



# Battle Town Council



Minutes of the IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING & REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE held on  
THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 at 3pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

**Present:** B Marks (Chairman), N Bishop, Cllr G Favell, Cllr M Howell, Cllr D Wheeler

**In attendance:** C Harris (Town Clerk)

**Public Question Time – None.**

**1. Apologies for absence:** None.

**2. Disclosure of Interest:** None.

**3. The minutes of previous meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022** were agreed unanimously and duly signed by B Marks, Chairman.

#### **4. Clerk's Report**

Three quotes had been received for five copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guidelines had been received and an order placed with Wealden Press at a net cost of £205.

#### **5. Documents for revision**

Members noted the report from Cllr Wheeler that items outstanding include:

- i. Errata list
  - a. Map of heritage sites needs to be amended to show addition of BL61 (Caldbec Cottage) and removal of BL62, 63 and 64 (Wingrove, Prospect cottages, and Holly lodge)  
**Action: BM agreed to do this: see 7 below.**
  - b. Size of bin stores and revised solar panel information in Battle CP Design Guidelines – completed.
  - c. Photo of estate entrance to be replaced - completed
- ii. Additions to NP (maps?)
  - a. Emmanuel Centre – included in schedule 5.
  - b. Memorial Hall – included in schedule 5.
- iii. Design Guidelines document
  - a. Amended version of BCP Design Guidelines to be put forward as an amendment (after Plan is made, by NP-IMR) – completed and issued.
- iv. Assets of Community Value
  - a. NP-IMR S-c to be informed of the task of making individual applications for each of the assets nominated as ACVs in the NP – included in schedule 4.

**Action: MH agreed to do this.**

It was agreed that the definition of an Asset of Community Value be provided to the next meeting.

**Action: BM to produce a report of all agreed amendments.**

#### **6. Latest Master Spreadsheet (22-06-2022)**

This had been circulated to Members, as attached. It was noted that it is a comprehensive report which will be updated by BM for an initial period of 2-3 months; thereafter by Council Officers. It was agreed that this should be proof read prior to recommendation to the Planning & Transport Committee.

**Action: DW agreed to do this.**

**Action: BM agreed to produce a summary to P&T on comments made and results.**

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## **7. Chief Planner: Update on financial support for neighbourhood planning in 2022/23**

It was noted that this suggests funds are available for amendments to made Plans. It was agreed that Rother District Council should be asked for assistance with mapping items.

**Action: BM agreed to do this.**

## **8. National Planning Policy Framework**

It was noted that a delay to early autumn of Rother's Local Plan has been reported; with consultation late summer. Members agreed that no amendments to the NP was appropriate prior to adoption of the Local Plan, although an erratum should be maintained. An invitation by Cllr Vine-Hall for representatives of NP groups to meet with RDC Planners has been accepted.

## **9. Website presence**

It was noted that the Council's website is currently undergoing a review and it was agreed that an additional page for this SC should be included.

Action: the Clerk.

## **10. Section 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan – Community Aspirations**

A request had been received by the Chairman from Battle Cricket Club for parking provision. Members noted that the Council had undertaken a huge amount of work on the Plan for the Use of the Community Infrastructure Levy(CIL) funds, which had recently been agreed. This had included the Community Aspirations received, although it was noted that some appeared very vague and further information might be required. An annual call for Community Aspirations is included within the Annual Report and these are considered every October. It was suggested that a form be produced based on the Council's assessment criteria.

Additional items on the NP to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **11. Proposed developments at Battle and Netherfield Water Treatment Works**

Members noted that Southern Water reported at a Rother Environmental Group (REG) meeting they have finance plans for developments at the two Water Treatment Works; Battle £1.96m and Netherfield £1.2m. More information has been requested and Cllr Burton, as a REG trustee, had agreed to ensure this is provided.

## **12. Whitehouse Farm site**

Members noted that the item produced to P&T, at the Developer's request, confidentially, was a very basic sketch drawing for initial comments. It had been highlighted that whilst polices refer to connectivity, they do not insist on this. Members agreed that this may be an appropriate amendment to the NP.

## **13. Action Plan**

**Action: NB to research definitions for low carbon scheme and diverse habitats**

Members considered the items and agreed amendments. The document was agreed as attached. The Clerk was asked that the Action Plan be higher on future Agendas.

**Action: BM agreed to draft a brief report for P&T, summarising what the Master Spreadsheet is beginning to reveal.**

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

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The Clerk was asked to circulate the link to the NP to Architects.

**15. Date of next meeting: Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.55.

B Marks  
Chairman

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