



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 13 January 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), M Kiloh, M Palmer and A Ratcliffe  
**In Attendance:** Andy Beams (Town Clerk), 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllrs D Furness, J Gyngell and M Howell.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – none.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 December 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Correspondence and communications**
  - Updated enforcement list as at 4 January 2016 was noted.
  - Decisions received were noted.

### GRANTED

- **RR/2013/560/L Pyke House, Upper Lake, Battle**  
Replacement of some windows and doors and minor internal alterations.
- **RR/2013/635/P 28 Marley Rise, Battle**  
Construct single width vehicular crossover across existing grassed verge and construct single width drive/car parking hard standing within curtilage of property.
- **RR/2015/2506/P Parkridge – Land adjacent, Caldbeck Hill, Battle**  
Erection of dwelling with parking spaces.
- **RR/2015/2637/P Parkridge – Land adjacent, Caldbeck Hill, Battle**  
Amendments to approved scheme for three new houses including variation of approved drawings (condition 3 of RR/2011/1475/P).
- **RR/2015/2861/P Acorns, Oakhurst Road, Battle**  
Change of roof from hip to barn end to match opposite side.

### REFUSED

- **RR/2015/2065/P West View, Kane Hythe Road, Battle**  
2 metre high close boarded timber fence to boundary fronting a highway (retrospective).

The Town Clerk was requested to write to RDC to chase up on an enforcement case that was in excess of 3 months for receipt of a response / planning application.

The Town Clerk was also requested to chase up a response from RDC following previous concerns expressed to RDC on a property that it is believed that they own the freehold for in the High Street. That property has a very poorly conditioned frontage and is in the Conservation Area. Even if the lease to the occupiers requires them to maintain the frontage RDC should apply pressure to ensure the property is put in good order. This is even more important noting that this is the anniversary year of the Battle of Hastings and that visitor numbers to the town will be high.

### 5. **To note comments made under delegated authority**

Members noted the previously submitted responses to applications agreed under delegated authority

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**[RR/2015/2981/P](#) Fox Hole Farm, Kane Hythe Road, Battle, TN33 9QU**

Conversion of garage building and existing accommodation to form holiday let/ancillary accommodation for family and friends of occupiers of Fox Hole Farm.

**Comments:** No objection

**[RR/2015/2983/P](#) 4 North Trade Road, Battle, TN33 0EX**

New vehicular access and parking.

**Comments:** Members comment that although removing parking from the street along North Trade Road should be welcomed, it is not clear what vision splay will be achieved. If the standard cannot be met, then the application should be refused for safety reasons.

**[RR/2015/3007/P](#) Hemingfold Farm, Hastings Road, Battle, TN33 0TU**

Conversion of barns/stores to a 1 bed private annex and a 1 bed holiday apartment including construction of new extension between the two existing buildings and demolition of an existing concrete workshed and open sided timber garage.

**Comments:** No objection

**[RR/2015/3019/P](#) 112 Hastings Road, Telham Firs, Battle, TN33 0TQ**

Erection of double garage and boundary wall.

**Comments:** Members comment noting that the gates to the new front wall are set back so allowing the driver entering the property to be off the highway then that aspect of the proposal is satisfactory. However, there is some concern on the exiting from the property with 2m high walls obstructing the ability to see any pedestrians. The Planning Authority is asked to keep this in mind when assessing the application.

**[RR/2015/3075/P](#) Tower Hill Farm, North Trade Road, Battle, TN33 0HN**

Three bay detached garage with games room over.

**Comments:** Members have no objection, but recommend the Planning Authority impose a condition to limit the use to strictly garaging and games room over only.

**[RR/2015/3088/P](#) Laneham, Oakhurst Road, Battle, TN33 0JL**

Proposed entrance porch and alterations.

**Comments:** No objection

**[RR/2015/3091/P](#) Sunny Banks, Battle Hill, Battle, TN33 0BN**

Erection of double garage.

**Comments:** No objection

## 6. To consider planning applications received

**[RR/2015/3074/P](#) Kingdom Hall (The Old Print Shop), Red Barn Mews, High Street, Battle, TN33 0AG**

Change of use from place of worship to office.

**Comments:** No objection

## 7. National Planning Policy Consultation response

The consultation had been circulated to all Members, and Cllr Jessop circulated a suggested response. Members agreed with Cllr Jessop's comments and authorised the Town Clerk to respond accordingly.

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## **8. Footpath waymarking, cleaning and improvements**

Bev Marks was invited to explain to Members the two requests he had made regarding waymarking in Battle Parish and footway cleaning and improvements in Battle town, with the aim for action to be completed before the influx of visitors marking the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A negative response had been received from the Rights of Way & Countryside Team Manager at ESCC, despite previous reassurances being given at Chief Executive level to Kathryn Field that the every effort would be made to support the town in preparation for October.

Members agreed that the Town Clerk should write to both ESCC and RDC at Chief Executive level to support the proposals of Bev Marks and request action to be taken to ensure the town's appearance is at its best for an event which is already gaining significant national interest.

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

Cllr Ratcliffe queried the agreed plan for the new build on the junction of Caldbec Hill and Uckham Lane, believing the entrance onto the road was not as per the agreed plans. The Town Clerk was asked to investigate.

## **10. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27 January 2016**

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

**Cllr R Jessop**  
**Chairman**

