

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 30 October 2017**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman

*The meeting commenced at 7.50pm and was chaired by Cllr Creaser.*

**65 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence - and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Justin Erswell (**Committee Chairman**), John Breeds and Jonathan Breeds (Mayor).

**66 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There was none.

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

**67 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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Colonel Kimber's verbal report included:

- New neighbourhood planning procedures were introduced on 1 October 2016 and RDC officers had drafted a 12-page briefing paper on how RDC intended to comply. Essentially, officers would have more delegated authority in relation to making decisions. Colonel Kimber would circulate a note.  
**Col Kimber**
- *Parking* (In relation to the CPE item on the preceding Council meeting agenda) a considerable amount of work has been done and incorporated within the draft RNP. Colonel Kimber would provide the 3 Members attending the CPE Stakeholder meeting with a briefing note. **Col Kimber**
- Up to November 2016, Colonel Kimber had weekly contact with RDC Planning Strategy officers. However, two subsequently left and support from RDC has been limited. Recently, RDC contracted with its former Head of Planning, Frank Rallings (FR) to provide support to the 10 Rother parishes working on NPs – and Rye will be prioritised. Colonel Kimber had had a long meeting with FR and RTC's consultant, Claire Tester – during which they reviewed the RNP, SEA and supporting evidence. The result was that the RNP itself includes more recognised planning terminology and has been slimmed down (to 80 pages) – with supporting material moved to the evidence document (now c100 pages). However, no significant changes to policies have been made. The amended RNP will be considered by the RNPSG before being putting to full Council for approval. The plan is to move to the Reg 14 consultation in early January. Colonel Kimber needs to consult with the EA on whether an overall flood risk assessment is required.

**68 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 16 October 2017 (PT10).

**69 MATTERS ARISING**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Status</b>
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.	A meeting with the Sussex Police lead officer for public space CCTV had taken place and further information is awaited.

**70 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**RR/2017/2152/P** 1 Landgate House, Landgate, Rye TN31 7LH  
**RR/2017/2153/L** Subdivision of existing shop and linked self-contained  
 DEL accommodation to form fully self-contained maisonette with  
 additional shower rooms and wc. Reinstatement of French  
 doors and two lock up shops with WC and staff facilities.  
*Applicant: Nicholas Bragge, The Towers, Brabourne, Ashford*  
 SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2017/1954/P** Point Lodge, Point Hill, Rye TN31 7NP  
 DEL Erection of garden room.  
*Applicant: Mrs Dominie Wilson, Point Lodge, Point Hill, Rye*

**RESOLVED** Not to consider without a Listed Building consent application.

*The meeting ended at 8.10pm.*

Date ..... Chairman .....