

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 17 July 2017

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Rebekah Gilbert and Andi Rivett; Jessica Neame – General Assistant; Louisa O’Shaughnessy – HC Manager; Colonel Anthony Kimber – Rye NP Vice-Chairman; Gerard Reilly – *Rye News*.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

32 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence - and the reason as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllr Harkness.

33 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for an update on the Rye Neighbourhood Plan and public contributions/questions (See APPENDIX A.)

34 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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RESOLVED 1 (In relation to the Strategic Gap) **To monitor the situation.**

RESOLVED 2 To note Colonel Kimber’s RNPSG Update (**APPENDIX B**).

35 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 3 July 2017 (**PT05**).

36 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.	Outstanding – passed to the Asst Town Clerk. Cllr Boyd offered to assist – and Cllr Erswell could assist if required.

37 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the comments following to the Planning Authority:

- RR/2017/1266/L** 16b Landgate – 1st & 2nd Floor Maisonette, Rye TN31 7LH
DEL Rebuild joint chimney stack. Renews cementitious tiling with leadwork to stack adjoining roof area to 16b Landgate. Replacement of broken tiles to front roof slope of 16b Landgate.
Applicant: Mr M Jones, More Cottage, Chick Hill, Pett Level
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2017/1433/P** 38 Cooper Road, Rye TN31 7BQ
DEL Two-storey side extension in place of existing garage.
Applicant: Donaghay-Spire, 38 Cooper Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2017/1439/P** 5-6 Mermaid Street, Rye TN31 7ET *Retrospective*
RR/2017/1440/L Various internal and external alterations.
DEL *Applicant: Mr & Mrs Moore, 51 Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh*
SUPPORT APPROVAL Subject to the approval of the Design & Conservation Officer
- RR/2017/1480/P** 30 New Winchelsea Road, Rye TN31 7TA
DEL Ground and first floor infill to north elevation with roof extended over. Rear single-storey extension.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Spall, 30 New Winchelsea Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2017/1484/L** 7 Watchbell Street, Rye TN31 7HA
COM Removal of internal partition to second floor bedroom and installation of fire detection system.
Applicant: Ms C Harris Blanchard, 7 Watchbell Street, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2017/1524/L** 3 Market Street, Monks Way, Rye TN31 7LA
DEL Internal alterations and new French doors to rear extension.
Applicant: Ms A Clark, Durrant House, 2 Market Street, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL Subject to the approval of the Design & Conservation Officer

The meeting ended at 6.49pm.

Date Chairman

Adjournment

Rye Neighbourhood Plan

Colonel Kimber spoke to his update (**APPENDIX B**) – highlighting:

- RDC still does not have sufficient officers to support the seven developing Neighbourhood plans in Rother.
- He is continuing to liaise with AiRS, Locality and a former RNP consultant in respect of preparing for the Reg 14 consultation.
- He attended last week's Rye Area Business Forum because the theme was the impact of traffic on local businesses. The issues raised are acknowledged within the draft RNP.
- Residents periodically make contact concerning the unoccupied dwellings adjacent to the Queen Adelaide.
- The Bridge Point development groundworks are now under way.
- Cllr Glazier has advised that the Rye Partnership Rock Channel East Feasibility Study will be published shortly.
- An inspection of the Landgate Tower uplighters has revealed corrosion, (expensive) halogen fittings and a defective cable.
- 'Clutter' has continued to build up on the Strategic Gap (Rye Peninsula - protected from development), south of Rock Channel East.

Colonel Kimber suggested that RTC might like to raise the increase in the number of metal structures on the Strategic Gap with the EA and RDC.

Comments from Members in relation to the Strategic Gap included: those living on boats (moorings) there appear to keep themselves to themselves and there are no reports of theft, vandalism or other problems; they cannot afford other forms of accommodation in the area; the metal structures may be portable (and not require planning consent); if the residents there are not paying Council Tax they will not be receiving a waste collection and it is unclear how they dispose of the sewage they generate; there is nothing intrinsically wrong with living on a boat.