

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held via Zoom on Monday 8 March 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); Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNP Co-ordinator; 3 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 6.31pm.

52 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

It was noted that, if the meeting remained in progress, Cllr Wood would need to leave the meeting at 7pm (but would look to re-join).

53 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Gilbert *RR/2021/60/P* Applicant is a client

Cllr Rogers *RR/2021/47/P* Employed by the applicant

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions/contributions.

Colonel Kimber highlighted two significant communications in relation to the status of Neighbourhood Plans and RDC’s need to achieve a 5-year (rather than 3-year) housing supply.

- a) *Email from RDC’s Head of Planning, Tim Hickling to Colonel Kimber, of 12.1.21, states:
This [5-year housing supply Government requirement] does not mean that respective Neighbourhood Plans should be discarded but the weight attached to the policies within them need to be considered against the benefits that additional housing would bring although, as set out in this report [presented to RDC’s Planning Committee on 4.1.21], this will depend on the High Weald AONB and other nationally and internationally important designations.*
- b) *Email from Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall to Colonel Kimber, RDC Lead Member on Strategy & Planning, sent 10.2.21, states:
You can be assured that Rother under this administration is 100% behind Neighbourhood Plans.*

Colonel Kimber reported that RDC will be receiving £125,000 of ‘Levelling Up’ funding from Government. It is a relatively small sum – c £1.50 per Rother resident – and the process for ‘bidding’ has yet to be announced.

The Clerk would register Rye's interest in benefiting from the funding and, at the next Committee meeting, invite Members to consider formally what infrastructure improvements might be suggested to RDC. **Clerk**

The meeting reconvened.

54 MINUTES

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 22 February 2021 (PT09).

55 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)	It was noted that RDC had refused Listed Building Consent for the tiles and that the matter was being dealt with by Planning Enforcement
Rock Channel – inviting the developer's architects to attend a Council meeting.	Actioned – response awaited.

56 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- RR/2021/57/P 70 New Winchelsea Road, Rye TN31 7TA.
Dropped kerb for vehicle access.
SUPPORT REFUSAL (Withdrawn if Highways England has no objection.)
- RR/2021/60/P 22 Military Road, Little Saltcote, Rye TN31 7NY.
Change of use only from C1 (guest house and premises) to C3 (private dwelling house).
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllr Rogers restated his interest in the application following:

RR/2021/147/P Rye Fire Station, Ferry Road, Rye TN31 7DJ.
Erection of a 5,000litre over-ground fuel tank.
SUPPORT REFUSAL Inaccurate plan submitted. The tank is
in place and not in the position shown on the block plan.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.02pm.

Date

Chairman