



# Battle Town Council



## MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 4 November 2015 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs J Gyngell (Chairman), D Furness, M Kiloh, and A Ratcliffe.  
**In Attendance:** Carol Harris (Deputy Town Clerk), Cllr G Favell (to item 5)  
Bev Marks

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs M Howell, R Jessop and Cllr M Palmer.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – none.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 October 2015** – these were approved and signed by Cllr Gyngell.
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings** - none.
5. **Application to register easements or other rights affecting the Cemetery at Marley Lane**  
Cllr Favell advised Members of the background to this application and reported that, due to the extended time period that this access has been used by Pyke House, it is formalising the agreement. Members agreed that a contribution to the repair of the road should be part of the arrangement.
6. **Correspondence and communications**
  - Updated enforcement list as at 26 October 2015 was noted.
  - Decisions received were noted

### **GRANTED**

- **RR/2015/1669/P West View, Kane Hythe Road, Battle**  
Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement single family dwelling – amendment to approved plan RR/201/1528/P.
- **RR/2015/1949/P Zaribah, Canadia Road, Battle**  
Extension and alteration to existing dwelling including new entrance decking, extended parking area and rear patio.
- **RR/2015/2314/P Magpies, Netherfield Hill, Battle**  
Single storey rear extension.

### **WITHDRAWN**

- **RR/2015/2176/P Acorns, Oakhurst Road, Battle**  
Proposed annexe.

## 7. To consider planning applications received to date

### **RR/2015/2065/P West View, Kane Hythe Road, Battle, TN33 9QU**

2 metre high close boarded timber fence to boundary fronting a highway (retrospective).

**Comments:** No objection in principle, although the Committee felt that in view of the visual impact and proximity to the road a screen hedging would be preferred.

### **RR/2015/2473/L and RR/2015/2482/P Grainstore, Little Park Farm, Battle, TN33 0LX**

Change of use from grainstore to holiday let.

**Comments:** The Committee felt that this proposal should be refused on the basis of increased traffic

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generation on a single track access that is also a public footpath.

[RR/2015/2537/P](#) Old Barrack Inn, Whatlington Road, Battle, TN33 0JN

Relocation of existing garage.

**Comments:** No objection.

## **8. Rother District Council's planning seminar presentations**

The ATC was asked to circulate the presentation to Members and add this item to the next Agenda for discussion.

## **9. Nominations for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

The Committee noted that there is only one Council representative on this Group. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that a further nomination be made.

## **10. Bid to Network Rail for Battle Station to be included in the next round of station improvements**

The Chairman welcomed Bev Marks to the meeting. He advised that in 2012/13 BLAP had identified accessibility issues when travelling by train from Battle towards Hastings. South Eastern Railway had welcomed bids to be included in an application for funding for step free access. There were in excess of 20 bids, including London Waterloo East, with Battle obtaining 11<sup>th</sup> place. In BLAP's recent survey traffic and transport improvement was prioritised, with access at the railway station identified as a priority issue. Mr Marks confirmed that support is requested from Battle Town Council (BTC), Rother District Council (RDC) and East Sussex County Council (ESCC) for Battle Station to be included in the next round of funding applications. The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that a full letter of support be sent to South Eastern, highlighting the needs of both residents and a large number of visiting tourists to our town.

The Committee thanked Mr Marks for all his hard work.

## **11. Stock of winter salt for treatment of pavements during severe weather**

The Committee discussed the issue of safety throughout the town during icy periods. The ATC was asked to clarify the current severe weather commitment of both RDC and ESCC. Members agreed that BTC should purchase salt to enable the workstaff to assist in de-icing the pathway between the Market Square area to Nationwide; both sides of the High Street to Battle Abbey/Church; Abbey to Burstow & Hewett Auction House and entrance to Picardy Close to Station Approach.

## **12. Matters for information / future agenda items**

Items for the next Agenda:

- Rother District Council's planning seminar presentations – to review any questions or comments;
- To discuss the reduction in frequency of Planning Committee meetings.

## **13. Date of next meeting: 18 November 2015**

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**Cllr J Gyngell**  
Chairman

