

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 9 March 2020

PRESENT Councillors Mike Boyd (Mayor), Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Chairman**), Chris Hoggart, Pat Hughes, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk

The meeting commenced at 6.31pm.

71 APOLOGIES

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

72 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Questions/Contributions (see APPENDIX).

6.43pm The meeting reconvened.

73 MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 24 February 2020 (PT13).

74 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.	The Working Party is exploring a potentially 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	Outstanding

issues).	
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
Tilling Green Community Land Trust – exploring	Outstanding

75 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2020/156/P 100 High Street, Rye TN31 7JN
RR/2020/157/L Change of use of outbuilding into ancillary habitable accommodation and holiday let, including raising roof to front gable, internal alterations and rebuilding of gables.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2020/120/P Cadborough Barn, Udimore Road, Rye
Demolition of redundant agricultural barn and cottage to be replaced with five detached residential units on the same site. SUPPORT REFUSAL. Outside of the development boundary; not in conformity with the Rye Neighbourhood Plan; adverse impact on the rural character of the area.

76 ENGLAND COAST PATH

The Committee was invited to consider whether to comment on the Eastbourne to Camber consultation (*deadline: 23.4.20*).

As someone who had previously worked on this project, Cllr Hoggart expressed his disappointment that Natural England is proposing not to align a trail between Rye Harbour and Camber Sands. He acknowledged that NE's concerns were valid but considered that that, given sufficient will, it is possible to create a link through Rye.

One significant problem with the Coast Path is that, unless it is 'excepted land' (such as an industrial site, military installation, domestic garden etc), all land between the Path and the sea/estuary is publicly accessible.

If there is no Rye link, Rye itself could lose out on increased visitor numbers. He added that the absence of a link would also restrict future funding opportunities – eg seeking grants to maintain the Path.

RESOLVED To ask Cllr Hoggart to draft a representation.

Cllr Hoggart

The meeting ended at 6.58pm.

Date

Chairman