



Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on
TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2019 at 7.30pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

Present: Cllrs J Gyngell (Chairman), C Davies, G Favell, M Kiloh, A Russell, D Wheeler.

In attendance: Mr B Marks (footpaths advisor), C Harris (Town Clerk).

Public Question Time

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 2. Disclosure of interest:** None.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 12 November 2019** were approved and duly signed by Cllr Gyngell.
- 4. Clerk's report**
 - Emails had been sent to various Rother District Council Officers and District Councillors in support of **access between Blackfriars and Battle Railway Station** and to influence improvements to the **1066 Country Walk** as agreed at the previous meeting. Confirmation of the Officer dealing with the latter is awaited.
 - A response had been received from **East Sussex County Council (ESCC)** indicating that the **dead Elm trees at FP82** are on land belonging to Southern Gas Networks and this issue has been passed to them for action. The Clerk was asked to report that the recent high winds had brought down several limbs.
 - Staff had placed polite notices on **cars parked out of bays in Mount Street overflow car park** and this appeared to be easing the problem. Copies of these will be available for Members.
 - ESCC had reported that the **pedestrian crossing markings on North Trade Road** are not causing an immediate safety concern but will be refreshed when the lining crew is next in the area.
 - Residents in **Caldbec Hill** had been consulted on **proposals by ESCC to install a chestnut knee rail perimeter around the site**. Several residents had highlighted the lack of access availability to the footpath on the inside of the wildflower area and that the lack of parking would cause inconvenience and could force vehicles to park, potentially dangerously, on the road. One resident had been fully supportive and had suggested that land may be available for rented parking spaces close to the cottages. Members considered the comments and agreed that ESCC should be asked to provide gaps in the fencing for pathway access. It was noted that ESCC could not allow a small parking area on safety grounds.

5. Correspondence & communications

Decisions received: Approved

RR/2019/792/P **56-458 High Street- Land rear of, Battle**

Construction of 3 no. 1 bed dwellings with associated car parking, cycle storage and amenity garden space.

RR/2019/1860/L **78 High Street, Battle**

Proposed replacement lantern

RR/2019/2069/P &

RR/2019/2073/L **71-72 High Street, Co-op Supermarket, Battle**

Proposed passive extract vents to windows in rear service yard along with new extract vent to

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high level on rear elevation. Replace previously installed condenser unit with new in service yard.

RR/2019/2128/P **Lerette Cottage, Netherfield Hill, Netherfield, Battle**

Regularisation of minor works within garden area including decking, storage shed timber boundary fencing and retaining timber walls/steps.

RR/2019/2256/L **The Gun House, Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Battle**

Remove existing weatherboarding from front elevation. Install insulation in cavity within timber frame, breathable membrane to protect timber frame and re-instate the weatherboarding as per the original installation.

RR/2019/2291/P **6 Marley Lane, Marlyn, Battle**

Two storey side extension, loft conversion and rear dormer.

RR/2019/2297/P **5 Battle Gates, Battle**

Proposed single storey front extensions, two storey side extension, enlargement of dormers and rear patio.

RR/2019/2373/P **13 Abbots Close, Battle**

Variation to conditions 2 and 4 imposed on RR/2018/2462/P to remove detached garage from the proposal and details for conditions 3, 5 and 6.

RR/2019/2374/P **13 Abbots Close, Battle**

Proposed Garage

RR/2019/2375/P **167 Hastings Road, 2 Kent View, Battle**

New vehicular access/crossover and parking space to the front of the property

Decisions received: Refused

RR/2019/1896/P **Kesma, Norman Close, Battle**

Erection of 6ft tall wooden fence

RR/2019/2125/P **8 Asten Fields, Battle**

Proposed redesign and extension to existing roof to serve existing bedrooms within the roof.

New window to the rear

A request from the **1066 Cycle Group** for Councillors to support a petition to ESCC to create new **opportunities for walking and cycling** which has seen the loss of £5m funding. The Clerk was asked to circulate to all Members.

6. Footpath matters

- Mr Marks(BM), Footpaths Advisor reported on a meeting with **Network Rail Business Development Manager**, Paul Donald(PD) and Cllr Field at Battle Station to discuss and survey the **Blackfriars site/Access-for-All(AfA) issues**. It was noted that **Footpath(FP) 75** to Marley Lane was only just passable and is leased by South Eastern Railway. The possible options for accessibility to Platform 2 was discussed and PD agreed to raise the issues with NR colleagues and supply mapping to show NR ownership of land around Battle Station. The latter had been received and showed no direct connectivity from NR land to/from the Blackfriars site area. It was hoped that an alternative to the standard lift, as installed at Staplehurst, would be possible. BM agreed to circulate notes of the meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Marks for all his help.
- The Clerk confirmed that she had finally spoken with the contractor that had undertaken work at Mansers Shaw to discuss **surface hardening at sections of FPs 41, 82 and 87**. He had agreed to research suitable material and provide a quote immediately after the Christmas period and would be available to carry out the work February/March. The Clerk was asked to identify the surfacing provided by ESCC contractors.

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- The topographical survey for the **Mountjoy to Bowmans Drive Steps to Ramp project** had been received and circulated. The Clerk had sent this to a landscape architect for a quote to design a ramp. The advice indicated that the space necessary for a fully accessible ramp would require land from adjacent properties. Members agreed that this was not feasible. Cllr Favell suggested that an alternative proposal might have potential. The Clerk was asked to approach the landscape architect for further advice.

7. Transport for South East strategy

Members had considered the online [Strategy Summary](#) and [questionnaire](#). It was noted that Battle and Hastings had not been independently identified. Following discussion, Cllr Gyngell agreed to produce a response on behalf of the Council that would be circulated to Members prior to submission.

8. Action plan

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Field and the MP for assistance with the **A2100 declassification**.

9. Planning applications received to date

[RR/2019/2445/L](#) &

Gate Farm Barn, Whatlington Road, Battle TN33 0NA

[RR/2019/2451/P](#)

Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2019/1735/L to change the orientation of the dwelling and internal changes.

Comment: No objection in principle but the new footprint or parked vehicles should not hinder access to the public right of way.

[RR/2019/2393/P](#)

3 Windgrove Cottages, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0JR

Two storey side extension.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2019/2516/P](#)

1 Beech Close, Woodlands, Battle TN33 0LB

Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2017/1807/P to allow alternative external materials and additional side window at ground floor level.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2019/2526/P](#)

4 Barley Grattens, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QG

Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory.

Comment: No objection to this.

[RR/2019/2564/P](#)

Mill View, Netherfield Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 0LH

Single storey extension to replace rear porch and addition of roof lantern at rear of house.

Comment: No objection to this.

10. Finance

The **budget report at 31 October 2019** was noted, as attached.

11. Confidential item

The updated enforcement list as at 2 December 2019 was noted.

12. Matters for information / future agenda items

The Clerk was asked to report to RDC Enforcement the high wooden fence recently erected at Senlac Gardens.

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13. Date of next meeting: 14 January 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**Clr J Gyngell
Chairman**

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