



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 9 October 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr R Jessop - Chairman  
Cllrs D Furness, J Gyngell, M Howell, and S Pry.

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye, M Kiloh (please also offer for meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October) and M Palmer.

**2. Disclosure of Interest** – None

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 25 September 2013. Cllr Furness proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Gyngell. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

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

**A response to the Chairman's letter to Rother District Council (RDC) regarding concerns about effectiveness of enforcement being taken action taken had been received and would be circulated.** Better detail of what the breaches were and more detail of what was happening in each case, had been asked for. It would also be helpful for time management if more detail was provided by the Council about what specific concerns about a breach were, when cases were reported to RDC. The restructuring review at RDC had to save c.£1M, most of which was staffing costs.

Cllr Furness had asked the Clerk to contact RDC again with continuing concerns from residents about the roof line height and number of bedrooms planned possibly not being compliant with the grant of planning permission for **28 Virgins Lane**. The Enforcement Officer (EO) had visited again and found that it complied with the grant of planning permission.

**Barn erected at Coarse Barn Farm, Marley Lane** – Development Control had had Prior Notification under permitted development rights and the EO would check that it was compliant.

#### **5. To consider Tree Preservation Orders around Battle**

The Chairman suggested that Councillors brought a list of trees to note in a month's time when a date would be set to undertake a tour of the Wards in Battle as a committee and to make a list to propose for preservation.

#### **6. Correspondence & Communications**

The updated **enforcement cases** list was noted. **Would the Assistant Clerk please add Farmeggs Farm, Kane Hythe Road to the next list** which had been accidentally taken off the last list.

The latest **list of decisions** was noted as attached.

**Correspondence had been received, as circulated at the meeting, from Mr Nick Whistler regarding Land opposite Caldbec House** following his meeting with the Clerk to discuss his wish to purchase the land to return it to his family ownership. The Clerk had suggested that as Mr Whistler's expressed wish was in line with BTC's desire to see the land protected as green open space, and therefore he might consider suggesting a restrictive covenant to that effect be placed on the title in any proposal to purchase (note: land owned by East Sussex

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County Council not BTC).

**It was agreed that the Clerk would reply** that BTC were continuing to discuss purchasing the land from ESCC, wishing to protect it from encroachment by campers and vehicles which would also meet Mr Whistler's wish to preserve the view across it. BTC would be happy to recognise his family's connection if successful, by naming it after a family member for example. As he had been mindful of preserving some resident's car parking, he might still consider leasing/providing part of his land as suggested as an alternative site for them. The offer to meet Cllr Furness to discuss further would be extended.

**7. To receive a report of the Strengthening Local Relationships meeting** – dealt with in last meeting.

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

### **RR/2013/1902/P Amicus Horizon Building, Chain Lane, Watch Oak**

Formation of new UPVC French doors

**Comments:** No objection

### **RR/2013/1876/P Moonrakers, Hastings Road, Battle**

Removal of existing roof. construction of walls to form first floor and replacement roof over

**Comments:** No objection

### **RR/2013/1873/P Uplands Cottage, Netherfield Road, Netherfield**

Extension to existing dog kennel

**Comments:** No objection subject to an outside run being provided for.

### **RR/2013/1598/P**

### **RR/2013/1599/L Little Park Farm, Battle**

Change of use and alteration to existing storage unit forming fitness studio all within footprint of existing structure

**Comments:** Noting that an application has already been presented for some of the agricultural buildings to be converted to holiday homes on the site, Battle Town Council objects on the grounds that overall development of the site would best be served using a Whole Farm Plan approach to the diversification schemes proposed. The service track to the proposed development is in poor condition and for reasons of safety and given the multiple users affected, the Council would wish to see a condition of any future development to provide hard surfacing.

### **RR/2013/2002/P Garages at Parks Yard, High Street, Battle**

Rebuilding/conversion of garages into 2 No Cottages

**Comments:** No objection

### **RR/2013/1970/P Merryvale, North Trade Road, Battle**

Demolition of sub-standard extension and existing garage. Erection of replacement extension with pitch roof, replacement garage and erection of conservatory.

**Comments:** No objection

### **RR/2013/1959/P**

### **RR/2013/1960/L Beech Farmhouse, Battle**

Proposed extension and alterations

**Comments:** No objection

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## **RR/2013/1928/P Mill View, Netherfield Hill, Battle**

Excavate front garden to accommodate new detached pitch roof garage

**Comments:** Objection on grounds that inappropriate to street scene and not in keeping with open nature of front gardens.

## **RR/2013/1928/P 31 Claverham Way, Battle**

Loft conversion with flat roofed dormer and velux windows to rear elevation

**Comments:** No objection

### **Appeals:**

#### **APP/U1430/A/132205128 Leeford Place Hotel, Whatlington Road, Battle**

Detached three bay garage/storage building (alternative to proposals approved under RR/2011/49/P and RR/2012/1998/P)

**Comments:** No comment.

### **8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items**

Under Item 5 above, to note **in a month's time (6<sup>th</sup> November - Assistant Clerk please note for Agenda), Councillors to bring list of trees of note from each Ward** and to set a date to undertake a comprehensive tour of the Wards in Battle, together as a committee. To make a list to propose for preservation.

**The Old House, Upper Lake** – Cllr Howell raised, on behalf of Cllr Fisher, concern as to whether the alterations to the roofline had permission. The Clerk recalled dormer windows previously which had been removed - she was aware who the previous owner was and who might be consulted for the information. The Chairman suggested that if Mrs Fisher was concerned, could be registered with RDC.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 23 October 2013**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Cllr Jessop  
Chairman

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## **Planning Application Decisions**

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

As at 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013

<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
RR/2013/1645/L 34-35 High Street	Internal works to resolve ongoing water penetration to basement floor and ceiling	Granted √

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