



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), J Gyngell, M Howell, M Kiloh, and A Ratcliffe.
Jim Stobart (Sussex Police), 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllrs M Palmer and S Pry.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – none
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 March 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings** – none
5. **Operation Crackdown** – Cllr Jessop welcomed Jim Stobart of Sussex Police to the meeting, who gave a presentation on Operation Crackdown, which allows members of the public to report concerns over potentially abandoned vehicles and instances of anti-social driving. A copy of the full presentation would be forwarded to the Town Clerk for distribution to all Members. Cllr Jessop, on behalf of the committee thanked Mr Stobart for his informative presentation.
6. **To consider planning applications received to date.**

As Members of the public had attended to comment on planning application for 93 & 94 High Street, it was agreed to move this item forward.

RR/2014/3008/P & RR/2015/529/L 93 & 94 High Street – Land to rear of, Battle, TN33 0AQ
Demolish existing out buildings and construct new Tea Museum.

The meeting was adjourned to allow for a presentation by a representative of the adjoining property. The comments made outlined concerns with the proposal. While not objecting to the idea of a tea museum, the church highlighted a number of issues in the application, including access rights, an incorrectly designated footpath and right of way, the lack of allowance for waste collection and impact on parking in the church car park, particularly disabled spaces.

The formal meeting then resumed.

Members discussed the application and referenced the requests for additional information from RDC, relating to some of the issues raised by the church. Issues relating to access and rights of way were a civil matter, rather than a planning consideration. It was noted that the application forms were incomplete and inaccurate

Comment: Members recommend refusal until such time as the requested information is received which should include a tree survey, correct information on the effect of the proposed works on the structures within the listed site, the correct land holding and whether that includes 93 and / or 94 Upper Lake, what washing and toilet facilities will be proposed and the disposal of foul waste from the proposed building which is left unclear from the application forms. These need clarification before a more detailed consideration may be made. Once these are available, Battle Town Council wish to be re-consulted.

7. **Correspondence and communications**

- Updated enforcement list as at 9 March 2015
- Decisions received:

GRANTED

- **RR/2014/2940/P Oakhurst, Whatlington Road, Battle**
Proposed conservatory to rear.

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- **RR/2015/94/P 29 Frederick Thatcher Place, North Trade Road, Battle**
Variation of condition 10 imposed on RR/98/2409/P to enable the removal of existing timber window and door frames and replacement with new PVCu frames.
- **RR/2015/174/P 13 North Trade Road, Montilla, Battle**
Demolition of existing sun room. Construction of two storey extension and associated works.
- **RR/2015/188/P 51 Hastings Road, The Lilacs, Battle**
Demolition of existing front porch. Construction of new front porch and single storey rear extension.
- **RR/2015/193/P 25 Frederick Thatcher Place, North Trade Road, Battle**
Proposed replacement PVCu windows and door frames.

REFUSED

- **RR/2015/137/P 1 Upper Lake, Battle**
Change of use from Solicitors Office to a single dwelling (C3).
- The Town Clerk informed Members of a proposal from RDC to name the new access to Beech Farm of North Trade Road as 'Beech Farm Lane'. Members agreed this was entirely appropriate and asked the Town Clerk to report this comment to RDC.

8. To consider planning applications received to date.

RR/2015/424/P & RR/2015/425/L 67 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AG

Replacement shop front glazing using similar design but without Georgian bar and extractor in glass. Replacement in aluminium or timber.

Comment: Members note the refusal of a similar application in 2009, and recommend refusal as the proposal is out of character with the area and neighbouring properties. It was noted that Jempson's Funeral Parlour had its frontage windows replaced in exactly the same as the original when they were found to be in need of replacement and this precedent should be followed.

RR/2015/468/P Cherry Orchard, Canadia Road, Battle, TN33 0LR

Construction of three bedroom annexe building (part retrospective).

Comment: Members note the withdrawal of two similar applications in 2002 and 2006, and recommend refusal as the proposal is outside the development boundary, would create a new dwelling in the ANOB and is excessively bulky compared to neighbouring properties.

RR/2015/512/P Green Acres – Land at, Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0TG

New single storey three bedroom dwelling.

Comment: Members note previous refusals at the site in 2002 and 2009, and recommend refusal as the proposal is out of keeping with the character of the area and would spoil the open nature of the AONB. Further, Members request RDC initiate enforcement action to clean up the site.

RR/2015/538/P Blenheim Croft, Netherfield Road, Netherfield, TN33 0HJ

Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2015/539/P 5 Wellington Gardens, Battle, TN33 0HD

Proposed two storey rear extension.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2015/549/A Battle Express Service Station, Battle Hill, Battle, TN33 0BN

New signage.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2015/562/P 28 Hastings Road, Three Arches, Battle, TN33 0TA

Proposed rear extension to provide new dining room.

Comment: No objection to this.

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RR/2015/587/P 25 Claverham Way, Jalna, Battle, TN33 0JE

Proposed single storey rear extension including decked area and loft conversion with rear dormer.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2015/588/P 20 Knights Meadow, Battle, TN33 0REW

Extension of driveway to provide additional off road parking.

Comment: No objection to this.

9. Future maintenance arrangements for footpaths, including staff training, noting ESCC Highways removal of funding to BTC next year

Cllr Jessop reported that a request had been made of ESCC at the SLR meeting to consider including Town Council staff in future health and safety training. This could allow Town Council staff to be accredited to perform some maintenance on the highways in future. Brain Banks of ESCC was investigating, and agreed to report back to the Town Clerk.

10. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Ratcliffe reported a loose kerb stone outside Boots in the High Street, and the Town Clerk was asked to report this to ESCC.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 8 April 2015

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman