

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 5 June 2017

PRESENT Councillors Mike Boyd (Deputy Mayor), Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Vice Chairman**), Justin Erswell (**Committee Chairman**), Bernardine Fiddimore, Pat Hughes, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Councillors Sam Barnes, John Breeds, Rebekah Gilbert, Jo Kirkham and Andi Rivett; Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman; Paul Clymer – Prime One Maintenance *[part]*; 2 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 6.32pm.

13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds (Mayor) and Bernardine Fiddimore.

14 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Pat Hughes RR/2017/1082/P Director of Rye Amenity CIC

6.33pm Cllr Rogers arrived

Cllr Shaun Rogers RR/2017/1082/P Director of Rye Amenity CIC

*The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for a presentation on CCTV by Paul Clymer of Prime Maintenance and public questions/contributions. (See **APPENDIX A.**)*

6.34pm Cllr John Breeds arrived.

7.11pm *The meeting reconvened.*

15 MINUTES

RESOLVED 1 Page 1, **PRESENT** after Breeds insert (Mayor)

RESOLVED 2 To adopt the amended Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 22 May 2017 (PT02).

16 MATTERS ARISING

Item	Status
Gilfrin Jewellers (side) - exploring the implications of RTC applying for advertising consent (community banners)	Outstanding – Clerk to seek an informal opinion from RDC
Obtain costings to improve signage to the town centre within Gibbet Marsh Car Park	Outstanding

Asking RDC to consider removing the Gibbet Marsh Car Parking charges – or introducing a discounted scheme for traders and residents	Outstanding
Asking Highways to confirm it has 'no left turn' signage outside Lancaster Court in hand.	Referred to Highways Forum
Pedestrian rail crossings – supporting Edward Williams' concerns	In progress

17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the comments following to the Planning Authority:

RR/2017/1043/P 27A Fishmarket Road, Rye TN31 7LP
 DEL Replacement of two front windows.
Applicant: Miss A Chicken, 27a Fishmarket Road, Rye
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllrs Hughes and Rogers re-stated their interests in the application following:

RESOLVED To allow the public to speak on RR/2017/1082/P.

Cllr Rogers advised that the proposed path would ensure that the allotments were more accessible to those with mobility problems.

RR/2017/1082/P Rye Amenity CIC, Love Lane, Rye TN31 7NE
 DEL Installation of composting toilet, wildlife pond, fencing and pathways. (Proposal linked to nearby usage of land as community garden.)
Applicant: Rye Amenity CIC
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

18 CCTV

It was agreed generally that, for the Council to be able to consider the provision of CCTV, it will need indicative costs and an assessment of the practical implications – including: purchase v leasing costs; ongoing maintenance costs; planning consent; data management and protection; installation considerations; access to power and 4G/wi-fi.

Clerk

19 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/

RESOLVED 1 To note Colonel Kimber's Update (APPENDIX B).

RESOLVED 2 To note that the SG will be asked to consider drafting an additional housing policy to reflect concerns about second home ownership.

The meeting ended at 7.24pm.

Date Chairman

Adjournment

CCTV presentation

Paul Clymer displayed a number of cameras and live feeds to installed cameras in Headcorn and Ash.

His comments – and responses to questions – included:

- Bullet and tracking cameras can both be connected to displays and recording equipment via 4G (by embedding a sim – and assuming a good cellular network) – and are portable.
- They are typically attached to lamp posts, which provide the power.
- Footage is HD and a clear image can be obtained normally up to 200-300 yards.
- Cameras cannot be directed into properties.
- Equipment can be leased and maintained by Prime One or purchased outright.
- Data is usually kept for 30 days.
- Paul Whitehead is better placed to advise on data protection issues.
- Cameras are equipped with night vision and ANPR software is available.
- The street lamps in the Conservation Area do not have sufficient height.
- Power consumption is minimal.
- In other areas residents have allowed access to their own wi-fi.
- Data quality is good enough to support prosecutions. Good quality still images may be extracted.
- Ash PC has 5-6 cameras installed.
- It is accepted generally that crime rates fall when cameras are installed.
- Prime One supplies camera systems to 5-6 councils and has 98 cameras installed in 9-10 areas.

Rye Neighbourhood Plan

Colonel Kimber spoke to his update (distributed previously and tabled) – highlighting:

- The consultant's advice on the SEA had been received and paid for (funded from a Locality grant).
- AK had met with senior Rother Planning officers 10 days ago to discuss the pre-Reg 14 consultation.
- Since the NP process started in 2013, the balance of Rye's housing target has reduced from 160 dwellings to 120.
- RDC will not countenance further development at Valley Park (including the 'top site').
- Officers had recommended approaching RDC Estates concerning the allocation of Gibbet Marsh as a possible 'second supermarket' site.
- The need for a second petrol station was discussed at the last SG meeting but no suitable site could be identified.

Cllr Rogers suggested that the reduced housing target should not be viewed as 'the maximum necessary': there remains a shortage of accommodation – particularly for younger people. Two-bed houses in Rye range from £200,000 to £230,000 and are unaffordable for many. A number of Cornish councils had placed a restriction on people buying new builds as second homes.

It was clarified that the councils concerned had seen off developer challenges to this policy.

Colonel Kimber highlighted some of the constraints to development in Rye: flood risk, areas of special scientific/nature conservation interest, access etc but stated that there was a space within the housing section of the RNP which could accommodate a suitably worded policy to reflect the concerns raised. He would take this forward via the SG.

Cllrs Boyd and Creaser flagged up the need for smaller properties designed to meet the needs of older people. Colonel Kimber reported that Amicus Horizon [*now Optivo*] had advised him that these typically cost an additional 15-20% to build. Cllr Creaser advised that homes for older people can be built to a number of specifications (and budgets).