

Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 14 August 2013 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: CIIr R Jessop - Chairman

Clirs Mrs J Gyngell, Mrs M Kiloh, M Palmer and Mrs S Pry.

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs R Bye, D Furness and Mrs M Howell

2. Disclosure of Interest - None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 July 2013. Cllr Mrs Pry proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kiloh. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the committee members' query to Rother District Council Enforcement Team as to whether the development at 28 Virgin's Lane was compliant with the planning permission granted and awaited a response. The Chairman confirmed that he had visited the site and studied the grant and that it explained the impression of the extensive rebuild. All were in agreement that there should be no further action.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The updated **enforcement cases** list was noted. The Chairman proposed and the committee agreed that **the Clerk should write in strongest terms to the Enforcement Team, on councillors behalves, requesting swifter and firmer action in following up cases.**

The latest **list of decisions** was noted as attached with no further decisions notified at the time of the meeting.

6. Network Rail's Long Term Planning Process - London and South East Market Study consultation. The Chairman asked Cllr Kiloh to report her comments and that the summary paper be circulated to members of the planning committee for ease of reference. Because East Sussex County Council did not have responsibility for rail and could not represent Battle's interests in the consultation process, it was in the Town's interests for the Town Council to form a response. It was agreed by the committee that other local villages and towns, as well as those across Sussex and Kent, shared interests and the Chairman proposed and the committee agreed the Cllr Kiloh should formulate a response on behalf of the Town Council and to link in with Rother District Council to coordinate some joint action for added impact. (Post meeting, it has been established that the consultation period has closed for this stage of the consultation. No further action to be taken at present but the Clerk will ask for the Council to be listed as a consultee for future consultations.)

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received to Date

RR/2013/1382/P

RR/2013/1499/L Croft Cottage & Hopcroft, Lower Lake, Battle

Proposed alterations to dormer windows, rooflight, ground floor windows, double glazing and rebuilding of previously demolished chimney.

Comments: No objection

RR/2013/1467/T 2 Caldbec Lodge, Uckham Lane, Battle

Oak (T1) – thin by 15% and cut back from house as over roof. Oak (T2) – thin by 20% and cut back one side to reshape to allow more light to plants.

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Comments: No objection

RR/2013/1518/P Netherfield Field Farm, Netherfield Hill, Battle

Proposed single storey extension to the rear.

Comments: No objection

RR/2013/1442/P

RR/2013/1443/L 83 High Street, Battle

New access to residential accommodation over shop, internal alterations, new W.C. enclosure and new dormer window on second floor front elevation.

Comments: No objection

RR/2013/1377/O Pelham Lodge, Breadsell Lane, St Leonards-on-Sea

Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use in breach of the agricultural occupancy.

Comments: No objection

RR/2013/1365/P Methodist Church, Lower Lake, Battle

Part retrospective application for erection and alteration of fence to south-east boundary.

Comments: No objection

RR/3165/CC Felon Field, Marley Lane, Battle

As noted last Planning Committee meeting, 31st July 2013:

Consultation under Article 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 – New East Sussex County Council Highway maintenance depot with salt barn, 10no. vehicle garages, vehicle washdown, materials storage bunkers and office/welfare facilities.

Comments: Noted with no comment.

APP/U1430/E/13/2201273 Doctors Cottage, Darwell Hill, Battle

Extension to existing garage and conversion of garage roofspace to form ancillary accommodation. (Alternative to that approved under RR/2012/2294/P and RR/2012/2295/L.)

Comments: Noted with no further comment.

8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

Southern Water were drafting a five year Business Plan for 2015-2020 for consultation and asked for a representative of the Council to attend and the Chairman agreed to attend the breakfast meeting at Hastings on 12 September.

Land at Caldbec Hill surplus to highway requirements - The Clerk had followed up the committee's decision to approach Rother District Council about the possibility of designating the land as open space - to Mr Malcolm Johnston at RDC who had made the proposal in 2008 to oppose the stopping-up of the land was supportive of an approach to Highways, the landowner being East Sussex County Council, asking them to consider formal dedication of the land as a protected open space. The Clerk noted he had kindly invited her to meet his Corporate Services Directorate and Planning Department teams, in September. The Clerk was also contacting the Planning Policy personnel at RDC to let them know that the Town Council wished to see the land protected as open space. It was agreed by the committee that the consideration of dedication of the land should be noted for information at full Council.

The Clerk was asked at the last meeting to research the matter of some new planning guidance in relation to traveller sites. The Chairman asked that she circulate a recent

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Written Ministerial Statement issued which although was directed towards planning in Green Belt, may be useful given the national designation of AONB locally.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 28 August 2013

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Cllr Jessop Chairman





31 July 2013

Planning Application Decisions

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

Proposal	Decision
Erection of first floor side and rear	Granted
extension.	$\sqrt{}$
Proposed dormer, and alterations to roof	Granted
RR/2013/150/P.	$\sqrt{}$
Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2013/120/P to reposition the garage	Granted
10 reposition the garage.	$\sqrt{}$
Excavate area of front garden to	Refused
•	X
	Erection of first floor side and rear extension. Proposed dormer, and alterations to roof approved under application number RR/2013/150/P. Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2013/120/P to reposition the garage.

