



Battle Town Council



Minutes of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom

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

In attendance: District Cllr Cook, two members of the public, Mr B Marks (Footpaths Advisor), C Harris (Town Clerk).

Public Question Time

None.

1. Apologies for absence: None.

Cllr Favell had reported her late arrival due to clash of meetings.

2. Disclosure of interest: None.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 12th January 2021 were approved for electronic signature by Cllr Gyngell.

4. Clerk's report

- As previously reported, the online public meeting being held on Thursday 11 February at 7pm by the **Community Land Trust** on the possibility of **Community Led Housing** as part of the **Blackfriars site** has been published on the Council's website and social media.
- The £500 fee has now been paid to **East Sussex County Council** for the **feasibility appraisal at Coronation Gardens**. It has been indicated that there is a 4-6 week lead time for this. Contact with Optivo has been attempted and will be pursued.

4. Correspondence and Communications

- Notification from East Sussex Highways of **temporary road closure of U6342, Saxonwood Road**, from its junction with A271 North Trade Road for its entire length from **4 March to 8 March** to allow **South East Water** to carry out works and replace waterfits and meters.
- Notification from East Sussex Highways of **temporary road closure of U6953, Telham Lane**, from its junction with Peppering Eye to the property known as Lower Telham, from **10 March to 12 March (09:30 hours to 15:30 hours)** to allow **BT Openreach** to carry out works to a decayed pole.

Decisions received:

Approved

RR/2020/1397/P **Field House, Battle Gates, Battle TN33 OJD**

Replacement detached triple garage with home office.

RR/2020/2004/P **Jamaine, Marley Lane, Battle TN33 OBB**

Two storey side extension.

RR/2020/2268/L **32 Mount Street, Battle TN33 OEG**

Alter existing top hung casement Crittall windows to side hung casements.

RR/2020/220/P **3 Barley Grattans, Battle**

Proposed single storey rear extension and part conversion of attached garage to utility room.

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RR/2020/2194/P

Darvel Down – land at, Netherfield, Battle

Variation of condition 12 imposed on RR/2017/2308/P to allow development to commence prior to the submission of a Traffic Regulation Order securing the provision of parking restrictions on the north side of Darvel Down.

Refused

RR/2020/1623/P

25 Senlac Gardens, Battle TN33 0AX

Erection of timber close board fencing to front boundary of property (Retrospective).

RR/2020/1637/P

24 Senlac Gardens, Battle TN33 0AX

Erection of close board 6ft treated natural wood fence. (Retrospective)

- A request from a neighbour of **Telham Meadows (RR/2020/2510/P)** to consider this application similarly to the previous application (RR/2019/2774/P) that was objected to. It was reported that the proposal for a modern dwelling is between two grade 2 listed properties in an AONB and would have a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.
- Notification of **Tree Preservation Orders for 15 trees at land off Chain Lane** around Watch Oak House

6. Cycling & Walking Working Group

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that he is in discussion with the Deputy Town Clerk/Town Development Officer to publish a press release.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The draft notes from the meeting on 27 January 2021 had been circulated, as attached. Cllr Howell reported that an Inspector well experienced in historic areas had been assigned but a date for commencement is awaited.

8. Footpath matters

The Footpaths Advisor reported the **quick action of the ESCC Rights of Way Team** to ensure that notices were erected and online publication to advise the closure of a section of footpath 20 due to dangerous erosion was to be congratulated. The remedial work is awaited.

9. New development road names

- Draft notes from a recent informal meeting to consider **suggestions for new road names** had been circulated, as attached. Particular thanks were expressed to Cllr Dixon for providing the Rother District Council's Road Naming Policy, as attached. It was agreed that residents' ideas should be sought through the Annual Report. Additional suggestions were William Cobbett, Sister Mary Joy Langdon and Tom/Gladys Giles.
- Members had no objection to the suggested road names for **Lillybank Farm development** as Lillybank Crescent and Hawthorn Close

10. Rother District Council Electric Vehicle Charging

Notes from the meeting had been circulated together with background information. Cllr Gynge highlighted that this scheme remains in the early stages and the Council had agreed to attempt to seek the number of electric vehicles in the town via the Annual Report. Members felt that fast charging technology should be explored. District Cllr Cook reported that a rapid meter required electricity supply with the correct calibre of cable and would cost in the region of £100k; it was £1k for a home use unit.

