



Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on
TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2017 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), C Davies, D Furness, J Gyngell and M Howell.

In attendance: Alan Cole (BLAP), Carol Harris (Town Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs A Ratcliffe and A Russell.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 November 2017** were approved by Members and duly signed by Cllr Jessop.
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda – None.**

5. Presentation on proposed ramp at Mountjoy/Bowmans Drive

Alan Cole was welcomed to the meeting. A brief background to the project to provide a ramp access between Mountjoy and Bowmans Drive, thereby offering a safer route into the town was given. It was confirmed that land has been identified but that the agreement of ESCC was being sought. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with an appropriate representative from ESCC, Alan Cole, Cllr Jessop and herself to discuss how to take this scheme forward.

6. Correspondence & communications

- Updated **enforcement list** as at 4 November 2017 was noted.
- The Annual General Meeting for **Battle Area Community Transport** AGM on 13th December 2017 was noted.
- ESCC propose to refresh **white lines outside schools and the A-roads** in Battle between 14-22 June 2018.
- The **sign cleaning programme** from ESCC has been confirmed for May and June 2018. The Clerk confirmed that cleaning of the Battle Gates signs is on the work staff task list.
- ESCC licencing had reported that, to enable works at the **Co-op Store**, 6 parking spaces in the High Street will be suspended from mid February for 6-7 weeks. An application is also being made for parking spaces in Mount Street car park to be made available for the staff cabin. A temporary lane closure for one Sunday between 7-10am will be requested. The Clerk was asked to identify the works involved.
- **Enforcement notices** in respect of planning application **RR/2013/2579/P – Land at Forward Wells, Peppering Eye Lane**, Battle. Breach of planning control, building constructed representing a 263% increase in size from the approved plans were noted.
- **Decisions received** and noted as follows:

GRANTED

RR/2017/1812/P Telham Forge, Hastings Road, Battle

Relocation of vehicular access with new off road turning & parking area and erection of storage building.

RR/2017/1904/P Beeches Brook, Telham Lane, Battle

Extension of existing approved site to accommodate replacement caravan together with decking.

RR/2017/2095/T 11 Falconers Drive, Battle

T1 7 T2 Oak – fell

RR/2017/2115/P 7 Claverham Close, Battle

Single storey rear extension

RR/2017/2142/P Corbiere, Telham Lane, Battle

Loft conversion raising ridge height and inverting dormers. Infill front extension with porch.

RR/2017/2160/P Harpenden, Whatlington Road, Battle

Proposed side extension, alterations and large replacement rear dormers including a balcony.

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RR/2017/2251/P **1 Netherfield Court, Netherfield Road, Netherfield, Battle**

Conversion of existing double garage to games room/gym

RR/2017/2306/P **87 North Trade Road, Hadfield, Battle**

Proposed demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey side extension to form living area. Proposed flue for wood-burning stove.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVAL

RR/2017/2522/TN **Telham Water Tower, Hastings Road, Battle TN33 OSH**

Installation of 1 no. 1.2m dish and 1 no. GPS antenna.

WITHDRAWALS

RR/2017/2019/P **Stream Farmhouse, Netherfield Road, Battle**

Proposed first floor extension to provide self-contained annexe with new external stairs.

7. Civil Parking Enforcement Working Party meeting

Cllr Jessop reported the meeting was organised by RDC with Officers from East Sussex County Council available to respond to questions from both RDC Councillors and stakeholders from interested groups. He confirmed that the Working Group will agree a recommendation in March for RDC's Scrutiny Committee before a report to Full Council in July; if RDC decide to support CPE then County have advised that a further 18 months will be needed before implementation. Cllr Jessop highlighted key points: as little as 5p could be put into the parking meters to get 7.5 mins of parking time; 10p would buy 10mins; and 50p would buy 30 mins; Resident's permits would cost £35pa and County would only seek income levels to pay for the scheme; County were not looking to massively displace any parking in Battle; where a resident has a holiday home in a residents parking permit situation, County will check on what period of use of the holiday/second home was envisaged and may restrict the number of months the permit was available if they wish to issue one at all. Cllr Jessop confirmed that public consultation will be undertaken.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Group

Cllr Jessop reported that, under the terms of the grant received, Donna Moles must complete the work by end March 2018.

9. To consider planning applications received to date

RR/2017/1303/P **60 Wellington Gardens, Battle TN33 OHD**

Creation of parking space at the front (on North Trade Road) of the property. Erection of a single storey rear ground floor extension.

Comment: Members felt that this is overdevelopment of the site and should be refused on highway safety grounds.

RR/2017/2426/P **Ivyland Farm, Classroom (Plumpton College), Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 9QB**

Retention of a temporary single storey Portakabin as classrooms.

Comment: No objection subject to provision for a drop off and pick up point being provided.

RR/2017/2430/L **Blackfriars Oast, Marley Lane, Battle TN33 0DQ**

Single storey extension to rear, enlargement of external door opening and internal alterations.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2017/2221/P **94 Hastings Road, Heather Hill, Battle TN33 0TQ**

Demolition of existing redundant stables and hardstanding and close boarded fencing. Construction of residential annexe to accommodate elderly parents.

Comment: The Committee support a refusal of this as it is not linked to the property and has insufficient parking allocation. Members also felt that the strategic gap should be protected.

RR/2017/2532/P **Voewood - land adj, London Road, Battle TN33 0LP**

Erection of a new dwelling, carport and associated access from Canadia Road.

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Comment: Due to the substandard access the Committee support a refusal of this application.

[RR/2017/2536/P](#) **2 Old Post Office Cottages, Darwell Hill, Battle TN33 9QH**

Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2017/943/P to replace the gable at the southern end with a barn hip to match the northern end.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/2557/P](#) **25 Virgins Lane, Battle TN33 0JH**

Rear extension and render over existing walls of dwelling.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/2575/P](#) **Upper Homestead Farm, Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QL**

Proposed first floor extension within new higher roof.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2017/2627/P](#) **19 Claverham Way, Battle, TN33 0JE**

Proposed extensions, loft conversion with dormer and rear decking (alternative to that approved under RR/2017/1977/P).

Comment: No objection to this.

Members noted:

[RR/2017/2642/TN](#) **Thegns House - side of, Telham Lane, Battle TN33 0SN**

Installation of High Speed Broadband Cabinets.

[RR/2017/2652/TN](#) **Springfields - Site of, Powdermill Lane, Telham Lane, Battle TN33 0SP**

Installation of High Speed Broadband Cabinets.

10. Finance

- The **budget report at 31 October 2017** was noted, as attached.
- Cllr Jessop reported that there has been a **revision to budget recommendation for 2018/19** in the Neighbourhood Plan from £5k to £2,500. He highlighted the increase in budget for footpath maintenance in light of increased concern from residents that ESCC are not carrying out remedial work.

11. Matters for information / future agenda items

The Clerk requested that any items for the next **Strengthening Local Relationships** meeting be emailed as soon as possible for discussion at the next meeting on 8 January.

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9 January 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman