



# Battle Town Council



**MINUTES of the PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE meeting  
held on Wednesday, 7 January 2015  
at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs M Howell, J Gyngell, M Kiloh and A Ratcliffe.

Members present agreed that Cllr M Kiloh would chair the meeting. Members also agreed to defer appointing Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee until the next committee meeting, when it was hoped all Members would be able to attend.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – received from Cllrs D Furness, R Jessop and M Palmer.
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – none.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 17 December 2014. Cllr Howell proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Gyngell and agreed unanimously.
- 4. To note terms of reference** – this item was deferred to the next committee meeting.
- 5. Matters arising from previous meetings** – none.
- 6. SLR notes from meeting held on 17 December 2014**  
These had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Kiloh reminded Members that ESCC had confirmed that it would provide the agreed devolvement funding for footpaths for next year, but beyond that there would be no further payment.

## **7. Correspondence and communications**

The updated **Enforcement list** as attached was noted.

The latest **decisions** were noted:

- **RR/2014/2554/P Little Tower Hill, North Trade Road**  
New double garage with storage area & solar panels to south facing mono roof. **Granted**
- **RR/2014/2561/P 96 Hastings Road**  
Demolition of conservatory. Erection of sun room and first floor rear extension. **Granted**
- **RR/2014/2634/P Fosters Motors Ltd, Station Road**  
Conversion of Mezzanine Floor to self-contained flat (to be retained in the ownership of Fosters Motors). **Refused**
- **RR/2014/2671/P 140 Hastings Road, Battle**  
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two pairs of semi-detached dwellings. **Granted**
- **RR/2014/2700/P 82 High Street**  
**RR/2014/2725/L**  
Change of use to subdivide existing dwelling into two separate units by erecting a partition wall. **Granted**

## **8. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date**

**[RR/2014/2977/L](#)**

**Warwick House (formerly Catslide Cottage) Caldbec Hill**

Proposed improvements, renovation and installation of conservation roof lights (partially retrospective)

**Comment:** No objection to this.

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## [RR/2014/2758/P](#)

### **1 & 2 Lamberts Cottages – land rear of, Battle Hill**

Erection of detached dwelling within disused garden area.

**Comment:** Members object and recommend refusal on the grounds of non-compliance with policies HG2 (vi), poor access onto the main road, and non-compliance with HG4 (ii), lack of pedestrian safety measures. Members are also concerned at the potential encroachment and associated impact on the AONB.

## [RR/2014/2837/P](#)

### **8 Netherfield Way, Netherfield**

Proposed garage

**Comment:** No objection to this.

## [RR/2014/2947/L](#)

### **Warwick House, Formerly known as Catslide Cottage**

Access improvements to include entrance gates and pillars, and extra parking and off road turning space (partly retrospective)

**Comment:** No objection to this.

## [RR/2014/3024/P](#)

### **9 Mountjoy, Battle**

Proposed extension, loft conversion and improved car parking (wide access)

**Comment:** Members object and recommend refusal on the grounds of the proposal extending in front of the existing building line, and the size and proximity to neighbouring properties of the proposal forms an overpowering bulk.

## **9. Future budget considerations**

Cllr Ratcliffe raised concerns over the lack of cleaning of highway signs, which in addition to being unsightly created potential safety issues. ESCC previously cleaned the highway signs at regular intervals, but due to economic constraints no longer provided a regular service. Councils could carry out the cleaning themselves, if they had appropriately trained and certified staff authorised to carry out highway works. This training would also allow completion of other work on, or adjacent to the highway. Cllr Ratcliffe proposed a budget heading was created to include the cost of training a staff member(s) and routine highway works. This was seconded by Cllr Gyngell. The Town Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of the training and report back to the next committee meeting.

## **10. Matters for information / future agenda items**

Cllr Kiloh requested a discussion on car parking be included on the next agenda.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 14 January 2015**

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**Cllr M Kiloh**  
**Acting Chairman for meeting**

