

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 11 June 2018

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Rebekah Gilbert and Ian Potter

The meeting commenced at 6.31pm and was chaired by Cllr Creaser.

14 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Charlie Harkness and Shaun Rogers (**Committee Chairman**).

6.32pm Cllr Fiddimore arrived.

15 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest nor requests for dispensation.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for questions/contributions from members of the public.

Cllr Gilbert reported that tomorrow she would be distributing fliers in the town for the next Rye Area Business Forum meeting. At the same time she was minded to informally seek traders' views on pedestrianisation.

Cllr Hughes asked for it to be borne in mind that any pedestrianisation in the High Street would stop the 326 service accessing the town.

Cllr Fiddimore suggested that an increasing number of people are coming to view that some form of pedestrianisation will be introduced at some point.

Cllr Prewer suggested closing the stretch of the High Street from its junction with Market Road down to the bottom of The Mint, to traffic, over summer weekends.

Cllr Boyd noted that pedestrianisation pops up regularly. The challenge is to come up with a scheme that would satisfy all concerned. He had consulted traders informally on pedestrianising Market Road, from its junction with the High Street to Rye Cleaners. This would create more parking spaces (preferably for Blue Badge holders) in the High Street opposite the Market Road junction. However, who was aware of one Market Road trader who would oppose any such proposal.

Cllr Stuart observed that home deliveries are becoming increasingly popular and pedestrianisation could impact adversely on those residing in the Citadel.

Cllr John Breeds suggested that, ideally, carriers would be told when their drivers could to access the town (during specific time slots). Another possibility could be the use of remote-controlled bollards.

6.40pm Cllr Erswell arrived.

A majority of Members present were in favour of Cllr Gilbert carrying out the informal consultation proposed.

The meeting reconvened.

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

RESOLVED To receive and note the Update (see APPENDIX).

17 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 29 May 2018 (PT02).

18 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.	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	Outstanding

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'.	
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19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED 1 To submit the comments following to the Local Planning Authority:

[RR/2018/1378/P](#)

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5-6 Mermaid Street, Rye TN31 7ET

Removal of first floor section of end external wall and replacement construction.

[RR/2018/1379/L](#)

DEL

5-6 Mermaid Street, Rye TN31 7ET

Alterations to existing rear conservatory with replacement roof lantern and bi-fold doors.

Agent: Manning Duffie Architects Ltd, Custom House, 7 High Street, Rye

SUPPORT REFUSAL Lacking clarity. Plan P1706-BR-451 'Proposed Front Elevation' shows 2 first floor windows – the existing elevation shows one. It is unclear which section of external wall has – or will - have work undertaken to it.

[RR/2018/1431/P](#)

DEL

Point Lodge, Point Hill, Rye TN31 7NP

Erection of replacement garage.

[RR/2018/1436/L](#)

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Point Lodge, Point Hill, Rye TN31 7NP

Conversion of Grade II Listed Garage and Garden Room to form separate annexe to the main house.

Agent: Manning Duffie Architects Ltd, Custom House, 7 High Street, Rye

SUPPORT REFUSAL The proposed replacement garage should be more in keeping with the Garage & Garden Room. Inappropriate duplication of information.

RESOLVED 2 To make representation to the Planning Authority in respect of the inadequate validation of planning applications.

The meeting ended at 7pm.

Date Chairman