

Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 16 August 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman Cllrs: Mrs T Farr, Mrs P Fisher and A Mitchell.

- 1. Apologies for Absence Cllr Mrs M Kiloh and M Howell
- 2. Disclosure of Interest None.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 August 2012. Cllr Mitchell proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Farr. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings None
- 5. Correspondence & Communications

The updated **enforcement cases** list was noted.

The latest list of decisions was noted as attached.

The Clerk reported that the Examination in Public of the District Council's Core Strategy will begin on 6 November. This will look particularly at two separate issues. Firstly, legal requirements in terms of various statutory obligations ranging from sustainability appraisals and habitat assessments, to proper consultation. Secondly, what is known as the soundness test to ensure that the plan is consistent with national policy and is able to justify the proposals contained within it.

Cllrs Jessop and Mrs Fisher reported on the previous day's discussion with Rother planners about site allocations. In terms of housing sites the discussion reflected the general views previously expressed by the Council and concentrated on several sites which had been identified and supported when the SHLAA consultation had taken place. Otherwise, the meeting endorsed the proposal that the Market Square area should be the focus for retail expansion within the town centre and that the station area should be considered as the location for future employment sites. These proposals will be taken forward and form part of the formal consultation process.

6. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

RR/691/CM Wastewater Treatment Works, Marley Lane

Erection of kiosk to accommodate alkaline dosing equipment. **Comments:** No objection to this

RR/2011/1259/P Greenacres Holding, Loose Farm Lane

Erection of Poultry Unit and siting of steel storage container.

Comments: By a majority and in the light of the history of previous applications, it was agreed to raise no objection

RR/2012/683/P (Del) Canadia House and Cherry Orchard – land at

Garden shed of wood construction - flat roof with up and over garage door. (Part

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retrospective).

Comments: The Committee were opposed to this application on the grounds that, as a separate building, it would be inappropriate within the AONB.

RR/2012/1504/P (Del) RR/2012/1505/L (Del)

Battle Methodist Chapel, Lower Lake

Change of use and conversion of Battle Methodist Chapel to form two private dwellings. Insertion of galleried floor within existing Chapel space to form lounge with bedroom accommodation under including alterations to existing timber windows adjoining. Formation of two new door openings to rear Sunday School. Existing Sunday School partitions on first floor to be removed and new plasterboard partitions provided in lieu to new bedroom layout. New metal chimney flue to roof.

Comments: No objection to this

RR/2012/1265/P (Del) Harrier Lane – land at

New building for Methodist Church and community use with associated parking.

Comments: Whilst the Committee had no objection in principle to this proposal, reservations were expressed in two respects. Firstly, that the building can only be accessed from the main car park via a flight of steps. Whilst some alternative provision is made for disabled access the Committee felt that easier access for all users of the building, from the main car park, should be provided. Secondly, regarding materials, the Committee would prefer to see reintroduced the original plan for stonework cladding to the lower storey rather than brickwork.

RR/2012/1490/P (Del)

April Cottage, Whatlington Road

Single storey extension to the rear of the property to allow reconfiguration of ground floor accommodation to provide open plan kitchen and living area. Comments: No objection to this

RR/2012/1497/P (Del) Whitehouse Farm – unit 9, Netherfield

Change of use of land to form sales area for 6 cars. (Retrospective).

Comments: Although there are existing business units on this site the Committee felt that the addition of a car sales area would be a significant change of use which would be inappropriate in this rural environment.

RR/2012/1517/P(Del)

1 Peppering Eye Lane, Forewood Cottages

First floor extension and garage Comments: No objection to this

RR/2012/1540(Del) West View, Oakhurst Road

Replacement of hedge damaged by falling tree with 1.6m high fence (retrospective) Comments: No objection to this

7. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

Cllr Mrs Fisher drew attention to the closure of the footway adjoining Jempson, Funeral Directors, during repairs to the front and side of the building. The Clerk understands that a licence to erect the related scaffolding has been issued by the Highway Authority

8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 29 August 2012

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

Cllr Jessop Chairman

