



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 8 January 2014 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye and J Gyngell.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 18 December 2013. Cllr Pry proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Furness. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

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

The Asst Clerk confirmed that the Committee's concerns regarding the lining omissions on the **proposed Traffic Regulation Order at North Trade Road (NTR) and Caldbec Hill (CH)** had been reported to ESCC. They have now asked for confirmation whether the Council objects to the current proposals. It was agreed that the omissions are an objection although the principle of increasing the double yellow lines is supported.

#### 5. **Correspondence & Communications**

The Committee noted:

- the updated **enforcement cases** list. Further concern was raised about **Farm Eggs Farm**. Cllr Jessop reported that at a recent RALC meeting the lack of progress on enforcement cases in general was raised. It had been suggested that the 3 District and Borough Councils be approached to employ a part-time ex planning officer to prepare and present cases to the Planning Authority as a way of resolving the unsatisfactory situation;
- the latest **list of decisions** as attached;
- ESCC's **change of Highway Steward for Battle**. Jon Copp will also be attending SLR meetings;
- **changes to local bus service concessionary fares and charges** approved by ESCC Cabinet as an essential result of cuts in their transport budget effective from 1 April 2014.
- a **draft service specification for Southeastern rail** from December 2014 as a result of the rebuilding of London Bridge station.

To Consider:

- an invitation from **Southeastern Rail** to comment on a **draft timetable for 2015** as a result of the planned rebuilding of London Bridge station. Members agreed that this appeared to be essential and no comment was required;
- a request by **Wylands Angling Centre for tourist direction signs** to be placed at the junction of Powdermill Lane and Lower Lake. The Committee raised no objection to this.

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

RR/2013/2567/P

Adanac Whatlington Road

Proposed rear extension.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

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**RR/2013/2578/P**

**The Old Police House, Darvel Down, Netherfield**

Erection of detached double garage. Revised design following refusal of RR/2013/2136/P.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

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

Cllr Jessop reported that Roger Williams of ESCC Highways would be making a presentation at the RALC meeting in the Memorial Hall next Wednesday at 2.30pm. Mr Williams would be highlighting ways in which County hope to reduce future costs; including delegating of services to local councils which would include a contribution towards costs. All Members are welcome to attend.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15 January 2014**

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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 8 January 2014:

Location	Proposal	Decision
Little Park Farm RR/2013/1598/P RR/2013/1599/L	Development and Listed Building Consent Change of use and alteration to existing storage unit forming a fitness studio all within footprint of existing structure.	Granted X
2 Loose Farm Cottages, Telham RR/2013/1721/O	Lawful occupation of a dwelling without complying with an agricultural occupancy condition.	Granted √
Hopcroft & Croft Cottage – land to rear of, Lower Lake RR/2013/2169/P	Two new detached dwellings and associated parking.	Refused X
85-86 High Street – land rear of RR/2013/2239/P	Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2012/894/P – changes to approved plans including formation of loft accommodation, installation of rear roof windows and additional window to WC at front of each unit.	Granted X
Old Barrack Inn, Whatlington Road RR/2013/2271/P	Proposed new garage and wood store.	Granted X
Netherhay Barn, Whatlington Road RR/2013/2375/P	Proposed agricultural storage barn.	Granted √
33 North Trade Road, Merryvale RR/2013/2376/P	Erection of replacement extension.	Granted √