been sporadic parking in the area; particularly in relation to construction workers on a property opposite. The local PCSO has been extremely accommodating although no vehicles have been found to be parked by double yellow lines on her visits. Although ESCC were in favour of polite notices they have not returned permission to use their letterhead.
- ESCC has now confirmed that the **1066 country walk signs** are being looked at by Rother District Council. If ESCC replace any, these will be simple posts with a round disc; not as existing. It was noted that some have already been replaced. The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation with ESCC and RDC.
- Due to mechanical failure, the work to the **overflow car park** had been delayed. Despite warning signs at the entrance/exit and notices on vehicles, there were several vehicles that had not been moved for some time. With the assistance of Sussex Police, these have now been removed. As the work will be undertaken imminently, it was agreed not to remove the barrier.
- An email of support was sent and acknowledgement of thanks received from the **Costa** applicant at **ex NatWest site**. Planning permission had now been granted with Listed Building Consent awaited.
- Thanks to intervention from Cllr Field, the **Environmental policy in relation to A2100 London Road** was received without need for a Freedom of Information request.
- RDC had confirmed that a **S106** is a legal agreement between the developer and the authority which must be set prior to planning approval being granted. It can only be for infrastructure directly linked to the development. It was noted that the Steps to Ramp project would not be appropriate for S106 funds.
- There has been a good response from other Councils to join a bespoke **Planning training** session. The Clerk was asked to research convenient dates and agree details for October.

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## 5. Correspondence & communications

- An **invitation** from **Rother Association of Local Councils** to attend a **speeding workshop** on 26 September at 2pm had been received. As Cllr Russell was unable to attend, Cllr Favell agreed to represent the Council at this event.

- **Decisions received and noted:**

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**RR/2019/1504/P**                      **19 Claverham Way, Battle, TN33 0JE**

Erection of annexe/ancillary living unit in rear garden for family and friends. External changes to dwelling and decking as alternative scheme approved by RR/2017/2627/P (part retrospective)

**RR/2019/1566/P**                      **21 Claverham Way, Battle TN33 0JE**

Proposed alterations including garage conversion, replacement roof tiles and tile-hanging, and raised patio to rear.

**RR/2019/1585/P**                      **21 Virgins Lane, Battle, TN33 0JH**

Alterations and conversion of existing detached garage to summerhouse.

**RR/2019/1592/T**                      **The Deanery, Caldbec Hill, Battle**

T9 - Sycamore - fell piecemeal to ground level - in advanced decline.

T8 - Beech - fell piecemeal to ground level - upper stem decay.

## 6. AECOM Design Code

Cllr Russell confirmed that this document had been commissioned by the Battle Civic Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. **Members agreed to adopt the Design Code and to share it with RDC**, as attached.

## 7. Neighbourhood Plan

There was nothing to report following the Full Council meeting.

## 8. Footpath matters

Mr Marks reported concerns that the entrance for application **RR/2019/1736** is a public footpath and suggested that adequate signage should be erected to ensure contractors are aware of possible walkers. He also recommended that a condition for the footpath to remain open during and after the development be requested.

## 9. Battle roundabout

The Clerk reported that, whilst RDC are content to locally refer to the 1066 Roundabout, this would not be registered on the official street name database as numbers as part of the street name is not permitted. **Members agreed to request that the name be amended to Ten Sixty Six Roundabout.**

## 10. Declassification of A2100

There had been no confirmation from ESCC on how to take this forward or which other towns have successfully achieved a declassification. Members agreed that the Action Plan should be amended to identify the declassification from the Ten Sixty Six Roundabout to the roundabout at the junction of A2100 and B2159 (at Bannatyne's). Cllr Favell was asked to take this to the Speed Awareness Workshop. Mr Marks agreed to take this forward to the Rother Transport Action Group meeting in November.

## 11. Action plan

- **Members agreed to recommend to Full Council that maintenance of bus shelters should be**

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the responsibility of P&T and be included in future Terms of Reference for this Committee.

- It was agreed that there are **no additional activities or new priorities** at this time.
- Members felt that there was no need to pursue **additional land for parking provision** although improved signage is necessary for the Market Road car park.
- It was noted that Battle Local Action Plan Group are no longer able to take forward the **Steps to Ramp project**. The Clerk was asked to research the cost for a topographical survey to take this forward.

## 12. Planning applications received to date

[RR/2019/1735/L](#)

[RR/2019/1736/P](#)

**Gate Farm Barn, Whatlington Road, Battle TN33 ONA**

Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement dwelling as an alternative to the scheme approved under RR/2016/2973/L and RR/2016/2972/P.

**Comment:** No objection in principle but Members highlight the need to ensure all finishes are sympathetic to its historic character and the neighbouring environment. Additionally, in view of the access lane to Lower Gate Farm and past the site is a Public Right of Way (Battle FP23), it suggests appropriately sited "Pedestrians-in-Roadway" warning signs should be installed to warn all vehicle drivers of the presence of walkers on the lane, between Whatlington Road and site entrance. This PRoW should remain open and fully accessible at all times during and after development.

[RR/2019/1812/P](#)

**38 Virgins Lane, The Mount, Battle TN33 OJH**

Alterations/ extension to front elevation (Replacement of lapsed consent RR/2012/2484/P.)

**Comment:** No objection to this.

[RR/2019/1813/P](#)

**Pipers Patsch, Netherfield Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 OLF**

Alterations and additions including replacement front entrance porch with steps, new roof linking garage and house, addition of woodburner flue and replacement hanging and roof tiles.

**Comment:** No objection in principle although Members are concerned at the design of the dominant flue.

[RR/2019/1821/P](#)

**11 Falconers Drive, Battle TN33 ODT**

Proposed single storey rear extension

**Comment:** No objection in principle but Members raised concern at the design of a flat roof and dominant flue.

[RR/2019/1853/P](#)

**47 Virgins Lane, Battle TN33 OJH**

Part single and part two-storey side extension replacing existing side addition.

**Comment:** No objection to this.

## 13. Finance

The **budget report at 31 July 2019** was noted, as attached.

The Clerk was asked to offer **training on how to understand budget reports** once training on Planning matters had been undertaken.

## 14. Confidential item

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The updated **enforcement list** as at 2 September 2019 was noted.

**15. Matters for information / future agenda items**

- To consider budget for 2020-21

**16. Date of next meeting:** 8 October 2019 at 7.00pm, to allow for budget setting item.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**Cllr J Gyngell  
Chairman**

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