



Battle Town Council



Minutes of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held on
TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024 at 7pm. The Almonry, High Street, Battle

Present: Cllr D Wheeler (Chairman), A Brown, A Ratcliffe, D Russell, C Sprong.

In attendance: One member of the public, C Harris (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident member of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan Implementation, Monitoring & Review Sub Committee suggested that comments made on two recent planning applications were not warranted.

A member of the public highlighted the news that Battle Station has been included for a feasibility study for Access for All funding will not necessarily result in the provision of a lift; but could be a ramp, as provided elsewhere.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Barton.

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

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May 2024** were approved and duly signed by Cllr Wheeler.

4. **Clerk's report**

- **A response has been issued** to the member of the public that raised concerns at the previous meeting.
- Apologies that a doodle poll for the **Transport for South East** survey was not circulated.
- The **relining of the zebra crossing on North Trade Road** has been successfully completed by East Sussex Highways.
- As reported to Full Council, ES Highways will be **closing the A2100 from 5 August** for essential works. County Cllr Field continues to attempt to get this changed, without success at this time.

5. **Planning applications received to date**

Additional information/amended plans and/or description

[RR/2023/2606/P](#) **Land at Big Wood, London Road, Battle**

Demolition of existing barns and construction of replacement barn (alternative to RR/2022/2839), track and hardstanding as existing

Comments: Members agreed not to amend the previously submitted comment.

[RR/2024/719/L](#) **Hemmingfold Oast, Hastings Road, Battle**

Proposed internal and external repairs of existing building elements, including proposed replacement of two timber casement windows and three metal casement windows with timber sub frames, structural works associated with sagging floor to first floor bedroom and structural works to existing chimney and associated remedial work to render and internal finishes

Comments: Members raised no objection to this.

[RR/2024/800/P](#) **17 Claverham Way, Battle**

Proposed extension, alterations to loft conversion with hip to gable roof extension and rear dormer



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Comments: Members raised no objection to this but noted the extensive number of windows and request a condition for measures to mitigate any potential light pollution in line with the Institute of Lighting Professionals publication 'The Reduction of Obtrusive Light'.

RR/2024/845/P

Crowhurst Park Cricket Club, Telham Lane, Battle

Replacement windows and doors to the existing cricket club pavilion.

Comments: Members raised no objection to this.

RR/2024/906/P

23 Nightingale Place, Battle

Conversion of existing garage into home gym and storage, construction of a second storey above the existing garage to create home study and dressing room and construction of a balcony to rear of the property.

Comments: Members raised no objection to this but noted the extensive number of windows and request a condition for measures to mitigate any potential light pollution.

6. **Comments submitted to portal to comply with Rother District Council submission deadlines** were noted:

RR/2024/444/P

9 Lower Lake, Battle

Proposed single story rear extension, single storey side extension, rooflight and internal alterations to a house within the conservation area.

Comment: No objection in principle subject to the potential light pollution from the rooflights being mitigated.

7. **Terms of Reference and membership to Sub Committees/Task & finish groups**

The current membership and Terms of Reference had been circulated.

- a) Members noted that there had been some resignations to the membership of the **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Monitoring & Review Sub-Committee** and a further independent member was required. An application had been received and **Members agreed that Melvyn Howell** had relevant experience and should be **invited to join the SC**, although advertising would continue for additional members.

Membership was agreed:

Cllr Andrew Brown (Chairman

Cllr David Russell

Cllr Dale Wheeler

Margaret Howell

Melvyn Howell

Bev Marks

The **Terms of Reference** were agreed as attached.

- b) **Members agreed the membership of the Cycling & Walking Task & Finish Group:**

Cllr Andrew Barton

Cllr Andy Ratcliffe

Cllr Sue Burton

Cllr Dale Wheeler

Jill Gyngell

Bev Marks

The formal Terms of Reference will be discussed at the next meeting and presented to P&T.



