



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 7 November 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs: Mrs P Fisher, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh, M Palmer and Mrs S Pry.

1. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs Fisher was proposed by Cllr Jessop. With no other nominations Cllr Mrs Fisher was duly elected for the remainder of the year.

2. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs R Bye and Mrs T Farr.

3. Disclosure of Interest – Cllr Mrs Fisher expressed a personal interest in the applications relating to 55 High Street as she is a near neighbour.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 October 2012. Cllr Kiloh proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pry. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings – None.

6. Correspondence & Communications

The **enforcement cases** list was noted.

There were **no decisions** to report.

6. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

RR/2012/1415/P

2 Old Post Office Cottages, Darwell Hill

Proposed rear and side extensions. Relocate vehicular access and provide new parking and turning area.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/1964/P

St John the Baptist Church – land adj

To change the use of part of an area of scrub/woodland on which to construct a car parking area to accommodate 3 cars ancillary to the private residential use of the old school.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/2034/P

Battle Pre-School Playgroup, Asten Fields

Proposed extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/2052/L

2-3 Upper Lake, Stiles Garage

Installation of new roller shutter door to existing workshop and ancillary works.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/2055/P

Old Orchard, Chain Lane

Proposed single storey side extension to form utility room. Proposed 4 no dormer windows. Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage with office over. Proposed front porch.

Comments: No objection to this.

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RR/2012/2063/P

Gate Farm Lodge, Whatlington Road

Variation of condition 2 in respect of RR/2011/1934/P (for erection of 3 no residential units with associated access, parking and amenity space after demolition of building), relating to resiting and reduction in size of one garage.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/2068/P

1 Tollgates

Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and link extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2012/2079/A

55 High Street

Installation of externally illuminated lettering on the front elevation and an externally illuminated projecting sign; an externally illuminated fascia sign over the side entrance and 2 no non-illuminated, free-standing, marketing boards at the front of the premises.

Comments: The Committee has consistently opposed proposals for externally illuminated signs on buildings in the High Street, within the conservation area and therefore objected to this element of the application. The Committee was equally opposed to the proposed free-standing marketing boards adjacent to the return walls adjoining the entrance. The design and scale of the boards would be very intrusive and out of character both with the building itself and the conservation area.

RR/2012/2080/P

55 High Street

Change of use from a mixed A3/A5 (Sui Generis) use to use for A2 purposes as a licensed betting office.

Comments: The Committee felt that the proposed use would be unsuitable and considered it in the context of the strategic objectives contained in the evolving Core Strategy, particularly those relating to the economy. Members felt that the proposed use did not satisfy the specific objectives including the desire to develop key existing sectors such as tourism and were therefore opposed to it.

RR/2012/2081/P

55 High Street

Installation of 2 no a/c condenser units and a sis satellite dish and aerial.

Comments: Notwithstanding the comments made in the application, Committee Members were not reassured about noise levels from the proposed air conditioning units which they fear will cause disturbance to neighbours. They were therefore opposed to the application.

7. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

Cllr Mrs Fisher queried whether permission should have been obtained for the installation of solar panels on a property located just off the Mount Street car park. The key factor is likely to be whether or not the property lies within the conservation area.

Cllr Jessop gave a brief report on the morning's SLR meeting full notes of which will be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21 November 2012

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman

