



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING Held on Wednesday 12 February 2014 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr R Jessop – Chairman  
Cllrs D Furness, J Gynge, M Howell, M Kiloh.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye, M Palmer and S Pry.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** held on 29 January 2014. Cllr Jessop proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Kiloh. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

#### 4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Following further correspondence on ownership and responsibilities from parties having an interest in Market Square, Cllr Jessop proposed that the issue of repairs and maintenance of the area in Market Square leased to Budgens Ltd should be progressed by the Deputy Clerk and this was agreed.

#### 5. **Correspondence and Communications**

The Committee noted:

- The latest **enforcement cases** list. Cllr Jessop reported that regarding 2 residential caravans at Greenwood Yard, Marley Lane, the removal of one caravan is being monitored by Rother District Council (RDC) officers but no enforcement action is being pursued at present. Regarding Plot 4 at Greenacres Farm, RDC officers were due to check compliance in the week prior to the meeting although no report had been received by BTC;
- The latest **list of decisions** as attached;
- To discuss at **SLR meeting on 26 February** – It was reported that rainwater is no longer laying in Wellington Gardens or North Trade Road and the work by County Highways was acknowledged but there is considerable water by the bus stop opposite Station Approach. Concern was expressed about pot holes opposite Telham Church in Hastings Road despite several attempts at pothole repairs, and in Marley Lane, especially the approach to the sewage works. Committee stated that Network Rail should be asked to keep Marley Lane clear of mud where they were accessing their site.

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

Committee examined the plans and commented as follows:

##### **RR/2013/2386/P Hilltop, Darwell Hill**

Dormer to front elevation.

**Comments:** Committee raised no objections to this application.

**RR/2014/50/P 54 Wellington Gardens** – This application had been dealt with at the last meeting.

##### **RR/2014/130/P Moonrakers**

Enlargement of Care Home business. Removal of existing roof. Construction of walls to form first floor and replacement roof over.

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**Comments:** The Committee agreed this was an improvement on the previous application and would support this application.

**RR/2014/134/P      41 Virgins Lane**

Proposed extensions and alterations.

**Comments:** Committee raised no objections to this application.

**RR/2014/139/P      The Chalet**

Siting of mobile home and associated facility structures on existing Gypsy site – for relative of applicant.

**Comments:** The site is on a flood plain (Zone 3) and requires a flood risk assessment. The application form stated - Q 12 - that it is not and this is clearly a false and misleading response. The field within the site flooded even before the heavy rain on 12 February 2014. The application does not meet the requirements of HG6 - Proposals for new gypsy sites, extensions to existing gypsy sites and sites for travelling show people; or HG10 - Proposals for new dwellings in the countryside; as set out in Rother District Council's Local Plan. Consent has already been given for one elderly relative and it is not known what justification there is for this application. No details have been provided. The Committee very strongly objects to this application and intensification of use of this site.

**RR/2014/52/P      Ridgeway, Starrs Green Lane**

Addition to conservatory annexe.

**Comments:** Committee raised no objections to this application

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

**8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 26 February 2014.**

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## Planning Application Decisions

The Town Council has been notified by Rother District Council of the following planning application decisions:

Location	Proposal	Decision
Adanac, Whatlington Road RR/2013/2567/P	Proposed rear extension	Granted √
4 Netherfield Hill Cottages RR/2013/2505/O	Erection of single storey rear extension.	Permitted development
Woods Place Farm RR/2013/1015/P	Proposed conversion of redundant farm buildings to holiday cottages.	Granted √

