



# Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on  
**TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle**

**Present:** Cllrs J Gyngell (Vice Chairman), C Davies, D Furness, A Ratcliffe and A Russell.

**In attendance:** Bev Marks (Footpaths Advisor), one member of the public and Carol Harris (Town Clerk).

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Howell.

Cllr Gyngell expressed the great loss of Cllr Richard Jessop as somebody who had worked tirelessly for the town, providing a wealth of information and welcoming so many new Members during his time on the Council.

**2. Disclosure of Interest:** None

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 December 2017** were approved by Members and duly signed by Cllr Gyngell.

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

The Clerk confirmed that the Co-op Store will be undergoing internal works that require the removal of freezers etc from the premises. Contractors' vehicles and health and safety items necessitate the temporary use of parking spaces.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a further update on the level crossing issue at Marley Lane and to highlight the flooding of the footpath in the area. It was agreed to request that Cllr Field assist with this matter.

**5. Correspondence & communications**

- The updated **enforcement list** as at 3 January 2018 was noted.
- Notification of extension to resurfacing works on **Telham Lane** for 8 days from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 due to cold weather and ground conditions.
- Notification of temporary (periodical, not constant) **lane and footway closure on A2100 Battle High Street** between numbers 70-73 for 3 months from 10 February to 6 April 2018 to safely load and unload refurbishing materials at the Co-op Store.
- Notification of **temporary 40mph speed restriction for A2100**, London Road, from its junction with C625 Virgins Lane to a point 100metres north of the junction with P6714 Canadia Road from 8<sup>th</sup> January to 3 April 2018 to carry out installation works to renew sewer mains.

- **Decisions received** and noted:

**GRANTED**

**RR/2017/2150/P      The Almonry, High Street, Battle**

Rear extension over courtyard, new windows and internal alterations.

**RR/2017/2221/P      94 Hastings Road, Heather Hill, Battle**

Demolition of existing redundant stables and hardstanding and close boarded fencing.

Construction of residential annexe to accommodate elderly parents.

**RR/2017/2281/P      29 North Trade Road, Battle**

Proposed extensions and loft conversion with new roof.

**RR/2017/2332/P      West Brow, Telham Lane, Battle**

Demolition of existing conservatory with replacement single storey extension. Amendments to existing roof to form new bedroom, en-Suite and dressing rooms, including new glazed gable structure as a replacement for existing terrace. Amendments to existing east facing dormers to form one larger dormer.

**RR/2017/2340/P      Sunnyside, Canadia Road, Battle**

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Replace existing wooden porch with new masonry construction

**RR/2017/2385/P      26 Hastings Road, Wildshaw, Battle**

Two storey front extension, single storey side extension, removal of existing conservatory and single storey rear extension.

## **LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**

**RR/2017/2151/L      The Almonry, High Street, Battle**

Rear extension over courtyard, new windows and internal alterations.

**RR/2017/2155/L      81 High Street, Langton House, Battle**

Installation of air conditioning system and replacement of fascia signs.

**RR/2017/2182/L      27 Hastings Road, Starrs Green House, Battle**

Reinstatement of chimney to south- eastern corner of house, serving original kitchen fireplace.

## **APPEAL DECISION - Dismissed**

**RR/2016/2581/P      Voewood, London Road, Battle**

Proposed new detached split level bungalow

## **6. Neighbourhood Plan Group –**

CLLr Russell reported that there had been no meeting in December. He highlighted concern that, to comply with grant funding received, the consultant must complete work by end of March. However, the BNP Chairman had indicated that this is flexible. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **7. Footpath matters**

Bev Marks had produced a report that had been circulated to Members. He highlighted the poor condition of FP82 and FP107 which would benefit from the Community Payback Team's assistance. Mr Marks requested that bridleway 86b be brought to the attention of the Council's tenant farmer as requiring attention. He suggested that the drainage put in by English Heritage had not helped the situation.

## **8. To consider planning applications received to date**

**RR/2017/2438/P      2 Parkridge Mews, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0FP**

Erection of garden shed. (Retrospective)

**Comments:** No objection to this subject to the condition that evergreen trees are planted, as suggested.

**RR/2017/2539/P      Battle Great Barn, Marley Lane, Battle TN33 0RB**

Erection of two detached holiday cabins and one tent.

**Comments:** The Committee had no objection subject to the provision of improved signage to identify the public footpaths in the area.

**RR/2017/2623/P      The Croft, Whatlington Road, Battle TN33 0JN**

Alterations, roof conversion and small extension to front.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2017/2628/P      Stream Farmhouse, Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 0HJ**

Proposed first floor extension to provide annexe accommodation.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**RR/2017/2634/P      Wheatcroft Farm, Foreward Lane, Battle TN33 9AB**

Concrete base with portable horse stables, hardstanding and pole barn. (Retrospective)

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**Comments:** Although Members have no objection in principle, conditions should be in place to ensure that: the Stables shall only be used by horses that are solely ridden by the applicant and not used for any livery or other business use; and that no further development of this nature be permitted. The Committee wishes to voice its disappointment that the stables were built prior to planning permission being given and wishes to emphasise that all retrospective applications should be scrutinised vigorously and consistently, regardless of the background of the applicants.

**[RR/2017/2688/P](#)      **Forest View, Netherfield Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 0LH****

Proposed loft improvements with additional rooflights and a balcony to rear over new flat roof - existing pitch roof to rear extension removed.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**[RR/2017/2719/P](#)      **56-58 High Street - land to the rear of, Battle TN33 0EN****

Construction of 3no. dwellings with associated car parking, cycle storage and amenity garden space. Members considered the letters of objection from some residents of Old Mill Walk and listened to the supportive views of a local resident.

**Comments:** Members raised no objection in principle to the development of this site but would prefer to see 2 properties, rather than the 3 proposed, to enable more space and light.

**[RR/2017/2882/T](#)      **7 Netherfield Way, Battle TN33 9PZ****

Oak - crown lift. Ash, Beech and Horse Chestnut - crown lift to growth points.

**Comments:** Members felt that there was no justification for this work: with photographs showing healthy trees. The sketch map contained no scale or measurements to consider. The Committee therefore supports a refusal of this application.

**[RR/2017/2885/P](#)      **Paygate, Whatlington Road, Battle TN33 0NA****

Proposed extension to existing detached garage.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

**[RR/2017/2866/P](#)      **25 Stream Farm Cottages, Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 0HH****

Proposed single storey infill extension to rear with changes to existing roofline.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

## 9. Finance

The budget report at 30 November 2017 was noted, as attached.

## 10. Matters for information / future agenda items

Bev Marks reminded the Committee that he represents the Council on RTAG and is currently advocating working with HBC for connectivity for the development of transport links.

- **Resurfacing of the overflow car park**
- **Advice on planning issues**

**11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 13 February 2018** (Cllr Gyngell recorded her apologies for this meeting)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Cllr J Gyngell  
Vice Chairman**