

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 9 April 2018

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNP Vice-Chair; 2 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.19pm.

130 APOLOGIES

There was none.

131 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Hughes **RR/2018/875/P** Acquainted with applicant

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for questions/contributions from members of the public (see **APPENDIX A**).*

7.36pm Colonel Kimber left the meeting and it was reconvened.

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

RESOLVED To note Colonel Kimber’s update.

133 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 26 March 2018 (PT20).

134 MATTERS ARISING

| Item | Status |
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| 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 |

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| Pedestrian rail crossings – supporting Edward Williams’ concerns | In progress |
| Installation of CCTV (monitoring on street parking) - ascertaining the likely cost and practicalities. | The Working Party is exploring a potentially cheaper option, linking with an existing system |
| Asking RDC to add a note to its planning web site explaining how two plans might be viewed simultaneously. | Outstanding |
| RR/2018/258/P Lamb House (Drawing the applicant’s attention to the ongoing parking issues). | Outstanding |
| A259 Resurfacing – Resolved 1 (Advising a-one+ of the need to avoid the Rye Festival and Rye Bonfire) | Outstanding |
| A259 Resurfacing – Resolved 2 (Reminding a-one+ to involve the Highways Forum in plans for future works). | Outstanding |
| To write to the CEOs of LloydsTSB, Nationwide and Barclays - requesting their branch viability/closure policies – whilst highlighting the concerns following: a) Loss of ATMs; b) The age profile of visitors to the town means that many prefer to make retail purchases with cash; c) East Sussex has a high proportion of older residents who chose/prefer not to bank online and branch closures exacerbate isolation; d) Having to travel to another town to bank cash and obtain change is more environmentally unfriendly than switching to ‘paperless statements’. | Outstanding |

135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RR/2018/875/P 42 Kings Avenue – land adj, Rye(/East Guldeford) TN31 7LX
DEL Erection of a detached dwelling.
Applicant: Trevor James, 42 Kings Avenue, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2018/870/L 1 East Street, Apothecary House, Rye TN31 7LX
DEL Change of colour of the painted brickwork of East Street frontage to all white.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Esdaile, 1 East Street, Apothecary House, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Date Chairman

Adjournment – Public Questions/Contributions

Rye Neighbourhood Plan

The RNP Vice-Chairman, Colonel Kimber (AK) made reference to his Steering Group Update (**APPENDIX B**) – adding:

The Rother Core Strategy identifies a need for an additional 1,650sqm of convenience retail floor space in Rye – which is why the RNP has tried to find possible sites for a ‘second supermarket’. The former Lower School site was considered to be the ‘first choice’, however, following Tesco and Sainsbury’s withdrawing interest – and the subsequent interest expressed by a housing developer – it was necessary to identify ‘fallback’ sites. Because RDC had advised the SG to look ‘west of Rye’ it was suggested that part of Gibbet Marsh could be made available for a retail offer whilst preserving the green overflow car park. Principally because of the recent trend in the retail sector towards smaller stores, RDC appears to be minded not to press the 1,650sqm requirement. That said, the SG still needs to identify sites for a ‘second fuel station’ (likely to incorporate a convenience offer).

Although BP has stated that possible sites on the A259 have failed sequential tests because they lie in flood risk zone 3A, although it would be more expensive, it should be technically possible for a fuel station to be provided somewhere along the A259. In response to questions he advised that there is no recommended minimum size for a fuel station – and he had observed some that were on compact sites, with housing in close proximity.