

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 10 June 2019**

**PRESENT** Councillors David Bookless, Mike Boyd (Mayor), Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Chairman**), Chris Hoggart, Pat Hughes, Sam Souster, Andy Stuart, Sam Wood

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs John Breeds, Rebekah Gilbert (Deputy Mayor), Ian Potter, Andi Rivett; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman; Charlie Harkness – *Rye News*

*The meeting commenced at 6.31pm.*

**7 APOLOGIES**

There was none.

**8 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Boyd *RR/2019/1241/P* Friend and neighbour of applicant

Cllr Hughes *RR/2019/1241/P* Acquaintance of applicant

*The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for contributions from members of the public. (See APPENDIX.)*

*The meeting reconvened.*

**9 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 28 May 2019 (PT01).**

**10 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	The Working Party is exploring a potentially

parking) - ascertaining the likely cost and practicalities.	cheaper option, linking with an existing system
Asking RDC to add a note to its planning web site explaining how two plans might be viewed simultaneously.	Outstanding
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

## 11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**RESOLVED To submit the comment below to the Local Planning Authority:**

RR/2019/1241/P      1 The Landgate, Landgate House, Rye TN31 7LH  
Variation of condition 6 imposed in planning permission  
RR/2018/2247/P to amend the approved hours of operation.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

*The meeting ended at 6.48pm.*

Date .....

Chairman .....

**Public Question Time**

*RR/2019/1241/P 1 The Landgate* The applicant advised that his agent had inadvertently submitted incorrect proposed opening hours with the original (approved) application. Abiding by these hours could impact seriously on the viability of the business.

*Rye Neighbourhood Plan* Colonel Kimber reported that he was about to publish the second suite of referendum publicity material.

RDC had advised that poll cards have just been issued.

The sole polling station will be Rye Community Centre. The flea market scheduled to take place there on the 27 June has been cancelled.

Colonel Kimber had fielded a number of enquiries from parishioners. He had reassured one that the fact that Rye's green spaces are listed in the Plan affords them a degree of protection (although further work on strengthening their protection would be beneficial). A number of people had stated that the Plan mistakenly asserts that Rye's two remaining allotment sites have 'statutory status'. He had reassured them that RDC had rescinded its view that they are 'temporary'.

*Community Land Trusts* Colonel Kimber reported that the Icklesham Community Land Trust Project has now received planning consent. He suggested that the former TG Primary School playing field would provide an ideal site for a community land trust project – perhaps providing 12 affordable (in the legal sense of the term) homes at an estimated build cost of £90,000-£100,000 each. Cllr Glazier had suggested that ESCC might now be more amenable to disposing of its land for a modest sum if there was a proven social need. A land trust could be established by 4-5 citizens. RTC might like to consider acquiring the playing field and then leasing it to a land trust.

The Mayor indicated that he would raise the matter with Cllr Glazier.

Cllr Creaser advised that Nick Warren has offered to talk to RDC about the Icklesham project.

Colonel Kimber added that Action in Rural Sussex is in a position to offer advice.