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8. Marley Lane footway extension

The Clerk reminded Members that East Sussex Highways refuse to consider this project under the match funding scheme on the basis that costs have exceeded 30% in one year. It has been suggested that an application for a S278 Agreement would be appropriate. Members expressed frustration that this would involve more resources, both time and financial, to identify if this is an acceptable project and some felt that these would be better directed at the Pavilion project. The Clerk was asked to send the footways consultation and feasibility study to ESH for advice on additional information required.

9. Cycling & Walking Task & Finish Group – Shared Use Pathway

It was proving challenging to agree a meeting date. This is ongoing.

10. Consultation to Rother District Council's draft Local Plan 2020-40

Members agreed that a doodle poll should be circulated for completion of this consultation in mid July 2024.

11. Footpath matters

- a) B Marks reported the **objection of Battle Ramblers to the Blackfriars 2 application** due to the effect on the re-directed footpath during works. There has also been some concern raised at the number of earth-moving vehicles close to the Emmanuel Church.

The **very poor condition of the 1066 Country bridleway** from Park Lane towards Bexhill is not considered a high priority by the Rights of Way team. The Council is encouraged to write to the Rights of Way Team and the County Councillor to report the condition and problems with the footpath.

12. New road name

Members agreed the request for **Campion** Gardens, although Close would be preferred, at **Beech Farm Lane**, off North Trade Road.

13. Finance

- a. The **Budget Report at 30 April 2024** was noted, as attached. Members noted that repairs are required to the overflow car park and quotes are being obtained for work unable to be completed by grounds staff.

14. Correspondence and Communications

Members noted:

- a) The update from Southeast Community Rail Partnership reporting that **Battle is one of 50 stations** selected for a feasibility study in relation to the **Access for All funding**.
- b) Comments from a neighbour in relation to the Appeal to Secretary of State for refusal of planning consent in respect of **RR/2022/2922/P, Winter Hill, Hastings Road, Battle**
- c) Modification order by East Sussex County Council in respect of **diversion of public footpath Battle 18 (part), as attached**.
- d) **Restricted access** to Sandrock Hill, Crowhurst, with diversion via Telham Lane, Hastings Road & Battle Road, for replacement speed limit signs by East Sussex Highways on **18 June 2024** between 9.30a.m. and 3 p.m.
- e) **Road closure**, High Street (from the roundabout at the junction with Market Road to Abbey Green) between 11 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on **26 December 2024** for the purposes of facilitating the holding of the East Sussex and Romney Marsh Traditional Boxing Day Parade of Hounds.



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f) **Decision notices received** (those in **green** reflect Council's comments; **brown** is against Council's comments):

Approved

RR/2024/515/P **8 North Trade Road, Oakmead, Battle**

To convert existing car port into a home office space by building 1 extra wall, adding insulation, a side door and 2 rear facing rooflights

RR/2024/609/P **Kilnwood, Starrs Green Lane, Battle**

Single storey side extension, addition of solar panels and minor internal alterations

Refused

RR/2024/400/P **72A High Street, Battle**

Change of use from Office to Residential, proposing a new three-bed maisonette

RR/2024/504/P **12 Marley Rise, Battle**

Proposed demolition of rear conservatory and bathroom. Proposed two storey rear extension to form kitchen and enlarge bedroom to existing property. Proposed two storey side extension to form new dwelling. Proposed open porch to each dwelling. Internal alterations to facilitate the same.

g) **Communications post agenda circulation**

- A response from Rother District Council that legal advice has confirmed that no increase of local **Community Infrastructure levy** is due on **Blackfriars**. District Cllr Field has challenged this. The Council is invited to submit regulations or guidance that suggests this is incorrect.

15. Action Plan for 2023-2027

This was noted as attached.

16. Matters for information / future agenda items

- The Clerk was asked to research the progress of electric vehicle charging points in Battle car parks.

17. Date of next meeting: 9 July 2024

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

The member of the public left the meeting.

18. Enforcement list as at 31 May 2024 was noted. The Clerk was asked to seek an update on a long outstanding matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30.

**Cllr D Wheeler
Chairman**