

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held via Zoom on Monday 14 December 2020

PRESENT Councillors David Bookless, Mike Boyd, Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Chairman**), Rebekah Gilbert (Mayor – Speaker of the Cinque Ports), Chris Hoggart, Pat Hughes, Andi Rivett (Deputy Mayor), Shaun Rogers (**Committee Vice-Chairman**), Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk (Host): Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNP Co-ordinator

The meeting commenced at 7.52pm.

29 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reason as notified to the Clerk – were accepted from Cllr Sam Wood.

30 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest nor requests for dispensation.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions/contributions.

RR/2019/2594/L 18 Landgate – replacement roof Cllr Hughes advised that this application – for retrospective consent to replace a peg tile roof with a(n out of keeping) clay tile one – has yet to be determined. There is a suspicion that the clay tiles are causing structural damage to the roof timbers.

The Clerk would draw this concern to the attention of the Conservation & Design Officer. **Clerk**

Colonel Kimber observed/advised:

Rye Greenway A recent RDC CIL update paper confirms that RDC still holds £44,000 earmarked for the Greenway project.

RR/2020/2083/P Grist Mill He has asked the developer for more information about the flood protection level.

Rock Channel – proposed Stopping Up Order RX Architects have suggested that Shipyard Lane could be used as alternative route for the duration of the works. However, there are frequently cars parked on the lane (restricting vehicular access) and the surface is poor.

The meeting reconvened.

31 MINUTES

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 30 November 2020 (PT05).

32 MATTERS ARISING

Item	Status
Gilfrin Jewellers (side) - exploring the implications of RTC applying for advertising consent (community banners)	Outstanding – Confirm support of Gilfrin Jewellers and apply for advertising consent.
Obtain costings to improve signage to the town centre within Gibbet Marsh Car Park	Ongoing – forms part of the work of the Parking Strategy Review Group
Asking RDC to consider removing the Gibbet Marsh Car Parking charges – or introducing a discounted scheme for traders and residents	Ongoing – forms part of the work of the Parking Strategy Review Group
Asking RDC to add a note to its planning web site explaining how two plans might be viewed simultaneously.	Outstanding
Planning applications – inadequate validation (making representations)	Outstanding
Tilling Green Community Land Trust – exploring	Discussions with the Rye Partnership on the provision of affordable/social housing on the former school playing field are ongoing.
Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation – agreed response (incl covering letter) to ESCC	Submitted
Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation – copying ESCC response to Natural England, Sustrans, RDC/1066 Country	Actioned

The Committee Chairman suggested running through the matters arising at the next meeting. **all**

33 PROPOSED STOPPING UP ORDER: ROCK CHANNEL

The Committee was invited to consider whether to comment on the proposed stopping/up diversions of the highway and footpaths 32C and 33. (*Deadline: 15.1.21.*)

Comments included:

- Earlier in the year local residents had removed signage that had been displayed, intended to discourage pedestrian access on footpaths.
- Many will be substantially inconvenienced during the works – including, walkers, the auction house, Sea Cadets, the emergency services and allotment holders.

Colonel Kimber reminded Members that the RNP is very specific about retaining a riverside walkway. It is possible currently to circumvent the 5 new builds.

RESOLVED To object to the Stopping Up Order on the grounds that the applicant does not appear to have considered adequate alternative access arrangements for the duration of the works. Clerk

34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- RR/2020/2083/P Gristmill, Winchelsea Road, Rye TN31 7EL.
Demolition of existing warehouse structure and replacement with new two-storey building containing four 2-bedroom flats (alternative to RR/2019/1779/P).
SUPPORT REFUSAL Overdevelopment (ridge height exceeds consent RR/2019/1779/P); loss of commercial space; out of keeping.
- RR/2020/2133/P 35 Udimore Road, Rye TN31 7EA.
Demolition of side conservatory single storey. Side extension to form enlarged dining room and kitchen.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2020/2303/L 21-22 High St, Penny Royal, Rye TN31 7JF.
RR/2020/2302/P Change of use of first floor from retail to residential to provide additional accommodation for the existing second floor flat – and associated alterations.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Date

Chairman