

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 4 March 2019

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

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

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

81 APOLOGIES
There was none.

82 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
There was none.

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Questions/Contributions (see **APPENDIX**).*

The meeting reconvened.

83 MINUTES

RESOLVED 1 To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 28 January 2019 (PT12).

RESOLVED 2 To note that Cllr Prewer had sent his apologies prior to the last meeting – but this had not been recorded in the Minutes.

84 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	The Working Party is exploring a potentially cheaper option, linking with an existing

practicalities.	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

85 LAMB HOUSE

Members were invited to consider a revised proposal for visitor directional signage – utilising an existing pole location.

RESOLVED To support the addition of the proposed Lamb House sign to the existing 'one way' sign post. Clerk

86 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2019/240/P Flat 3, Cliff Court, Military Road, Rye TN31 7NX
Reinstatement of garage to match other garages.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2019/256/P 71 Military Road, Rye TN31 7NX
Erection of single storey rear and side extension.
SUPPORT REFUSAL Not in accordance with amended plans associated with extant planning consent.

RESOLVED To ask a Rye Ward Member to call in this application to RDC's Planning Committee. Clerk

The meeting ended at 7.06pm.

Date Chairman

Adjournment

Rye Neighbourhood Plan

Colonel Kimber advised that he was currently liaising with RDC Planners concerning RDC's and RTC's responses to the queries raised by the Examiner, John Slater. The RNPSG's draft response on behalf of RTC would be put to Members for approval at the Additional Council Meeting scheduled for 11.3.19.

Allotments RDC has now conceded that the Love Lane and South Undercliff sites are 'statutory' (rather than held as 'temporary allotments')!

Property Review RDC has allocated funding to possible land disposals. In Rye, the site occupied by Rye Hire and the 'grass corridor' between the Gibbet Marsh car parking area and the river have been identified. RDC has given an assurance that, in parishes with a NP (or emerging NP), no property will be disposed of without the relevant parishes being consulted.

Given that RDC had now accepted that Rye's remaining allotment sites are statutory, Cllr John Breeds wondered if RDC's decision to make allotment land available to ESCC for the new Rye Primary could be challenged. Colonel Kimber considered that such a course of action was unlikely to bear fruit.

The Mayor advised that Rye Hire had approached RDC with a view to purchasing the freehold of the land it occupies on a number of occasions.

RR/2019/256/P

Edward O'Neill stated that the applicant had submitted a new application because he had built the roof 800mm higher than permitted under the original planning consent. The application is, therefore, retrospective.

Margaret O'Neill expressed her disappointment that the applicant (her neighbour) had not visited her originally to discuss his plans. The development had created also an access issue to the rear of her property.

85 Lamb House

The National Trust's Senior Visitor Experience Officer, Jennifer Hatton advised that ESCC is prepared to accommodate a new Lamb House directional sign by extending the existing illuminated 'one way' sign pole. All other attractions in the town are signed. Visitors are currently struggling to find Lamb House.