



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 29 February 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye and R Harris.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest** – None.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 15 February 2012. Cllr Carter proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fisher. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings** – None.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The updated **enforcement cases** list was noted as was the attached **list of planning decisions**. The Clerk also reported receipt of the **East Sussex County Council, South Down National Park Authority, Brighton and Hove City Council Waste and Minerals Plan**. This is a draft document to be submitted to Government for assessment. Having read the documents, Cllr Jessop reassured the Committee that the Plan is written in strategic terms with no specific site implications for the local area.

6. Core Strategy/Neighbourhood Planning

In view of its relevance to the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Jessop tabled a copy of the Battle Local Action Plan Review document which includes some reference to future housing development. On this subject Cllr Jessop invited Members to offer their thoughts on the future location of development sites. He reminded the Committee that in the early part of 2010 Council had considered the SHLAA documents produced by the District Council which had provided a comprehensive summary of reasons for and against a large number of potential development sites. The Council's general response had been to resist any single, large development in preference for a number of smaller infill sites. In particular a large development close to Glengorse would not be acceptable to the Council. Cllr Jessop then reminded the Committee of a number of sites on the eastern side of town which Council had suggested as being worthy of further consideration despite comments in the SHLAA which had set out reasons against. Having reviewed the pros and cons of each of these sites the Committee resolved to endorse the previous approach as recorded in the Council's letter to the District Council of 14 June 2010 – copy attached. During the debate, Cllr Carter had expressed the hope, supported by other Committee Members, that the Council should do everything possible to maximise the use of development sites for affordable housing.

7. SLR Meeting

A summary of the discussions at the SLR meeting held on 15 February had been circulated and are attached. These were noted. Cllr Jessop highlighted the proposed resurfacing work in North Trade Road.

8. To Consider Planning Applications Received

RR/2012/147/P (Del)

30-31 High Street

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Siting 2 no air conditioning inverter units to rear of property at first floor level.

Comments: It was not clear from the application why the air conditioning units are required. In the absence of any justification and bearing in mind the potential for a noise nuisance to the neighbour, the Committee opposed the application.

Cllr Mrs Fisher left the meeting at this point.

RR/2012/149/L (Del) 6A Mount Street

Enlargement of existing arched opening between front and rear rooms at ground floor.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/252/P (Del) 21 Asten Fields

Proposed two storey extension to the rear to enlarge lounge and create bedroom.

Comments: No objection to this.

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

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 14 March 2012

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

Cllr Jessop
Chairman

