



Battle Town Council



DRAFT MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 27 August 2014 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs D Furness, J Gyngell and S Pry.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs M Kiloh, M Howell, M Palmer and A Ratcliffe.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 13 August 2014. Resolved: approval of the minutes was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Furness.

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

5. **Correspondence & Communications**

The Committee noted:

- The latest **enforcement cases**;
- the latest **list of decisions** as attached;
RR/2014/1392/P 19 High Street, Autism Sussex Ltd – refused application for change of use from car parking to external play area.
RR/2014/1430/P Battle Methodist Chapel, Lower Lake – consent granted for rear boundary fence.
- A letter received from **ESCC** asked if BTC were still occupying **land to the south and east of Battle and Langton School**. This was relevant due to the Planning Application RR/3232/CC noted below.

6. **To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date**

RR/2014/1936/TN Darwell Wood, Netherfield

Proposed installation of additional equipment at existing telecommunications site.

Comments: Committee raised no objections to this.

RR/3232/CC Battle & Langton School

Formation of extension to existing school buildings.

Comments: Committee raised no objections to the building itself noting the better external design. However, concerns were raised that improved tree landscaping should be provided along the eastern boundary, the temporary compound area should be fully re-instated as grassland and that the banking along the eastern and southern sides of the extension site should be so formed to not damage the root systems of the existing trees.

7. **Proposed budget for the year 2015 – 2016.**

Members were asked to consider the content of a Planning Committee budget to present to F & GP to help allow the council to prepare a robust precept for the next financial year. Items put forward were:

- Allocate the approximate cost of the staff's time on providing administrative support to the committee (Deputy Town Clerk to advise on this sum).
- Allocate £1000 towards the probable costs of formulating a Neighbourhood Plan for Battle.
- Allocate up to £12,500 as 50% of the cost of a Traffic Warden or similar for Battle

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(shared full cost with Rye Town Council). This will be subject to general residents support to be informally sought and to Police agreement.

- Allocate £500 towards the cost of publicity and organising the proposal to install an artwork on the A271/A2100 roundabout subject to transferring this item from the Estates Committee (as a highways item).
- Allocate £400 for the approximate cost of maintaining in a clean state the road signs around the town subject to being unable to have these done by voluntary bodies. The ESCC Highways does not have a budget for this work so it is not done by them.
- Allocate £1,600 for the cutting back of vegetation overgrowing footpaths and footways – based upon 4 man days per quarter. There should be a refund of some monies to BTC from County for this work.
- It should be noted that the above two items should be at no increase in cost to the council if improved efficiencies in working practices can be achieved.
- Possible sources of income are from ESCC Highways for highways maintenance, public subscription for artwork on the roundabout and public artwork grants.

8. Future agenda items:

- Further discussion on the proposed budget following feedback from ESCC, the Police, Rye Town Council and the Estates Committee.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 10th September 2014

