

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 4 September 2017

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllr Rebekah Gilbert; Gerard Reilly – *Rye News*; 1 member of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.52pm.

44 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence - and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds (Mayor) and Charlie Harkness.

45 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr John Breeds	RR/2017/1803/P	Family connection
Cllr Erswell	RR/2017/1749/P RR/2017/1852/P	Financial interest

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public contributions/questions (See **APPENDIX A**)*

The meeting reconvened.

46 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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

It was noted that, in future, Colonel Kimber would continue to provide written updates but would attend every other meeting. Additionally, his verbal contribution would be invited at the main agenda item.

47 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 31 July 2017 (PT07).

48 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.	See main agenda item - 51

49 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED 1 To note the comments submitted to the Planning Authority under the Clerk's delegated authority:

- RR/2017/1484/L**
COM
7 Watchbell Street, Rye TN31 7HA
Removal of internal partition and door to second floor bedroom, removal of a section of plasterboard ceiling above the second floor landing and installation of fire detection system
Applicant: Ms C Harris Blanchard, 7 Watchbell Street, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2017/1658/P**
DEL
67 Cooper Road, Rye TN31 7BG
Proposed rear and small side extension to improve access and living quarters for wheelchair user.
Applicant: Mrs U Buss, 67 Cooper Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2016/3218/P**
DEL
5 Seaview Terrace, Rye TN31 7JZ
Internal alterations to create self-contained holiday let on upper two floors with lower floors as self-contained flat. (Retrospective.)
Applicant: Mr J Tarsh, 5 Seaview Terrace
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2017/1733/P**
RR/2017/1734/L
DEL
Black Lantern Cottage, Hucksteps Row, Rye TN31 7HG
Internal alterations, new window, new lean-to glazed bike store, new drain connection, repaint house sign, replace external light.
Applicant: Mr K Mccarthy, Black Lantern Cottage, Hucksteps Row, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2017/1679/P
DEL 6 Winchelsea Road, Rye TN31 7EL
Variation of condition 1 imposed upon planning permission RR/2004/2236 for the continued use as a car park and pre-packed coal compound.
RR/2014/1794/P condition 1.
Applicant: Mr B Wright, 64 Park Avenue, Hastings
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2017/1756/P
DEL Rye Football & Cricket Club, The Salts, Fishmarket Road, Rye TN31 7LR
Addition of rooflight to cricket pavilion.
Applicant: Rye Cricket Club, attn., Martin Blincow, 38 Cadborough Cliff, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RESOLVED 2 To submit the comments following to the Planning Authority:

RR/2017/1749/P
DEL Studio Cottage, Traders Passage, Rye TN31 7EX
Installation of velux roof windows to east elevation peg tile roof in order to provide adequate natural light to cottage living room and window.
Applicant: Mrs R Boucherat, West Watch, Traders Passage, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2017/1803/P
DEL 135 South Undercliff, Rye TN31 7HW
Proposed single storey extension.
Applicant: Ms Rachel Dorman, 135 South Undercliff, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2017/1852/P
DEL 14A Tower Street, Merchant & Mills, Rye TN31 7AT
Proposed Mezzanine, new shop front windows and rooflights and lettering on parapet (alternative to RR/2016/3062/P).
Applicant: Merchant & Mills, attn. Mr R Field & Ms C Denham, 14a Tower Street, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Note *Playden Parish Council had invited RTC to respond to the application following:*

RR/2017/1450/P
DEL Shellfield, New England Lane, Playden TN31 7NT
Outline: Demolition of existing dwelling and associated external works.
Applicant: Lucan Design & Consultancy, 11a West Street, Reigate RH2 9BL
SUPPORT REFUSAL The emerging Rye Neighbourhood Plan supports the retention of green spaces on – or in close proximity to – the Rye Parish boundary.

50 RYE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Members were invited to consider any issues raised following this year's Festival.

The only concern that had been brought to the Clerk's attention was that, at the end of the first day (Sat), gulls ripped open black sacks – containing Jazz Festival-related litter – that had been placed near the litter bin at the top of Lion Street. An individual associated with St Marys subsequently ensured that bags of rubbish were kept in the Church overnight.

RESOLVED To suggest to the Festival Organiser that arrangements are made for a container to be available at next year's event. Clerk

51 CCTV

Members considered the Assistant Town Clerk's Update.

The Clerk advised that she had just established contact with the Sussex Police [public space] CCTV officer.

Cllr Boyd emphasised that, if a suitable camera was obtained, it was likely to be a portable one so that it could potentially benefit other areas of the town (not just Lion Street).

RESOLVED To note the Update.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Date Chairman

Adjournment

Lower School site In relation to the current planning application for housing provision (to be discussed at full Council), Cllr Rogers suggested that it would be desirable to explore whether – to ensure that Rye remains a vibrant ‘working town’ - it would be possible for the RNP to restrict new builds being used as second homes/holiday lets.

It was agreed to ask the RNP Vice Chair, Colonel Kimber if he could re-visit his previous briefing note on this topic and seek advice from the planning consultant.

Clerk

Proposed replacement RHNR Visitor Centre Referring to the recent email from the Appeal Managers seeking RTC’s support for the proposal, Cllrs Boyd and Gilbert reported that they had not advised them to provide RTC with a pro forma letter of support.