

## Battle Town Councíl



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 2 January 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

### Present: Cllr R Jessop - Chairman Cllrs: Mrs T Farr, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh and Mrs S Pry.

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs R Bye, Mrs P Fisher and M Palmer.

2. Disclosure of Interest - None.

**3.** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2012. Cllr Mrs Farr proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kiloh. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

#### 4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

Following further discussion with the District Council the Clerk had established that the **solar panels on the property in Mount Street have the benefit of permitted development** and not planning permission as suggested in an earlier enforcement report.

Having read the **permit scheme** proposed **by East Sussex and Surrey Highways** Cllr Jessop advised that it need only be noted.

#### 5. Correspondence & Communications

The **enforcement cases** list was noted. The Committee was disappointed to hear that no reply had been received regarding cases more than six months old and the Clerk was asked to register this with the District Council.

The latest list of decisions was noted as attached.

An Appeal against refusal of permission to relocate vehicular access at Wychnour, Hastings Road (RR/2012/539/P) was noted.

An Appeal against refusal of permission to provide car port to detached garage at 2 Hastings Road (RR2012/1359/P) was noted.

Proposed resurfacing works from Battle Hill to the Black Horse beginning on 14 January for 8 nights was also noted.

As agreed at the latest Council meeting, Cllr Jessop had studied the **Draft Strategy for Bexhill Town Centre** and gave the Committee a brief summary of the key elements. None of the proposals appeared controversial or particularly relevant to Battle residents and it was therefore agreed that there would be little value in attempting to complete the related questionnaire. However, it was noted that the draft strategy emphasises the benefits to Bexhill's economy of having free on-street parking. This appeared to contrast with Rother's policy of ever increasing car parking charges in Battle where there is so little free on-street parking. The Clerk was asked to register this point.

The County Council had circulated a **Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.** Inevitably the focus is on areas prone to flooding and the Committee therefore felt it would have little direct relevance to the Town Council area. However, the discussion prompted comments about recent highway drainage problems which will be raised as the forthcoming SLR meeting.

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

In the absence of the meeting planned for 19 December details of the first two applications had been circulated to Members. The following comments had been agreed and forwarded to the District Council.

#### RR/2012/2294/P

#### Doctors Cottage, Darwell Hill

Extension to existing garage and conversion of garage roofspace to form ancillary accommodation.

**Comments:** This planning application mirrored the listed building consent application (RR/2012/2295/L) on which the Committee had already commented. Those comments should therefore be repeated.

#### RR/2012/2332/P

#### **1** Coronation Gardens

Erection of proposed dwelling.

**Comments:** Concern about this application was expressed in two respects. Firstly, notwithstanding the reassurance provided with the application, Members were worried that the development would result in unreasonable damage to the adjoining Oak tree. A Preservation Order might be appropriate to ensure its future protection. Secondly, the Committee noted that the proposed house would have greater depth than width which would result in a small back garden with an average depth of only 8.5m, including the patio. This was considered an inadequate amount of amenity space for a family home and the Committee therefore felt that this would be an overdevelopment of the site.

#### RR/2012/2359/P

#### 11 Norman Close

The construction of a new porch to the front elevation. **Comments:** No objection to this.

#### RR/2012/2435/P

#### Tamarack, Darvel Down

Variation of condition 3 imposed on RR/2010/2969/P for a parapet wall to be formed. **Comments:** No objection to this.

#### RR/2012/2445/T 44 Bowmans Drive

To remove overhanging limbs of 2 ash trees (1 limb from each ash) and 1 goat willow.

**Comments:** Bearing in mind that these trees are the subject of a Preservation Order the Committee would expect to see strong arguments to support the case for any proposed work, not just that they overhang the property boundary. In the absence of such reasons the Committee opposed the application.

#### RR/2012/2453/P

## Sheppard Place, London Road

External alterations and other improvements with reduction in the number of units from 17 bedsit/studio flats and a 2 bedroom flat to provide 11 self contained one bedroom flats to modern standards.

Comments: No objection to this.

## RR/2012/2473/P 28 Virgins Lane

Extensions and alterations with new roof over.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

## 7. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

Cllr Mrs Pry drew attention to the laying of chippings and the **creation of a gateway** in the **woods on the exit from Darvel Down towards the sewage works**. The local concern is that this may be the beginning of the creation of an access to the field behind Netherfield

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Primary School which it is understood has recently been bought by a developer.

Bearing in mind that there is now adequate **parking** within the recreation ground itself Cllr Mrs Farr felt that the time had come to prevent parking adjacent to the **children's play area** perhaps by the installation of bollards. To be raised at the next SLR meeting.

### 8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 16 January 2013

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Cllr Jessop Chairman

