

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 12 November 2018

PRESENT Councillors Mike Boyd (Mayor), John Breeds, Cheryl Creaser (Committee Vice-Chairman), Pat Hughes, Ray Prewer, Shaun Rogers (Committee Chairman), Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllr Rebekah Gilbert; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman; 2 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.07pm.

56 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Bernardine Fiddimore and Charlie Harkness.

57 RESIGNATION

RESOLVED To note that Cllr Erswell had stepped down from the Committee – and that the vacancy has not been filled.

58 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest nor dispensation requests.

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

64 Lamb House The Manager of Lamb House, Jennifer Hatton advised that the request had been because visitors had reported difficulty in finding Lamb House. There is an existing sign at the junction of The Mint and Mermaid Street, however, it often goes unnoticed.

The meeting reconvened.

59 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Colonel Kimber advised that preparation for Regulation 15 was on track.

At this stage, RDC is responsible for ensuring that the consultation complies with statutory requirements. Although the official Rye location for viewing the RNP Submission draft will be Rye Library, the RNPSG would be arranging for copies to be made available at the Town Hall and TG Community Centre.

60 DaSA

Members were invited to consider: **a)** The RNP Conformity Assessment; and **b)** whether to respond to the consultation on RDC's Proposed Development and Site Allocation (DaSA) Local Plan (*deadline: 7.12.18*).

Colonel Kimber advised that the DaSA forms part of the Rother Local Plan. Its purpose is to allocate development sites in areas where there is no Neighbourhood Plan – as well as to set out development policy that is not provided for elsewhere.

The paper distributed explains how the RNP conforms with the (consultation) DaSA. RDC agrees that the RNP (Submission version) does not conflict with the DaSA.

RESOLVED To submit the paper provided as RTC’s official response to the DaSA consultation.
Clerk, RNPSG Vice-Chairman

61 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 29 October 2018 (PT09).

62 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 closures exacerbate isolation; d) Having to	Partly outstanding – it was noted that a response had been received from Barclay’s CEO.

travel to another town to bank cash and obtain change is more environmentally unfriendly than switching to 'paperless statements'.	
Planning applications – inadequate validation (making representations)	Outstanding
Rye Waterworks Micropub - seeking guidance on whether consent is required for the external timber structure.	Reported to Planning Enforcement (included in the Weekly Planning Enforcement Summary w/c 29.10.18)

63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the comments below to the Local Planning Authority:

RR/2018/2739/P 40 Kings Avenue, Rye TN31 7LX
 Single storey side and front extension.
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

64 LAMB HOUSE

The Committee considered RTC's position in respect of the National Trust's application to ESCC for a brown visitor information directional sign to be installed at the junction of the High Street and West Street.

The Clerk advised that the design for the proposed tourist sign presented to RTC by ESCC is incorrect: the National Trust had actually requested permission to erect a smaller 'Kino size' sign compromising the NT logo and a 'walking person' symbol.

Comments included: A new pole at the location proposed could reduce the useable width of the pavement to an unacceptable level; poles and signage need to be kept to the minimum necessary to avoid creating 'street furniture clutter'; the proposed location forms part of a hazardous junction; agreeing to the request could set a precedent – other venues/organisations could seek similar; people remark that the cinema symbol on the Kino sign in the High Street is difficult to interpret; getting permissions to attach directional signage to Listed buildings can be problematic; the NT could, instead, look into utilising the information panels outside the Railway Station.

The Lamb House Manager added that, although the NT is encouraging rail travel, most Lamb House visitors arrive in the town by car. Lamb House has leaflets at the Railway Station. NT members readily recognise the NT logo.

RESOLVED To advise ESCC that RTC does not support the NT's request. **Clerk**

The meeting ended at 7.21pm.

Date Chairman