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11. Rother District Council Planning Focus Group

Cllr Gygell agreed to represent the Council on 23rd February to provide comments. The Clerk was asked to circulate a doodle to agree an informal meeting to discuss appropriate observations.

12. Rother District Council's Car Parks

An invitation to complete a consultation on the effects of car parks in Battle following the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement and on-street charging had been circulated. Some Councillors felt that this is premature. District Cllr Cook highlighted that the RDC Car Park Task & Finish Group had pledged to regularly review the effects. Members agreed to consider response to the 5 questions at the informal meeting to discuss item 11.

13. Strengthening Local Relations (SLR) meeting - 17 March 2021

Members raised again the issues of blocked drains at Marley Lane and the junction of Telham Lane/Hastings Road. The large potholes along Marley Lane and the A2100 were highlighted. The poor way markings and large puddles of water on the Public Right of Way by Fosters Motors are to be reported to the Rights of Way Officer.

The Clerk was asked to report the large amount of litter on roads and verges on the A2100 close to the A21.

14. Action Plan

This was noted, as attached.

15. Applications received to date

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / AMENDED PLANS AND/OR DESCRIPTION

RR/2020/991/P The White Cottage, Battle Hill, Battle TN33 0BN

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of proposed new three bed dwelling incorporating new garage.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2020/2354/P 94 Hastings Road, Heather Hill, Battle TN33 0TQ

Renewal of planning permission RR/2017/2221/P for demolition of existing redundant stables, hardstanding and fencing. Construction of residential annexe, realignment of garden boundary consisting of new landscaping including hedgerow and tree planting.

Comment: Members felt that as the proposed annexe is not linked to the property; the vehicular access is unclear; and the footprint is much larger than other neighbouring properties, this application should be refused.

RR/2020/2370/P 3 Virgins Croft, Battle TN33 0JJ

First floor rear and side extension.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2020/2496/P 79 Hastings Road, Oakwood, Battle TN33 0TF

Proposed demolition of existing garage to 79 Hastings Road. Construction of 2 No. three bed chalet style dwellings to the rear. Alterations to existing vehicular access.

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Comment: It was felt that this application would set a precedent for back garden development and would be out of keeping with neighbouring properties. Members highlighted the poor vehicular access and felt that this would be overdevelopment of the site and should be refused.

RR/2020/2510/P Telham Meadows, Hastings Road, Battle TN33 0SH

Siting of a temporary mobile home, site clearance, new access and driveway. Demolition of existing structures (retrospective). Erection of single storey dwelling.

Comment: Members felt that this should be refused as overdevelopment of the site with a proposed inappropriate building design in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty within a green gap, adjacent to a local heritage asset route-way, close to listed buildings and outside of the development boundary. It was also highlighted that no change of use of the land appeared to have been actioned.

RR/2020/2535/TN 8 North Trade Road, Oakmead - Land at, Battle TN33 0HB

Installation of 1 x 11m wooden pole.

This notification is for information only.

Comment: Noted.

RR/2020/2580/P 2 Middle Close, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QQ

Proposed off road parking and pavement crossover for disabled person.

Comment: No objection to this subject to the pavement crossover being a permeable surface.

16. Finance

The **budget report at 31st December 2020** was noted, as attached. The Clerk highlighted that the project expenditure (4800) relates to the Steps to Ramp project; paid from Ear Marked Reserves and £15 miscellaneous expenditure (4900) for the land searches for the C&WWG.

17. Matters for information / future agenda items

18. Date of next meeting: 9TH March 2021

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

For the consideration of sensitive information it is recommended that the press and public be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2) for the following item.

19. Confidential item

The updated **enforcement list as at 1st February 2021** was noted. The frustration at the lack of action was recorded.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Cllr J Gyngell
Chairman**