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changes to the materials of plots 2 and 3

RR/2021/2544/P

Loose Chippings, Canadia Road, Battle TN33 OLR

Proposed replacement of conservatory with glass box contemporary extension, alterations to create sunken lounge, and frontage improvements to include replacement dormer

• **RR/2021/2640/P**

2 Norman Close, Battle TN33 OBD

Proposed single storey side extension.

• **RR/2021/2823/P**

Little Meads, 57 Hastings Road, Battle TN33 OTF

Erect single storey rear extension to form family area. Provide a new door to kitchen on side elevation within existing window opening.

• **RR/2021/2852/A**

19 Darvel Down - Land Opposite, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QE

Free standing sign pole mounted signage.

• **RR/2021/2903/P**

13 Hampden Close, Battle TN33 OJB

Proposed loft conversion with roof extension, dormer and rooflight.

• **RR/2021/2916/P**

7 Mountjoy, Battle TN33 OEQ

Loft Conversion with two new rear dormers

For information only:

• **RR/2021/3075/TN**

Teleham WTW, Hastings Road, Battle TN33 OSH

Install 1 x GPS, removal and replacement of 3 x antennas, installation of 3 x RRU and 3 x BoBs

Refused

• **RR/2021/2827/P**

The Netherfield Arms, Netherfield Road, Battle

Proposed change of use from licensed premises to form a four bedroom private residence with an attached self contained annex.

Notification that **patching work at the Tollgates junction with North Trade Road** will be undertaken shortly.

An update from the MP Huw Merriman that a reply from ESCC about the **opening of the Queensway Gateway Road** is awaited. He had a meeting with local stakeholders about the north Bexhill developments and requested a timetable from Sea Change Sussex but this was not available. It was highlighted that the proposals to complete the link now involve traffic lights onto the A21 and that these plans are awaiting two audits of safety by National Highways. Once these have been completed, it will be a matter of weeks for the final section to be constructed.

Following a meeting of the Rother Association of Local Councils where **ES Highways** was not represented, East Sussex Association of Local Council has agreed to provide a list of all concerns to ESCC to allow for full responses to the next RALC meeting in April. Any issues to be submitted by 1st March.

7. Cycling & Walking Working Group

- a. **The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)** quote includes the creation of **bank erosion protection** at the junction of **Footpaths 83/84 – Western Avenue** and the widening of the bridge to access Mansers Shaw (discussed by the Environment Committee and agreed). It had been confirmed that their supply of sweet chestnut poles will be inserted vertically in a row along the lengths of the two areas which are eroding; this will also double as a potential habitat for stag beetles. This was agreed subject to a meeting between Cllr Wheeler and the TCV to ensure cohesion

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with the C&WWG proposals and authority from landowners. To be paid from the Footpath maintenance budget (4500) and Footpaths EMR (340).

Cllr Wheeler reported a productive meeting which discussed two Order of Costs received in the region of £200k. It felt that the benefits of a shared use path in this area justified this expenditure. A third order of cost will be sought. The Clerk was asked to seek Land Registry for the ownership of Park Lane.

8. Footpath matters

a) Mr Marks, **Footpath Advisor** reported that the Ramblers have a fund for **gates for stiles** projects. This had been offered for one at the junction of Powdermills / Telham Lane on the 1066 Country Walk but the Rights of Way(RoW) team had covered this. It was highlighted that exit from this gate is considered dangerous due to the bend in the road. A possible solution of a convex mirror on the single post opposite had been agreed in principle by the RoW team. It was suggested that a sign on the gate should also report the potential danger. A further gate for stile at FPs 64/61, behind the St Mary's Church Hall, agreed by the RoW team is now to be considered by the Ramblers.

Mr Marks reported that there are funds for one further gate for stile and suggestions are welcomed.

A member of the public joined the meeting.

b) A third contractor was unable to provide a quote for **resurfacing of footpaths 41, 82 and 87**. The Clerk reported that, due to the complications at footpath 41, the work to footpaths 82 and 87 will be awarded to KM Building & Landscapes at a cost of £14,750. A further meeting with contractors will be undertaken in relation to footpath 41.

9. Green top bus shelters

Members were reminded that the design of bus shelters for all new or replacements had been agreed in July 2021. This was issued to both developers at that time and the shelter at Lillybank is due to be delivered shortly. Unfortunately, the developer did not advise of their order and we will therefore both be subject to a delivery charge. We are awaiting confirmation of a delivery date for the shelter at Battle Gates.

A member of the public had provided information of potential suppliers of "live roofed" shelters and he remains concerned that these are not currently being purchased.

It was suggested that this could be considered when further bus shelters are required.

