



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING Held on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Jessop – Chairman
Cllrs R Bye, J Gyngell, M Howell, M Kiloh and M Palmer.

- 1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs D Furness and S Pry.**
- 2. Disclosure of Interest –** Cllr Bye declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application RR/2014/559 as a near neighbour. Cllr Palmer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application RR/2014/579 as a near neighbour.
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** held on 12 March 2014. Cllr J Gyngell proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr M Howell. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings – None.**

5. Correspondence and Communications

The Committee noted:

- the latest **enforcement cases** list.
- the latest **list of decisions** as attached;
- the minutes and attachments from a recent **RTAG meeting** including reports on **Cycling in Rother and Flexible Transport**;
- details of **compensation to rail season ticket holders** for the disruption on the Hastings line.

The Committee discussed:

- a request for permission to allow a **diversion from A21 via the Battle Road B2159, The Ridge and A2100 to A21 Vinehall Roundabout**. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had advised Balfour Beatty that this was not within the Town Council's remit and the Committee agreed that this should be reiterated with the comment that resurfacing of roads is to be encouraged;
- comments made by other Local Councils regarding **Rother's decision to cease sending out hard copies of planning applications**. The Chairman reported a suggestion made by RALC to arrange for local authorities to collectively pay, on a pro-rata of electorate basis, the £10k cost that Rother incur to send out plans. Dependant on number of agreeable authorities this would cost the Council between £600 and £1000 per year. It was noted that objections to Rother are unlikely to have any impact. Cllr Jessop recommended that a more cost efficient solution would be to purchase a projector and screen to allow full size plans to be examined at the meeting. **Cllr Bye proposed to recommend to Full Council that a projector and screen be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr Kiloh and agreed unanimously.**
- an invitation from the Clerk at Sedlescombe to comment on their draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Committee agreed to make no comment but to thank them for their consideration.

6. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

Committee examined the plans and commented as follows:

RR/2014/359/P

87 High Street, The Wild Fig

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Change of use from class A1 (shop) to class A3 (food and drink).

Comments: Committee raised no objections to this.

RR/2014/554/P

Rosecourt, London Road

Alterations to approved development under application RR/2008/2915 and addition of single storey extension.

Comments: Committee raised no objections to this.

RR/2014/559/P

52 Marley Gardens

Removal of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension.

Comments: Committee raised no objections to this.

Cllr Bye repeated his personal and prejudicial interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.

RR/2014/575/P

Stellata, Marley Lane

Erection of rear extension and removal of front bay windows.

Comments: Members felt that the proposed roofline would be overbearing to the adjacent property, The Bungalow, and therefore supported a refusal of this application.

Cllr Palmer repeated his personal and prejudicial interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.

RR/2014/579/P

Arran, Telham Lane

Demolition of existing and erection of replacement single detached dwelling, incorporating enclosure over existing external swimming pool and demolition of existing and erection of replacement garage.

Comments: Committee raised no objections to this.

RR/2014/619/FN

Bluemans Farm, Bluemans Lane

Agricultural barn.

Comments: The Committee noted that this application is not in the Battle Town area and made no comment.

7. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items – None

8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9 April 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Planning Application Decisions

The Town Council has been notified by Rother District Council of the following planning application decisions:

Location	Proposal	Decision
Battle Abbey RR/2013/2608/T	T21 Sycamore – reduce crown by 15%; T35A Sycamore – fell to ground level; T56A Red Oak – reduce by 4m – fell over period of 3 yrs; T116 Prav – fell to ground level; 176 Yew – prune crown; T214 Ash – reduce limb by 3m; R334 Oak – remove lateral branch at source; T398 (adj Hornbeam – fell leaning tree; T1304 Beech – reduce height to 5-6m; line of Turkey Oak T1456, 58, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66 – lift crown to give 3m clearance.	No objection
Ridgeway, Starrs Green Lane RR/2014/52/P	Addition to conservatory annexe.	Granted √
41 Virgins Lane RR/2014/134/P	Proposed extensions and alterations.	Granted √
13 Rowbarns RR/2014/189/O	Lawful use of proposed development in respect of lowering kerb to create access.	Granted

