



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 7 October 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), J Gyngell, M Kiloh, and A Ratcliffe.
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk), Cllr C Davies

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs D Furness and M Howell. Cllr M Palmer was absent.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – none.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 September 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings** - none.
5. **Correspondence and communications**
 - Updated enforcement list as at 28 September 2015 was noted.
 - Decisions received were noted. Members asked the Town Clerk to investigate why application RR/2015/1865/O had not been put to the committee for comment.

GRANTED

- **RR/2015/1516/P North Point, Netherfield Hill, Netherfield**
Proposed porch to front elevation, single storey side extension to form utility room.
- **RR/2015/1731/P Quarry House, Telham Lane, Battle**
Proposed garage conversion and first floor extension over.
- **RR/2015/1993/P 112 Hastings Road, Telham Firs, Battle**
Single storey rear and side extension and first floor infill.
- **RR/2015/1733/T Parkridge, land adjoining, Caldbeck Hill, Battle**
Oak tree. Fell and replace.

REFUSED

- **RR/2015/1865/O 9-10 High Street, Royal Mail Delivery Office, Battle**
Remove northern rear wall within car park area and replace with wooden fencing.

Members noted this application had not come before the committee, although it was pointed out it was an application for permitted development, and having been refused any planning application will come to the committee for comment.

6. To consider planning applications received to date

RR/2015/2212/P 74 Hastings Road, Sunray, Battle, TN33 0TE
Single storey rear extension to replace existing.

Comments: No objection

RR/2015/2314/P Magpies, Netherfield Hill, Battle, TN33 0LH
Single storey rear extension.

Comments: Members object as there is no front elevation to indicate how the treatment to the roof is proposed. A flat roof across the frontage would be unsympathetic to the front elevations.

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[RR/2015/2089/P](#) Barnes Oak, Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0SH

Proposed agricultural storage barn.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2015/2245/P](#) & [RR/2015/2245/L](#) 43 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

Ground floor change of use to funeral directors together with associated repair and refurbishment works.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2015/2321/P](#) Darwell Hill, Netherfield, TN33 9QL

Proposed 3 bay garage and detached stable building.

Comments: No objection

[RR/2015/2353/P](#) & [RR/2015/2354/L](#) 93 High Street, Battle TN33 0AQ

Demolition of rear addition. Construction of new balcony. Internal refurbishment and new access gates.

Comments: Members object to the inappropriate addition of the balcony including a glass top rail within the conservation area.

7. Feedback from the meeting with the Police regarding Community Wardens

Cllr Jessop reported that along with Cllr Kiloh and the Town Clerk, he had attended a meeting on 6 October to discuss the proposed Community Wardens. They will not be accredited with any powers to deal with traffic or parking violations, which are the main issues identified by residents and that the Town Council felt needed addressing. Cllr Kiloh confirmed Cllr Jessop's view that the Community Warden would add little benefit to the town at this time. The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between Cllr Jessop and Cllr Maynard of RDC to continue to press for the District Council to adopt civil parking enforcement, as the majority of Districts and Boroughs across the country already do.

8. Review of budget plan

Further to the information about the community warden, Cllr Jessop recommended removal of the proposed £15,000 budget for this role. As the Neighbourhood Plan proposals have developed, it is likely costs will amount to around £12,000. Up to £8,000 is expected to be covered by grants, and Cllr Jessop suggested an amount of £4,000 be allocated to cover the shortfall.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to the above proposals, resulting in an overall reduction of £11,000 in next year's committee budget.

9. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Ratcliffe raised concerns over the condition of the pedestrian crossing on Lower Lake, as the lights had been damaged and the poles were in need of repainting. The Town Clerk was asked to report the problem to ESCC and directly to Jon Cobb as it was considered dangerous in its current condition.

10. Date of next meeting: 21 October 2015

Meeting closed at 8pm.

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman

