

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 22 July 2019

PRESENT Councillors David Bookless, Mike Boyd (Mayor), Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Chairman**), Chris Hoggart, Shaun Rogers (**Committee Vice-Chairman**), Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllr Lord Amphill; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman; Charlie Harkness – *Rye News*

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and that reasons as provided to the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Pat Hughes, Sam Souster and Sam Wood.

23 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comments/questions. There was none and so the meeting reconvened.

24 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 8 July 2019 (PT04).

25 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	Outstanding

web site explaining how two plans might be viewed simultaneously.	
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

26 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members received an update and Closing Report.

Colonel Kimber spoke to his reports – highlighting:

- RDC had accepted that it is nonsensical that parish/town councils leading on Neighbourhood Plans are not permitted to campaign for a 'yes' vote at referendum.
- RDC has published the formal RNP adoption Notice.
- Although the RNP FB page will continue for a few months, the RNP web site will be backed up and taken down.
- The data archiving will be the last expense – RTC will then need to decide what to do with the RNP Earmarked Reserve balance.
- RTC will need to decide the future of the RNPSG and who/what will take forward ongoing matters. **Clerk**
- From now on planning applications will need to conform with the (adopted) RNP.
- RTC will now receive 25% of any CIL paid to RDC on qualifying development.
- The DASA and Core Strategy reviews should not impact directly on the RNP.

Colonel Kimber was happy to assist with future RNP-related work if it was not too onerous and offered to contact RDC Planning Strategy regarding reviewing RDC's Infrastructure Regulation 123 List (insofar as it affects Rye). **Colonel Kimber**

Rye Airfield Memorial Thanks to donors, RTC and the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust the memorial is now in a place. The date for the formal unveiling (to be sponsored by the RBL) would be announced shortly.

MLAG Colonel Kimber is working with MLAG to help it identify projects to support a bid for £30,000 of rail franchise funding for rail-related improvements.

REACT Colonel Kimber was present during the fire at the George on Saturday. As Chairman of REACT he had written to ESFRS asking for feedback on how the community could be better prepared for such incidents.

Bridge Point development A number of people had asked him when the promised (improved) 'riverside walkway' would be completed. Currently, it is close to being impassable. **Clerk**

The Mayor reported that, on the morning of the George fire, unable to access the Citadel, a Tesco home delivery driver had abandoned his vehicle near GMP in order to make his delivery on foot. A bus had been unable to pass, resulting in a long tailback of traffic. Despite clearly causing an obstruction the returning driver insisted he could park where he liked. Complaints were lodged with his employer. The Mayor added that no Police attended until 11.30am and had stated that they were not interested in any 'traffic matters'.

27 RYE COLLEGE TURNING CIRCLE

Members noted that the College has 'fenced and gated' the turning circle and were invited to consider whether to make representations.

Comments included:

- There is now nowhere for larger vehicles to turn around in Love Lane (a dead end).
- There is insufficient space at the entrance to the allotments.
- The turning circle was constructed in the late 1980s/early 1990s to allow buses/coaches to set down/collect students.
- Students are now set down/collected in the Sports Centre car park.
- The turning is not a public highway.
- The Academy could be asked to gate both ends of the road – and to keep the gates open during the day-time (when it is most likely to be useful for drivers of goods vehicles).
- The Academy has alienated the local community by restricting use of the 'permissive path' from Tillingham Avenue – as well as submitting planning applications incorporating 'excessive illumination'.

RESOLVED To arrange for the Mayor, Cllr Hoggart and the Clerk to discuss the concerns raised informally with the Executive Headteacher, Barry Blakelock. Clerk

28 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2019/209/P	145 South Undercliff, Rye TN31 7HW <i>Outline</i> Proposed demolition of buildings serving Holland of Rye and construction of 4 semi-detached 4-bedroom town houses with allocated parking, 1 fish restaurant (A3) and 1 office (B1), with 2 x 2-bed flats and 1 4-bed flat above, all with allocated parking. SUPPORT REFUSAL Overdevelopment; poor vehicular access; insufficient parking.
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RR/2019/1449/P 42 Cinque Ports Street, Regent Motel, Rye TN31 7AN
Replacement shop front. New doors to replace existing shop
front window.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

The meeting ended at 7.13pm.

Date

Chairman