

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 18 February 2019**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNP Vice-Chairman

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*The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.*

**75 APOLOGIES**

There was none.

**76 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There was none.

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Questions/Contributions.*

*Colonel Kimber reported/advised that:*

- *He had drafted two reports (REACT and the RNP) for the ATM. He suggested that these could be distributed to Members, for their information, prior to the meeting.*  
**Clerk**
- *It was believed that the RNP Independent Examiner had now visited Rye.*
- *RDC has earmarked £250,000 to explore options for a number of parcels of land it owns – including that occupied by Rye Hire and land adjacent to Gibbets Marsh. RDC Planners have acknowledged that the RNP is a relevant consideration. RDC has undertaken to consult locally before proceeding to disposal.*
- *He would shortly be meeting with the EA and Chairman of the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (of which he is a member) to discuss the lack of progress in relation to the completion of the Eastern Rother Tidal Defence Wall.*
- *He was pleased to see that RDC's Public Realm Strategic Framework consultation document had drawn heavily on the RNP (particularly aspirations). He considered that it is a helpful document which highlights maintenance needs (not covered elsewhere) and the need for partnership working. The document recognises the challenges in sourcing funding for the public realm (which could include s106 and CIL).*
- *He still did not have details of any s106 and CIL discussions that RDC/ESCC has had with the developer in relation to the Lower School site.*

*The meeting reconvened.*

**72 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 28 January 2019 (PT12).**

**73 MATTERS ARISING**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Status</b>
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 travel to another town to bank cash and obtain change is more environmentally unfriendly than switching to ‘paperless statements’.	Partly outstanding – it was noted that a response had been received from Barclay’s CEO.
Planning applications – inadequate validation (making representations)	Outstanding

**79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- RR/2019/104/L      20a Watchbell Street, Rye TN31 7HB  
Single storey rear lean-to extension.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL
  
- RR/2019/132/P      40 Kings Avenue, Rye TN31 7LX  
Single storey side and front extension  
SUPPORT REFUSAL Flat roof out of keeping and inconsistent  
with streetscape.
  
- RR/2019/151/P      3 Warehouse, The Strand, Rye TN31 7DB  
RR/2019/152/L      Retention of ground floor restaurant as commercial.  
Conversion of first floor into 3-bedroom flat with replacement  
external doors and windows, weatherboarding, rainwater  
goods and new windows. Ground floor repairs to brickwork.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL Subject to the approval of the  
Conservation & Design Officer.
  
- RR/2019/166/P      72 Udimore Road, Rye TN31 7DS  
Erection of single storey side and rear extension  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**80 PUBLIC REALM CONSULTATION**

Members were invited to consider whether to respond to RDC’s Public Real Strategic Framework consultation (*deadline: 7.3.19*).

Cllr Hughes observed that the document is somewhat out of date in relation to pedestrian safety in Station Approach: since the relocation of the entrance to Jempsons it is now safer for pedestrians to cross the road on the corner. Because drivers are stopping at the zebra crossing this has allowed gaps in the traffic flow.

It was agreed generally that there is little in the report to take issue with.

**RESOLVED To note the report’s content, make known the comments raised – and to highlight the Town Steward service provided by RTC.  
Clerk**

*The meeting ended at 7pm.*

Date ..... Chairman .....