



# Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on  
**TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 at 7.30 pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle**

**Present:** Cllrs M Howell (Chairman), V Cook, G Favell, A Russell, D Wheeler

**In attendance:** B Marks (Footpaths Advisor, NP IMR SC Chairman), C Harris (Town Clerk)

**Public Question Time – None.**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Gyngell.
2. **Disclosure of Interest:** Cllr Russell declared an interest in item 14 RR/2022/607/P as a friend of the applicant. Cllr Howell declared an interest in item 14 RR/2022/600/P as a friend of the applicant.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022** were approved and duly signed by Cllr M Howell
4. **The Clerk's report**
  - Works have been completed to **Footpaths 82 and 87**. A reminder has been sent to the East Sussex Footpaths Officer for comment on how to proceed with work to FP41.
  - The **bus shelter at Battle Gates** has been successfully installed. It was suggested that this should be painted with anti-graffiti material.
  - An enforcement request was submitted to Rother District Council(RDC) for the erection of an **urban fence at Calbec Hill** and a response had been received that there is no breach of planning. The Clerk was asked to comment that the installation of a timber fence is in breach of the High Weald Design Guide for sympathetic boundaries.
  - Works to the **bank at Western Avenue** will be carried out on 25<sup>th</sup> May.
  - One copy of the **Neighbourhood Plan** has been printed for the Office. Quotes and recommendations from local printers for the additional copies is awaited.
  - Support for the **Southeastern Rail, Access for All** application had been submitted, as approved by Council.
  - Payment for the annual Membership to **Eastern Regional Transport Association** has been made.
5. **Correspondence and Communications**
  - a. An email received expressing concerns regarding siting of electricity sub-station and property location on **Blackfriars Development** was noted. Cllr Cook confirmed that these concerns are being seriously considered by the Project Manager and RDC
  - b. **Notification of Temporary Road Closure of Glengorse** between properties numbered 3 to 21 fronting the road, Battle **between 11.00 and 16.00 on 05/06/2022** for a Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.
  - c. **Decisions received:**
    - Approved**  
**RR/2022/278/L**                      **38 Mount Street, Battle**  
Construction of a wall between 38 and 39 Mount Street infilling an opening between the buildings on the ground floor.
    - RR/2022/321/P**                      **61c High Street, Battle**  
Installation of 2No. doors and internal alterations to flat

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## Refused

RR/2022/306/P

Oakwood House, Telham Lane, Battle

Construct two-storey extension and single-storey spa room to the rear of Oakwood House.

Members agreed that RDC would be asked to provide some **training on planning policies** when its Local Plan has been adopted.

- Concern had been raised at one car that constantly parks out of the markings in the **overflow car park**, thereby causing an obstruction and one that appears to have been abandoned. The Clerk was asked to attempt to contact the vehicle owners and, if not successful, seek professional assistance.
- Members thanked the Asst to Town Clerk for issuing the **Neighbourhood Plan and Battle Design Guidelines** to identified **developers and architects**.

## 6. Report from Cycling & Walking Working Group

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that a request for support has been made to Historic England for the shared pathway close to the Battle Abbey.

## 7. Footpath matters

- a) B Marks, footpaths advisor, reported that the works to FPs 82 and 87 look good. He agreed to continue to press for appropriate **signage** during works at the **Blackfriars development**.

## 8. New roads on North Trade Road development site

The Clerk confirmed that the Council's Road Names list had been provided and that William Cobbett or William Frankland would be acceptable for a development at North Trade Road.

## 9. Community Speedwatch

The report for March 2022 was noted, as attached.

Members agreed to identify and report to the Clerk a proposed lamp post for the Black Cat unit:

Cllr Favell A2100: Lillybank towards Town;

Cllr Howell Battle Hill: in the Tesco Express area;

Hastings Road: close to Loose Farm towards the Town;

Cllr Cook Marley Lane: between Harrier Lane and level crossing;

Cllr Russell Whatlington Road: where the speed reduces to 30mph (close to Oakhurst Road).

## 10. Shuttle from train station to town

This was postponed to the next meeting.

## 11. Action Plans

This was noted, as attached.

