

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held via Zoom on Monday 8 February 2021

PRESENT Councillors David Bookless, Mike Boyd, Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Chairman**), Rebekah Gilbert (Mayor – Speaker of the Cinque Ports), Chris Hoggart, Pat Hughes, Andi Rivett (Deputy Mayor), Shaun Rogers (**Committee Vice-Chairman**), Andy Stuart, Sam Wood

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk (Host); Jessica Neame – Deputy Town Clerk (Co-Host); Rye Town Councillors: David Ampthill, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter; Rother District Councillor Howard Norton; 2 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

42 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

43 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Gilbert RR/2020/1694/P Acquainted with a tenant of the premises.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions/contributions.

There was none and the meeting reconvened.

44 MINUTES

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 25 January 2021 (PT07).

45 MATTERS ARISING

Item	Status
Gilfrin Jewellers (side) - exploring the implications of RTC applying for advertising consent (community banners)	Outstanding – Confirm support of Gilfrin Jewellers and apply for advertising consent.
Obtain costings to improve signage to the town centre within Gibbet Marsh Car Park	Ongoing – forms part of the work of the Parking Strategy Review Group
Asking RDC to consider removing the Gibbet Marsh Car Parking charges – or introducing a discounted scheme for traders and residents	Ongoing – forms part of the work of the Parking Strategy Review Group
Asking RDC to add a note to its planning web site explaining how two plans might be viewed simultaneously.	Outstanding
Planning applications – inadequate validation (making representations)	Outstanding
Tilling Green Community Land Trust – exploring	Discussions with the Rye Partnership on the provision of affordable/social housing

	on the former school playing field are ongoing.
18 Landgate – out-of-keeping replacement roof tiles (drawing to the attention of the Conservation & Design Officer)	Actioned – response awaited
Rock Channel – inviting developer to outline plans	In hand.

46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2020/1641/P 173 Pottingfield Road, Rye TN31 7BW.
Two-storey side extension.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2020/1694/P The Brewery Yard Club, Landgate, Rye TN31 7LH
Conversion of building to 3 self-contained flats
(alternative/renewal of extant planning permission
RR/2017/2924/P) *AMENDED*
SUPPORT REFUSAL No off-street parking provision; loss of
privacy to 1 & 2 Eagle Cottages.

The meeting adjourned to allow Cllr Norton to impart information about the Landgate. (See APPENDIX)

The Chairman reconvened the meeting – and then closed it at 6.51pm.

Date

Chairman

The Landgate

Cllr Norton commented/reported:

RDC has been criticised about the condition of the Landgate on *Rye News* – and disparaging remarks have been directed at both Ward Members.

Graham Burgess, (RDC property Investment & Regeneration Manager) had advised him:

- Pigeon guano was cleared out last Thursday.
- The electrical consumer unit in the eastern tower needs to be made safe.
- Around £22,000 of the capital funding for vegetation removal remains.
- Lee Beckham will be getting quotes for vegetation removal to take place this year – and for a masonry assessment to be carried out at the same time.
- RDC will explore also alternatives to the pigeon netting – whilst liaising with Historic England.
- RDC intends to undertake regular maintenance (cleaning, vegetation removal and making good loose masonry) every 2-3 years.

Comments included: the last contractor RDC used managed the work (and impact on users of the public highway beneath) very well – and stated that they were happy to return if there were any problems; the bird netting has been problematic since it was originally installed – last year ESFRS had to be called to rescue a gull; netting has been deployed because it is cheaper than roofing the structure (assuming permission could be obtained); the public finds the sight of trapped birds distressing.