



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 29 January 2014 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs R Bye and M Palmer.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 15 January 2014. Cllr Furness proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Jessop. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

The Deputy Clerk reported an email response from Top Markets (Sussex) Ltd confirming that whilst they are freeholders of the **Market Square**, the area is leased to Budgens Limited and that all repairs and maintenance should be directed to them.

5. **Correspondence & Communications**

The Committee noted:

- the latest **enforcement cases** list. The Chairman reported that on inspection of Rother's website 2 items could be deleted from the list: Manor Farm and 8 Netherfield Way. Rother have promised a response regarding enforcement concerns by next week;
- the latest **list of decisions** as attached;
- planned **resurfacing works to the A21** between A228 Pembury Northern Bypass and the A21 southbound junction with Whitworth Road (end of A21 Trunk Road);
- East Sussex County Council's policy on the process of **hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for Shale Gas**. ESCC confirm there are no current applications.

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

RR/2013/2587/P

RR/2013/2588/L **43 High Street, Blacksmiths**

Change of use of part of a restaurant. Conversion of part to form a two bedroom flat including internal alterations and replacement of single extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2013/2628/T

Wendover Caldbec Hill

Fell two mature Ash trees.

Comments: The Committee could see no justification to this proposal and no supporting expert report has been offered for consideration. For these reasons Members urge a refusal.

RR/2014/23/T

27 Bowmans Drive

To lay approximately 25m of native hedgerow at 27 Bowmans Drive. To preserve both the hedgerow and habitat for native flora and fauna. As well as for ease of future maintenance.

Comments: Members felt that there was insufficient information and no detail has been offered on what the hedge would replace and are therefore opposed to this application.

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RR/2014/50/P

54 Wellington Gardens

Single storey extension.

Comments: It was felt that this is an overdevelopment of the site in relation to the existing building and with probable encroachment onto the footpath to the side of the property. The Committee support a refusal.

RR/2014/79/P

Ashbourne, North Trade Road

Two storey pitched roof front extension.

Comments: The Committee have no objection to the proposal in principle but are opposed to the removal of the tree (T1) as no evidence has been supplied to show that it is diseased or dying.

7. Land Use

Cllr Jessop proposed Standing Order 3a for this item. Seconded by Cllr Kiloh and agreed. A note of the discussions is provided separately. There were no recommendations made as the matter was for information only.

8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

Cllr Jessop reported progress with the **ramp by Battle Abbey** which should be installed within this financial year subject to English Heritage and County Highways officers concluding their detailed talks.

Items for the **SLR Meeting** on 26 February for next Agenda

9 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12 February 2014

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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 29 January 2014:

| Location | Proposal | Decision |
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| Beech Farmhouse, Netherfield Hill RR/2013/1959/P RR/2013/1960/L | Planning and Listed Building Consent Proposed extension and alterations. | Granted √ |
| Treat Beauty Salon, 37 High Street RR/2013/2400/P | Erection of conservatory. | Granted √ |
| Cedarwood House, Hastings Road RR/2013/2024/P RR/2013/2025/L | Planning and Listed Building Consent Two storey 11 bedroom extension to the rear of Cedarwood House with glazed links. Associated landscaping works to both front and rear of the existing building, to include parking, ambulance bay and bin stores. | Refused X |