10. Implementation, Monitoring & Review sub Committee

a) Two expressions of interest had been received. One withdrew his application at the meeting. Ms Bishop was invited to address Council. She reported her knowledge and experience of planning matters and the Battle CP Neighbourhood Plan and why she felt this would be appropriate as a critical friend of the sub Committee.

Members agreed unanimously to appoint Nicky Bishop to the Implementation, Monitoring & Review sub Committee.

11. Strengthening Local Relationship (SLR) meeting scheduled for 16th March

Members suggested the following items for the Agenda and were invited to provide further matters to the Clerk by 18th February:

- cleaning of road bollard opposite Thatcher Place;
- flooding at Telham Lane / Hastings Road;
- faded lines on North Trade Road south of recreation ground;
- inadequate width of footway on A2100 between access to Netherfield and Virgins Lane.

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12. Southeastern Railway:

- a) **Southeast Communities Rail Partnership** 'good news' was noted, as attached.
- b) Cllr Cook reported meetings include discussions on how to get people off roads and into trains. A discussion had taken place to consider extending the down footpath to Marley Lane but this was unlikely to be feasible due to the communications box. It was highlighted that the priority is to provide a safe, level access from Blackfriars to the Station.
A proposal to use the previous **Station Master's House as a community hub** was discussed. It was highlighted that there are narrow access to the three meetings rooms but Members felt that there could be valuable uses of the building. Cllr Cook agreed to report back.

13. Action Plans

- a) *Review reports from Footpaths Advisor for a full assessment of footpaths on a 2 year rolling basis.* Mr Marks confirmed that generally the footpaths were in a stable stage with any issues being raised as appropriate. He reminded Members that the footpath between St Mary's Church and St Martins is a priority.

14. To consider applications received to date

AMENDED AND ADDITIONAL PLANS

[RR/2021/1754/P](#) **land north of North Trade Road, Battle TN33**

Reserved matters relating to layout, appearance, landscaping and scale pursuant to outline permission RR/2018/2666/P for the erection of 20 dwellings including 7 affordable with access onto North Trade Road.

Comment: The Committee noted the improvements on the previous application but felt that more reference to the external appearance in accordance with the Battle Design Guidelines should be made. An example of too much facing brickwork at property view 3186.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION /AMENDED PLANS AND/OR DESCRIPTION

[RR/2021/2090/P](#) **The Mill House, Caldbeck Hill, Battle TN33 0JY**

Proposed single storey side/front extension. Rear open porch canopy.

Comment: Members noted that this is not consistent with the Battle Design Guidelines; (p34) too dominant and the proposed materials do not match existing. The Committee felt it should therefore be refused.

[RR/2021/2420/P](#) **Littlewood Fencing Ltd, North Trade Road, Battle TN33 9LJ**

Part demolition of existing steel fabrication building and construction of new steel fabrication, vehicle maintenance building, sales/admin office and alterations to parking.

Comment: No objection in principle but request that a hedge screen is provided to deflect the impact and provide habitat for wildlife.

[RR/2021/2934/P](#) **Swallow Barn, Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Battle TN33 9QH**

Proposed 5no. new dwellings with access and associated parking.

Comment: Although Members had no objection in principle to this application, it felt that pedestrian access to Darvel Down MUST be provided to ensure compliance with EN1 and IN4 of the Battle CP Neighbourhood Plan. Additionally, swift boxes should be encouraged in accordance with EN2.

[RR/2021/2991/P](#) **Cedarwood House, Hastings Road, Battle TN33 0TG**

Two storey 11 bedroom extension to the rear of Cedarwood House with glazed links. Associated landscaping works to both front and rear of the existing building, to include parking, and ambulance bay and bin stores. (Renewal of RR/2018/2089/P)

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Comment: Unanimous no objection.

RR/2021/3030/P (CATSFIELD / BATTLE) The Warren - Land At, Stevens Crouch, Catsfield/Battle TN33 9LR Proposed residential development of land with 3no. detached dwellings served by existing vehicular access.

Comment: Members felt that this is a remote and unsafe location; particularly for pedestrians, which would discourage walking and cycling. The proposed fencing is also inappropriate in a rural landscape. The Committee support a refusal of this application.

RR/2022/34/P Telham Farm, Hastings Road, Battle TN33 0TP

Proposed two holiday lets.

Comment: Members felt there are insufficient facilities, including parking space and should be refused

15. Finance

a) The **Budget Report at 31st December 2021** was noted, as attached.

16. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Burton agreed to research the 'bee blocks' for discussion at a future meeting.

17. Date of next meeting: 8th March 2022

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

For the consideration of sensitive information, it is recommended that the press and public be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2) for the following item.

18. Confidential item – The updated **enforcement list as at 2nd February 2022** was noted.

The Clerk was asked to bring to RDC's attention an enforcement matter that is close to the 12 month period.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Cllr M Howell
Chairman