



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 18 November 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), D Furness, J Gyngell, M Howell, M Kiloh and M Palmer
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr A Ratcliffe.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – none.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 November 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Jessop.
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings** – Cllr Jessop reminded Members that Cllr Russell had volunteered to join the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
5. **Correspondence and communications**
 - Updated enforcement list as at 9 November 2015 was noted. Cllr Jessop expressed his dismay at four long outstanding applications, and asked the Town Clerk to chase RDC for updates.
 - The Town Clerk informed Members a suggestion for a new road name had been received for the four properties being built at 140 Hastings Road. The suggested name from the developer was Telham Close. Cllr Kiloh suggested William Close as an alternative, and Members were asked to send any suggestions to the Town Clerk by Friday. These would then be circulated and an option chosen to put forward.
 - Decisions received were noted

GRANTED

- **RR/2015/1616/L Battle Railway Station, Station Road, Battle**
Refurbishment of former male WC and storage room to provide new toilet and changing facilities.
- **RR/2015/2212/P Sunray, 74 Hastings Road, Battle**
Single storey rear extension to replace existing.
- **RR/2015/2321/P Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Battle**
Proposed 3 bay garage with room in the roof and detached stable building.

REFUSED

- **RR/2015/1318/L 13 Frederick Thatcher Place, North Trade Road, Battle**
Solar panels to west and east elevations.

WITHDRAWN

- **RR/2015/2165/P Telham Lane – Farm off, Hammonds, Battle**
Change of use of land from agriculture to a mixed class D1/D2 educational and recreational club including the creation of a natural swimming pond, shelter, tree house classroom and boardwalk paths all appropriate for less ambulant access.

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6. To consider planning applications received to date

[RR/2013/635/P](#) 28 Marley Rise, Battle, TN33 0DL

Construct single width vehicular crossover across existing grassed verge and construct single width drive/car parking hard standing within curtilage of property.

Comments: No objection.

[RR/2015/2506/P](#) and [RR/2015/2637/P](#) Parkridge – Land adjacent, Caldbec Hill, Battle, TN33 0JY
Amendments to approved scheme for three new houses including variation of approved drawings (condition 3 of RR/2011/1475/P).

Comments: Members object to proposal RR/2015/2506/R as 4 of the marked parking spaces on the plan encroach into the access area (specifically advised against by the inspector at the previous application stage), the northern parking space for the new residence is unusable due to its positioning, and the increased traffic flow onto Caldbec Hill is unacceptable. Members object to proposal RR/2015/2637/P due to the increase of 400mm in height, the subsequent loss of amenity for the residents in the flats, the changes to the parking bays and the encroachment onto the access area.

[RR/2015/2646/P](#) Highfield, Oakhurst Road, Battle, TN33 0JL

Single storey extension to rear of existing side outshot from original dwellinghouse flank, to form new cloakroom. Suitable for the use of the disabled.

Comments: No objection.

[RR/2015/2718/P](#) 1 Beech Close, Woodlands, Battle, TN33 0LB

Loft conversion, porch and single storey extension.

Comments: No objection.

7. Rother District Council's planning seminar presentations – to review any questions or comments

Members noted the information received, and Cllr Jessop drew attention to the list of items which could be included as material considerations when objecting to a planning application. The Town Clerk was asked to thank RDC for providing the information, which was welcomed by Members as its clarity would assist with future deliberations.

8. To review the RDC Statement of Licensing Policy and agree how to respond to the consultation.

Members agreed that the policy appeared in order, and had no additional comments to make.

9. To discuss the reduction in frequency of future committee meetings

Members discussed the possibility of reducing the frequency of meetings. Cllr Jessop pointed out the obligation of the Council to respond promptly, and the Town Clerk confirmed the 21 day notice period requirements. Members agreed to keep meetings fortnightly, although the Town Clerk and Committee Chairman would review this for any agenda where there were very few applications.

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10. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Howell asked if planning permission was required for any fingerposts which may be put in new locations in the town. Cllr Jessop replied permission was not needed. Cllr Kiloh reported the slippery condition of several footpaths, including Western Avenue, where leaves have fallen. While acknowledging it was ESCC's responsibility, she recognised the low priority given to such tasks and asked if anything else could be done. Cllr Jessop suggested the community service team may be able to help, and the Town Clerk was asked to get contact details for them and pass onto Cllr Jessop. Cllr Palmer pointed out issues with Whatlington Road where access to the pavement for pedestrians using pushchairs or wheelchairs was limited due to overgrown grass verges.

Cllr Jessop asked the Town Clerk to verify that Cllr Dixon was completing an enforcement notice for Market Square.

Cllr Jessop reminded Members that in previous years the committee had got together for a social function around Christmas. It was suggested that this would take place in January on this occasion, and Cllr Jessop would make enquiries and contact Members with details in due course.

11. Date of next meeting: 2 December 2015

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman

