



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 18 July 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs: Mrs P Fisher, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh and A Mitchell.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs T Farr.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest** – Cllr Mrs Kiloh expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in RR/2012/1262 as a neighbour.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 4 July 2012. Cllr Jessop proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The recent **A board** placed outside the **Buy British shop** and the **table and chairs outside Costa Coffee** had, once again, raised the profile of this issue. Both examples had been drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority. In the case of the Buy British shop the A board had been temporarily removed but has reappeared. So far as Costa Coffee is concerned the gap between the edge of the kerb and the tables and chairs is as great, if not greater than, the pavement width elsewhere. In the circumstances, and notwithstanding the proximity to the double drop kerb, the Highway Authority feel that no action can be justified at this stage. They recognise, however, that customers may move the chairs and this could result in a reduced width of pavement. Should this become an ongoing problem Highways have agreed to review the situation.

5. Correspondence & Communications

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

The Inspector's decision to **grant, on appeal, permission for the erection of a terrace of 3 new houses at Parkridge, Caldbeck Hill (RR/2011/1475)** was noted.

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

As referred to at the previous evening's Council meeting the **District Council Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee** will shortly be considering a paper on the subject of **gypsy and traveller permanent sites provision**. In addition to setting out the background, the paper identifies a number of potential sites with comments on their potential suitability. At this stage, however, the paper simply proposes a public consultation process without any expression of preference as to whether the identified sites would be suitable. The Committee therefore simply noted the paper.

6. SLR Meeting held on 4 July

The attached notes from the meeting had been circulated and were noted. Regarding the **Battle Abbey steps** Cllr Jessop said that he was disappointed with the slow progress. A plan of the proposed route of the **new footpath** was tabled for information.

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

Cllr Mrs Kiloh repeated her personal and prejudicial interest in the first application and left the room.

RR/2012/1262/P (Del)

Blackfriars Oast, Marley Lane

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Extension to outbuilding.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/1326/P (Del) Moonrakers, Netherfield Hill

Single storey rear extension, conversion of integral garage into bedroom, erection of front entrance porch.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/1332/P (Del) Beeches Brook, Telham Lane

Retention of mobile home.

Comments: It was noted that this is one of the sites which will be the subject of the consultation paper referred to under item 5. The Committee retained the basic fundamental objection to this proposal as recognised by the Inspector in his February 2010 decision granting temporary permission. In that letter he made it clear that, in his opinion, the harm to the area's character and appearance should not be perpetuated any longer than is necessary. However, these comments were linked to the anticipated timetable for identifying travellers' sites. Acknowledging this, the Committee said that if Rother are minded to grant permission it should again be time limited linked to the current timetable. In forwarding these comments to the District Council Cllr Jessop asked that the relevant policies should be quoted which he will provide.

RR/2012/1345/P (Del) 12 North Trade Road, Abbey View

Variation of condition 4 imposed on RR/2012/124/P to provide additional room to proposed extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/1359/P (Del) 2 Hastings Road

Provision of carport to detached garage including associated drainage and external works.

Comments: No objection to this.

8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items – None.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21 August 2012

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

Cllr Jessop
Chairman

