



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 6 May 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Jessop (Chairman), D Furness, J Gyngell, M Kiloh, M Palmer, S Pry and A Ratcliffe.

In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr M Howell
2. **Disclosure of interest** – None
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 April 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings**
None.

5. **Correspondence and communications**

- Southern Rail timetable changes – Cllr Jessop confirmed there were no changes directly affecting Battle, but was circulated for Member information
- New Metrobus service and route – circulated for information
- Updated enforcement list as at 27 April 2015 was noted. Cllr Jessop stated following an exchange of correspondence between RDC and himself over a lack of feedback, the Town Council had been promised information would be forwarded, provided it was treated as confidential. The Town Clerk was asked to chase up this offer, as there were still long outstanding cases with no updates received.
- Decisions received:

GRANTED

- **RR/2015/493/P 2 Great Wood Cottages, Marley Lane, Battle**
Two storey side extension with loft improvements.
- **RR/2015/539/P 5 Wellington Gardens, Battle**
Proposed two storey rear extension.
- **RR/2015549/A Battle Express Service Station, Battle Hill, Battle**
New signage.
- **RR/2015/562/P 28 Hastings Road, Three Arches, Battle**
Proposed rear extension to provide new dining room.

REFUSED

- **RR/2015/512/P Green Acres – Land at, Hastings Road, Battle**
New single storey three bedroom dwelling.

6. **To consider planning applications received to date.**

RR/2015/747/P Baytree Cottage, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JR

Demolition of outside WC and store room at ground level and bathroom at first floor level and erection of a two storey rear extension. Demolition of existing chimneys and erection of new chimney flue for wood burner. Alterations to existing front porch. Re-roofing of whole property.

Comment: Members have no objection to the application, but raised concerns over reported poor management of asbestos on the site, and request investigation from Environmental Health with regard to this.

RR/2015/937/P Baytree Cottage – Land at, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JR

Proposed repositioning of previously approved two bed dwelling (RR/2014/2579/P). Formation of a third bedroom and installation of roof lights to same.

Comment: Members have no objection to the application, but raised concerns over reported poor management of asbestos on the site, and request investigation from Environmental Health with regard to this.

RR/2015/939/P Baytree Cottage, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JR

Proposed new vehicle driveway, parking and turning area to serve existing dwelling.

Comment: Members have no objection to the application, but raised concerns over reported poor management of asbestos on the site, and request investigation from Environmental Health with regard to this.

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RR/2015/781/P Lower Telham Farm, Telham Lane, Battle, TN33 0SP

Variation of conditions 2 and 9 of permission RR/2014/263/P to permit alterations to internal layout and elevations and increased external decking area, provision of Dutch Tub and outdoor shower.

Comment: Members feel this is overdevelopment of the site, and disagree with the removal of condition 9 of the original permission. Concerns were raised over the lack of information regarding sections, which had been requested by RDC. Questions were also raised regarding the health and safety aspect of disabled access.

RR/2015/855/P 10 Starrs Mead, Battle, TN33 0UB

Single storey side extension.

Comment: No objections to this.

RR/2015/873/P & RR/2015/874/L The Kings Mead Windmill, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JS

Erection of triple bay cartlodge.

Comment: No objections to this.

RR/2015/890/P 32 North Trade Road, The Pillars, Battle, TN33 0HU

Single storey extension and loft conversion.

Comment: No objections to this.

7. RDC call for employment sites

Members agreed there was insufficient need for any new sites in the Battle neighbourhood plan area, as these would encroach on the AONB. Members also felt there was potential for further development at the existing zoned sites at Rutherfords in Marley Lane, Station Approach, Glen Gorse, the existing site north west of the White Hart in Netherfield, the Solar site in North Trade Road, various small industrial sites at the eastern end of Hastings Road and all commercial areas in the centre of the town.

8. Publicity for applications to join the Neighbourhood Plan Group

Cllr Jessop informed Members that despite the whole of the Battle parish area being designated as the neighbourhood plan area, a resident in Netherfield was attempting to initiate a separate plan for Netherfield. Cllr Jessop planned to attend the meeting in Netherfield, and would be happy to include any resident within the neighbourhood planning group being established. Members agreed further publicity for people to join the group should be through the Council website, local newspaper, chamber of commerce and through inclusion of local organisations such as the ramblers, cyclist group, schools, faith groups, youth organisations, etc.

Cllr Jessop stated he had drafted an advertisement, and would provide this to the Town Clerk for publication and distribution as agreed.

9. Redesign of Patient Transport Services

Members had been circulated information regarding this in advance of the meeting. Cllr Pry felt this would be of interest to the residents association in Netherfield, who currently fund a service to drive residents to hospital, and agreed to pass the information onto the relevant person.

10. Matters for information / future agenda items

The Town Clerk informed Members that due to the election and subsequent formation procedures of the new Town Council and committees, the previously scheduled meeting on 20 May could not happen. In order to meet the deadlines set by RDC for receiving comments, Members agreed that Cllrs Jessop and Pry would agree comments on behalf of the committee for any applications which would otherwise miss the deadlines. The Town Clerk agreed to circulate information on these applications to all Members, so they could inform Cllrs Jessop and Pry of their thoughts.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 3 June 2015

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman

