



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 9 May 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman
Cllrs: Mrs P Fisher, R Harris, Mrs M Howell and Mrs M Kiloh

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye, J Carter, Mrs T Farr and A Mitchell.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 25 April 2012. Cllr Mrs Kiloh proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Jessop. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Looking ahead to the meeting with the **District Council** later in the morning, the Committee reviewed their previous discussions relating to **site allocations**. This had moved through preliminary thoughts linked to the initial Core Strategy consultation, through the review of SHLAA and then the Battle Town Study. In the absence of knowing precisely how the District Council anticipated the site allocations meeting to progress it was felt sufficient to simply confirm the Committee's previously established position.

5. **Correspondence & Communications**

The updated **enforcement cases** list was noted.

The **latest list of decisions** was noted as attached. The Clerk drew particular attention to the fact that although consent has been granted for work to the front elevation of the **1066 Public House** a condition has been imposed requiring that the existing flood lighting and downlighters should be removed.

Cllr Harris noted that one of the decisions had been contrary to the Committee's view about a **proposal for tree trimming**. In the ongoing absence of Cllr Carter the Committee shared his view that, in future, someone from the Committee should be appointed to at least inspect the site to establish the precise details of any tree proposals.

6. **SLR Meeting held on 25 April**

The attached notes from the meeting had been circulated and were noted. Cllr Jessop mentioned that progress is being made regarding the **gravel migrating from Tollgate House**. Regarding **gateways**, the Clerk said that details of appropriate Highways symbols had been received from the County Council. The Battle in Bloom Group will now work up detailed design of the gateways. Cllr Harris was disappointed that nothing further appears to be possible regarding the ugly **concrete bollards on Battle Hill**. The Clerk will pursue whether there are any planning avenues which might be further pursued.

7. **To Consider Planning Applications Received**

RR/2012/805/P (Del) **Telham Hill House, Telham Lane**

Addition of first floor link to previously approved extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

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RR/2012/874/P (Del)

7 Vale Road

Erection of timber decking 10 foot wide x 20 foot long of tanalised wood along the back of the building with steps to side for access. West side screened with a 6 foot willow screen.

Comments: The Committee considered whether they should register a prejudicial interest since objections to this application had been received from the neighbour who is a Council employee. As a consequence the Committee simply reiterated the Council policy which is to oppose proposals such as this which create potential loss of privacy. In doing so Members noted that the decking is considerably higher than that to which they had raised objection in previous cases. The Committee also noted the inconsistencies between the supporting statement which had accompanied the application and the terms of objection submitted by the neighbour.

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

8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 23 May 2012

The meeting closed at 10.15am.

Cllr Jessop
Chairman

