

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 15 January 2018

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman); John Minter – *Rye News*

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

89 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence - and the reason as lodged with the Town Clerk – were accepted from Cllr Charlie Harkness.

90 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public contributions/questions. There was none and so the meeting reconvened.

91 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/

Colonel Kimber spoke to his update (**APPENDIX**) – adding/highlighting:

- On 21.12.17 RDC officers had made a significant number of comments on the SEA and Sequential Test. RTC’s consultant has been asked to help ensure that these are incorporated prior to the Reg 14 consultation. He hoped this could be concluded next week.
- Colonel Kimber had elected to complete the work required on the Sequential and Exception Tests himself.
- Around £8,600 of the Neighbourhood Planning budget remains. Since the process began in 2013 grants totaling £8,900 have been obtained from Locality.
- The Development and Issues summary had been provided to ensure there was a formal record of progress.

RESOLVED To note Colonel Kimber’s RNPSG Update (**APPENDIX A**)

92 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 11 December 2017 (PT14).

93 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
Installation of CCTV (monitoring on street parking) - ascertaining the likely cost and practicalities.	A quote has been received which will be considered by the CCTV 'working group' (Cllrs Boyd and Erswell – and the Assistant Town Clerk).

94 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) For consideration

RESOLVED To submit the comment following to the Planning Authority:

RR/2017/2862/P 82 Udimore Road, Rye TN31 7DY
 DEL Single storey side extension with raised terrace and decking to rear.
Applicant: Mr Lewis Atherton, The Rise, 82 Udimore Road, Rye
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

b) Delegated authority

RESOLVED To note the responses following, submitted under the Clerk's delegated authority:

RR/2017/2217/P 17-19 Tower St, Rye TN31 7AT
 Refurbishment of existing units. Change of use of 6 units from commercial to residential. Minor landscaping works to courtyard.
Applicant: James Doran, 17-19 Tower St, Rye
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2017/2713/P 51 Kings Avenue, Rye TN31 7LU
 Construction of new dormer window to rear of property. Construction of 3 skylights to front of property. (*Retrospective.*)
Applicant: Tammy King, 51 Kings Avenue, Rye
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2017/2814/P 53 North Salts, Rye TN31 7NU
 Retention of external grey cladding to rear dormer window.
 (*Retrospective.*)
Applicant: Seb Sherman, 53 North Salts, Rye
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2017/2818/L 33 Military Road, Rye TN31 7NX
 Lowering of basement floor, widening of opening to basement and replacement of basement window.
Applicant: Rev N Hudson, Flat 3, 8 Morpeth Terrace, London
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

(c) RDC Planning web site

Members were invited to consider whether to ask RDC to introduce a facility to allow the user to open two documents at once – eg to compare ‘existing’ and ‘proposed’ plans.

Comments included: The Clerk’s (previously issued) instructions on how to view two pdfs ‘side-by-side’ were ‘challenging’ to follow; RDC’s planning web site is not user-friendly and, consequently, it is difficult for elected Members to effectively scrutinise local planning applications; large files can take some considerable time to open – particularly if the user has a slow broadband connection.

RESOLVED 1 To make representations to RDC. Clerk

RESOLVED 2 (If it is the case that the Planning Portal allows applicants to upload large files) To seek Amber Rudd’s assistance in reducing the maximum permitted file size. Clerk

95 A259 RESURFACING

Members were asked to consider whether to comment on A-one+’s proposed programme.

Comments included: Phase 3 (Wish Street roundabout to Rother Bridge) had been timed to include Sat and Sunday day-times, over two weekends during the main visitor season; the Public Information Event would take place just a month before Phase 3 was scheduled to commence; A-one+ had not consulted with RTC nor the Rye Highways Forum prior to announcing the programme timetable; when South Undercliff was resurfaced by the previous Highways England contractor it had been shut for 3 weeks; it was apparent that some careful thought had gone into the programme being considered; there are restrictions on work that can be undertaken overnight where it would be in close proximity to residential properties; the South Undercliff resurfacing appear to have been brought forward – and this is likely to please its residents because a number of them are of the view that resurfacing will help to reduce traffic noise; at least one section of wall along South Undercliff is vulnerable to collapse if impacted accidentally by heavy equipment; it is likely that A-one+’s surveyors will have picked up on this.

RESOLVED 1 To ask A-one+ whether it had considered any alternatives to weekend day-time weekend working in June-July. Clerk

RESOLVED 2 To identify points for A-one+ to consider at the next meeting. Clerk

The meeting ended at 7.02pm.

Date Chairman