## 12. Renewable energy sources for new builds

Cllr Favell suggested that, following the acknowledgement of the Climate Emergency and the agreed Statement on the Protection of our Environment in 2019, the P&T Committee should take into account the Heritage Charter and seek to conserve biodiversity and consider the impact on the environment when considering planning applications. It was acknowledged that this would be a request for new builds but could be included in the first revision of the Neighbourhood Plan. Members agreed to consider recommendations within any comments for new builds and to suggest that the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation, Review & Monitoring Sub Committee (NP IMR SC) consider this review.

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## 13. Planning comments submitted to comply with Planning Authority's final submission date

[RR/2022/696/P](#)

75a Maisonette, High Street, Battle TN33 OAG

Subdivision of maisonette to form 2 two flats, including installation of double glazed windows and internal alterations.

**Comments:** No objection to this.

## 14. Planning applications received to date

*Cllr Howell repeated her interest in the following item.*

[RR/2022/600/P](#)

Telham Lodge, Telham Lane, Battle, TN33 OSN

Erection of West and South facing ground and first floor extension

**Comments:** Members had no objection subject to materials matching existing, as detailed in the Battle Design Guidelines p34 "Household Extensions" and High Weald Design Guide p28.

*Cllr Russell repeated his interest in the following item.*

[RR/2022/607/P](#)

**Armiger House, Bowmans Drive, Battle TN33 OLT**

Proposed single-storey 'orangery' extension at rear to replace conservatory, and two-storey side extension.

**Comments:** Members felt that the side extension would be overdevelopment and contrary to the Battle Design Guidelines p34 "Household Extensions" and High Weald Design Guide p18 "Soft edges to streets" and should be refused. There was no objection to the remainder of the proposal.

[RR/2022/620/P](#) &

[RR/2022/621/L](#)

**9 Mount Street, Battle TN33 OEG**

Proposed enlargement of high level window in kitchen to form a door accessing enclosed lightwell.

**Comments:** Members unanimously had no objection

[RR/2022/634/P](#)

**15 Glengorse, Little Woodcote, Battle TN33 OTX**

Proposed single storey rear extension and outbuilding.

**Comments:** Members had no objection in principle but materials should comply with the Battle Design Guidelines p36 "Materials and Building Details" and High Weald Design Guide p28.

[RR/2022/742/P](#)

**Kilnwood, Starrs Green Lane, Battle TN33 OTD**

Conversion of a garage to an annex accommodation with exterior alterations.

**Comments:** Members felt that the materials used are incongruent to the Battle Design Guidelines p36 "Materials and Building Details" and High Weald Design Guide p28 and should be refused. The loss of parking was also highlighted.

[RR/2022/759/P](#) &

[RR/2022/760/L](#)

**The George Hotel, George Mews, Battle TN33 OFR**

Replacement of uPVC windows with timber sash windows to match those removed.

**Comments:** Members appreciated the proposal to use natural materials and had no objection to this. They would encourage the use of sustainable hardwood.

[RR/2022/766/P](#)

**17 Stream Farm Cottages, Netherfield Road, Battle TN33 OHH**

Erection of two storey side extension wrapping around to part two storey and single storey rear extension, front entrance porch and alterations to dwelling, including frontage improvements to the offroad parking area.

**Comments:** On the Chairman's vote, there was no objection to this.

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## RR/2022/795/P

### **Kingsmead, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0JS**

Installation of a brazier for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which will be lit once on Thursday 2nd June at 9:45pm.

**Comments:** Members unanimously had no objection to the Council's proposal.

## RR/2022/824/P

### **Great Beech Barn, Kane Hythe Road, Battle TN33 9QU**

Erection of a garage/car port.

**Comments:** Members unanimously had no objection subject to the structure being sympathetic to the neighbouring Grade 2 Listed buildings.

## RR/2022/828/P

### **Gate End, Whatlington Road, Battle TN33 0NA**

Erection of single storey rear extension.

**Comments:** Members unanimously had no objection to this.

## **14. Finance**

a) The **provisional Budget Report at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022** was noted, as attached.

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

A draft spreadsheet comparing planning application comments and RDC decisions had been circulated by the Chairman of the NP IMR SC.

It was noted that the incorrect version of the Battle Design Guidelines remains on the website.

- To discuss a recommendation for replacement of Zebra crossing to Pelican at the south end of the High Street.

**16. Date of next meeting:** Provisional date, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

*B Marks left the meeting.*

## 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.

## **17. Confidential item**

The updated **enforcement list as at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022** was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Clr M Howell  
Chairman