

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 9 April 2018

PRESENT Councillors Sam Barnes, Mike Boyd (**Deputy Mayor**), John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (**Mayor**), Cheryl Creaser, Justin Erswell, Bernardine Fiddimore, Rebekah Gilbert, Charlie Harkness, Ray Prewer, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Paul Goring – Town Sergeant; The Rev Canon David Frost – Mayor’s Chaplain; East Sussex County Cllr Keith Glazier; Col Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

125 PRAYERS
Prayers were said by the Mayor’s Chaplain.

126 APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Pat Hughes and Jo Kirkham.

127 CODE OF CONDUCT
There were no disclosures of interest nor requests for dispensation.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for the reports of the County and District Councillors, Public Question Time and the appointment of a Deputy Mayor Elect for 2018-19. (See APPENDIX A.)

129 COUNCIL MINUTES
RESOLVED To note that, for operational reasons, the draft Minutes of the meetings held on 12 February 2018 (C12), 19 February 2018 (C13) and 19 March 2018 (C14) are not yet available.

130 COMMITTEE MINUTES
(a) Planning & Townscape
RESOLVED To receive the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 12 February 2018 (PT17), 26 February 2018 (PT18), 12 March 2018 (PT19) and 26 March 2018 (PT20).

(b) Policy, Resources & GP
RESOLVED To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy, Resources & GP Committee held on 26 March 2018 (PR05).

131 GRANT APPLICATION
Members were invited to consider further an application from Rye Community Centre for a grant of £2,100 towards the replacement of five Dance Hall windows.

The Clerk advised that latest reserves forecast, prior to the publication of the 2017-18 Annual Accounts, was as follows:

	To 31.3.18 (est)	To 31.3.17 (actual)
Earmarked	£73,448	£158,186
General	£10,552	£40,618
TOTAL	£84,000	£198,804

£5,075 was likely to be available in the General Grants Reserve at the start of the financial year (1.4.18).

Comments included: Given that it has its own venue it should be relatively straightforward for the applicant to organise fund raising events; the Centre is a valuable community facility used by a number of local organisations.

The Mayor advised that he would be happy for £500 to be made available from the balance of his Mayoral allowance.

RESOLVED To contribute £1,000 (£500 from Cllr Jonathan Breeds' Mayoral Allowance; £500 from the General Grants Reserve) – and to suggest to the applicant that it seeks advice on fundraising from others.
Clerk

132 DATA PROTECTION

RESOLVED To:

- (a) Provide the General Assistant with DPO training at a cost of £400.
- (b) Appoint the current General Assistant post holder as the Council's Data Protection Officer (DPO), with effect from the GDPR enforcement date (25.5.18).
- (c) Appoint, with immediate effect, Maureen Chaffe as the Council's retained Data Protection consultant for an initial 12-month period at a cost of £150.
Clerk

The meeting ended at 7.13pm

Date Chairman

ADJOURNMENT**a) County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Glazier's report included:

Pot holes Members of the public have a number of ways of reporting these (online, telephone) and they should not assume that someone has done this already.

Playden PC If it has not done so yet, he understood that Playden will be seeking RTC's support to oppose an application for a 24-house development off new England Lane.

ARRCC Liquidators would attend the premises shortly. ESCC has taken over the management of the premises for 3 months whilst longer term arrangements are considered for the artists on site.

Cllr Creaser *What arrangements have been put in place for ARRCC's clients?*
Cllr Glazier ASC has made alternative provision.

b) Reports of the Rother District Councillors

Cllr Amphill advised that he had been expecting Cllr Stevens but she appeared to have been delayed.

Cllr Amphill delivered his report (**APPENDIX B**).

Referring to the 'robust' representations made just prior to the ATM by a group of residents concerned about the suggested allocation of part of Gibbet Marsh for a 'second supermarket', the RNPSG Vice-Chairman, Colonel Kimber reported that RDC's current view is that, given the trend towards smaller convenience stores, it is minded to no longer 'require' Rye to identify an additional 1,650sqm of convenience floor space. In effect, this means that Gibbet Marsh possible provision may be safely removed from the RNP. However, this will need to be considered and agreed by the Steering Group.

Col Kimber *Is it the case that the Government requires LPAs to maintain a register of brownfield sites? If so, are any Rye sites included?*

Cllr Amphill Yes – but he had not seen any Rye sites on the register.

Cllr Prewer *What is RDC doing about providing more parking in Rye?*

Cllr Amphill This is likely to be considered as preparation for the introduction of CPE moves forward.

Cllr Prewer suggested that parking provision should be considered at the outset.

c) Public Question Time

Following – and in relation to – the ATM, Colonel Kimber asked for the points following to be recorded:

(i) Regulation 14 consultation Aside from the c60 people objecting to the Gibbet Marsh 'second supermarket' allocation, 10 issues were raised prior to the ATM – and around 15 during the meeting. They include concerns about Tilling Green, the old Freda Gardham site, Winchelsea Road and the location of a second fuel station. These have been documented and will be considered by the Steering Group. The total number of Reg 14 responses is c100.

(ii) He and the Deputy Mayor decided to host a meeting in a side room just prior to the ATM because it was clear that a large number of people had attended the RNP Drop-in session mainly to object to the Gibbet Marsh allocation and were becoming impatient. Some of those present chose to convey their views in a discourteous

manner. It appeared that there had been a social media campaign encouraging people to attend. Colonel Kimber suggested that it would be appropriate for RTC to issue a media release setting out the current position. **This was agreed.**

(iii) Regulation 15 The Steering Group needs to consider carefully the Reg 14 consultation responses – especially those submitted by statutory bodies and developers – and then consult with RDC. Following this the Steering Group will report back to RTC with any material suggested amendments to the RNP.

Colonel Kimber added that he had attended meetings concerning proposed developments in Playden and Rye Foreign because the RNP includes the preservation of the green space around the Rye Parish boundary.

Cllr Glazier left the meeting.

d) Appointment of a Deputy Mayor Elect 2018-19

Cllr Fiddimore proposed – and Cllr Creaser seconded – Cllr Gilbert.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared Cllr Gilbert to be appointed Deputy Mayor Elect 2018-19.