



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 18 January 2012 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 9.30am

Present: Cllrs: Mrs T Farr, Mrs P Fisher, R Harris, Mrs M Howell, Mrs M Kiloh and A Mitchell.

In the absence of both the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Kiloh was elected to take the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs R Bye, J Carter and R Jessop.

2. Disclosure of Interest – Cllr Mrs Howell disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in applications RR/2011/2558 and 2559.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 January 2012. Cllr Mrs Fisher proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Farr. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings – None.

5. Correspondence & Communications

The updated **enforcement list** was noted. Enquiries about the most recent additions had revealed that Rother's system was bringing up old cases already dealt with, hence the reference in the report to no further action being taken. Hopefully these will all be identified and eliminated as part of the review reported to the Committee meeting on 21 December.

A progress report had been received on the preparation of the **East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan**. In the light of comments received during the consultation period it is likely that a submission will be made to Government in April.

6. To Review Local Plan Policy for Site Allocations including Housing Land

The Committee Chairman had intended to lead on this so, in his absence, the matter was deferred. It was agreed that the forthcoming Rother Localism Workshop on 30 January would be a good opportunity to better understand how this work could fit into the concept of Neighbourhood Planning introduced in the Localism Act.

7. To Consider Planning Applications Received

RR/2011/2558/L (Del)

RR/2011/2559/A (Del) **81 High Street**

Refurbishment of an existing branch of HSBC Bank to improve the level of decoration in the customer area and replace the dilapidated marketing, signage and fixtures.

Cllr Mrs Howell repeated her personal and prejudicial interest and left the room.

Comments: This property is in a particularly sensitive part of the conservation area, close to the Abbey. Its external appearance is therefore very important and the Committee felt that the design and nature of the information above the ATM would be intrusive in this respect. Notwithstanding the recognition in the application that the 18th century bow window is a key feature of the building, the Committee also noted with some concern the proposal to introduce details of opening hours in one of the panels.

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RR/2011/2592/P (Del)

RR/2011/2593/A (Del) **68 High Street**

1 new CCTV camera and replacement individual letter and projecting signs. 1 replacement condenser and 1 new condenser.

Comments: The Committee noted that an earlier application was withdrawn in December. The Clerk advised that these two latest applications, which are exactly the same, had also now been withdrawn.

RR/2011/2617/P (Del)

Red Barn Mews, High Street

Replace extant permission RR/2008/3491/P – erection of detached office block with cycle store with some amendments to the scheme approved under RR/2005/2376/P.

Comments: Whilst an application in 2005 had been granted permission on the basis that it deliberately omitted car parking, the subsequent and amended application in 2008 had included 3 disabled parking spaces. Notwithstanding the Town Council's concerns about the additional traffic movements that would be generated at the High Street junction, this too was granted permission as the amendments had been necessitated by the need to comply with disabled access standards. Nevertheless the Committee remained concerned about this traffic issue which they wished to be reiterated.

RR/2011/2647/P (Del)

Former Guide Hut, London Road

Variation of condition 6 imposed on RR/2010/1680/P to allow revised elevations – to include 4 additional roof windows.

Comments: No objection to this.

RR/2011/2635/P (Del)

5 Raven Court

Single storey side extension.

Comments: No objection to this.

8. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items – None.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 1 February 2012

The meeting closed at 10.30am.

Cllr Mrs M Kiloh
Chairman

