



Battle Town Council



DRAFT MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 24 September 2014 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr M Howell and M Palmer.**
- 2. Disclosure of Interest – None.**
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 10 September 2014. Resolved: approval of the minutes was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Kiloh.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Acting Town Clerk (ATC) reported on a conversation with Campbell Estate Agents regarding the **Twitten between High Street and Mount Street car park** in which they reported no success in obtaining agreement from the 3 freeholders to share the cost of repair and decoration of this area. The ATC also advised that Rother District Council had responded unhelpfully to a letter requesting enforcement action on this but had also reported this issue on their automated website system. She was asked to push this forward as a Section 215 matter and on the grounds of health and safety with the exposed services posing a risk to pedestrians.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The Committee noted:

- confirmation from RDC that floodlighting has been removed from the application to retain the menage at **Reeves Cottage, Kane Hythe Road (RR/2014/1872/P)** and that this proposal has now been Granted approval. This amendment followed representations from BTC's Planning Committee;
- **Bus Service changes.** Members agreed that this was disappointing;
- agreement of **Rail contract to Southeastern Railway.** Members also agreed that this renewal of the contract was disappointing due to the poor service offered
- notification of **Ninfield Road bridge closure** from 29 September for approximately 6 months for the construction of the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road;
- The latest **list of decisions** as below:
 - **RR/2013/1248/P Howard Bros Joinery, Station Approach.** Proposed extract flues and chimneys from new sprayroom. Granted;
 - **RR/2014/1863/A 16 High Street, NatWest.** 1 x fascia sign & ATM sign. Granted;
 - **RR/2014/1862/L 16 High Street, NatWest** Redecoration of NatWest branch. Granted;
 - **RR/2014/2040/C Battle & Langton School, Market Road.** Formation of new extension to existing school building (re-design of RR/3174/CC granted 12 December 2013). No objection.
 - **RR/2014/1897/P 156 Hastings Road, The Spinney.** Proposed detached gym building. Granted;
 - **RR/2014/1994/P 69 North Trade Road, Sherburn,** Erection of rear extension, internal alterations and changes to roof to provide improved first floor accommodation; changes to parking area. Granted.

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6. Report on the SLR Meeting

Cllr Kiloh highlighted the positive news from the afternoon's meeting of SLR with East Sussex County Council's Highways officers. The notes of the meeting will be available at the next meeting.

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

RR/2014/1954/P 2 Loose Farm, Cottages, Hastings Road

Conversion of Barn to Holiday Let.

Comment: The Committee had no objection to this subject to it being solely for holiday use and no permanent residential occupation.

RR/2014/2105/P 33 North Trade Road, Merryvale

Roof extension to improve accommodation (alternative to that approved under RR/2013/1970/P).

Comment: Members were opposed to the velux windows which appear not to conform with suggested safety heights and also overlook neighbouring properties. It was noted that the previous approval specifically asked that no windows overlook either neighbour.

RR/2014/2147/P Gay Trees, Netherfield Hill

Ground floor front entrance extension together with associated internal alterations.

Comment: No objection to this.

RR/2014/2211/TN 32 North Trade Road – side of

Installation of Openreach street cabinet.

Comment: Noted.

RR/2014/2212/TN Telephone Exchange, North Trade Road

Installation of Openreach street cabinet.

Comment: Noted.

8. Proposed budget for the year 2015 – 2016.

The ATC reminded Members that there is already a devolvement agreement with East Sussex County Council for £1200pa to cover the clearance of brambles and litter at various public footpaths in the area.

9. Matters for information/Future Agenda Items

Cllr Kiloh reported a shared concern at the advertising boards and banners currently being displayed throughout the town by both Battle Abbey and Claremont Schools. Cllr Jessop advised that a standard size board is permitted for a restricted period of time. The ATC was asked to bring both the boards and banners to the attention of Rother District Council.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 8 October 2014

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Cllr Richard Jessop
Chairman

