

TOWN CLERK BRIEFING NOTE

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48 Destination Management, Resolution (1066 & RDC tourism expenditure breakdowns) Kevin Boorman (1066 Marketing Campaign) and Emma Oldham RDC Tourism Officer) emailed 5.6.07.

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Information & Visitor Management Group of the Rye Partnership

Meeting held on the 2nd May, 2007 at the Rye Town Hall

1 Those present:

Yolanda Laybourne (Rye Town Manager)
Cllr Granville Bantick (RTC)
Cllr Paul Osborne (Mayor of Rye)
Robert Bromley (Rye Conservation Society)
Brian Banks (Area Traffic Manager, ESCC)
Bob Ball (Highways Authority)
Iain Kaye (Inter Route)
Frances Jaquest (Inter Route)
Zoe Tweed (LATS - ESCC)
PC Andy Hanson (Sussex Police)
PCSO Ruth Brunton (Sussex Police)
Bob Baldwin (Rye Conservation Society)
Jon Wheeler (ESCC)
Penny Adams (Environment Agency)
Laura Simmons (TIC Manager)

2. Apologies:

Allan Downend

NB. Kenneth Bird has retired from Secretary of the Rye Conservation Society

3. Minutes of the last meeting on the 28th February, 2007 These were agreed.

4. Matters arising: PC Andy Hanson informed the Group that CCTV cameras would be installed in the coming week at Station Approach.

5. Highway Matters:

(a) Monkbretton Bridge - Iain Kaye said the bridge would be closed for 3-4 weeks in October this year. He admitted that this would be rather longer than had been earlier stipulated but there were technical problems which required a longer closure plus the need for emergency services to access the bridge. The police were agreed full closure was not an option. Iain said that they were looking into a possible way for emergency services to use the bridge whilst it was being repaired, one way being a platform over the surface of the bridge. A meeting was to take place between Highways and the Sussex Police on the 15th May when a final decision will be made with regards closure. Painting and refurbishment of the bridge will take place from the 9th July. This phase will not inhibit traffic or pedestrian access. A canopy would be constructed over scaffolding whilst the final works were being undertaken.

(b) M20/J10: Bob Ball indicated that this was still on going to have the direction sign changed from Brenzett to Hastings on the M20/J10 Junction. It was anticipated that they would go ahead once the major works on the M20 had been completed.

(c) Strand Quay: The matter of the repair of the island of cobbles around Strand Quay was being progressed and would be put into the system within 6 months as it was not urgent. Highways were currently on the case.

(d) Landgate Arch: Jon Wheeler explained the length of time was longer than had been expected due to the lateness of the arrival of the materials. Surfacing was delayed as a result. It was noted that a bulb had gone beneath the Arch which would have to be replaced. This was thought to be down to RDC.

(e) Local Area Transport Strategy (LATS): Zoe Tweed gave an update on the progress of the Rye Harbour Road cycle path. Phase II would commence on the 3rd September, 2007, with Phase III following in the next financial year. Phase IV from Rye Paddock to the A259 was the most tricky phase and was currently being worked on. Also the Station Approach project is on going. Speed restrictions on the A259 at New Road reducing the limit from 40 mph to 30 mph with a speed activated sign will shortly be in place.

(f) On Street Parking Bays: The matter of the congestion caused by traffic at Strand Quay with cars parked on the A259 was raised again. Mark Dunn the Traffic Manager for Sussex Police can see no objection, but it was as usual down to funding which was unlikely to materialise. Iain reminded the Group that this was RDC led, but he would take the matter up if RTC write an appropriate letter to him.

(g) Gibbet Marsh Railway Crossing: There was some concern over the danger of the railway crossing on the Gibbet Marsh foot path. It had been proposed a long time ago to have the footpath under the railway but was never progressed due to cost and the risk of flooding.

6. Market Towns Programme: Yolanda drew attention to the distribution of the current Welcome leaflet which would be available in the car parks and also the tri-lingual leaflet also now distributed. She said much work had gone into the production of both leaflets but the result she felt had been worthwhile.

7. **AOB** In response to a request from Robert Bromley, Penny Adams, who was representing the Environment Agency, promised to let the Conservation Society maps of the land which it owned. Her e-mail address is *penny.adams@environment-agency.gov.uk*. She was available for any queries that might need to be raised with her.

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 4th July, 2007 at 10.00am at the Rye Town Hall