

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held via Zoom on Tuesday 4 May 2021

PRESENT Councillors David Bookless, Mike Boyd, Cheryl Creaser, Bernardine Fiddimore, Rebekah Gilbert (Mayor – Speaker of the Cinque Ports), Chris Hoggart, Pat Hughes, Andi Rivett (Deputy Mayor), Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk (Host); Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNP Co-ordinator; Charlie Harkness – *Rye News*.

The meeting commenced at 7.09pm.

The Clerk observed that the agenda of the preceding Council meeting included a note suggesting that each committee should appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at their first meeting – however, he had forgotten to make provision on this agenda.

The Clerk suggested that this should be remedied and so Cllr Creaser conducted the election of a Chairman. There were two candidates – Cllrs Creaser and Stuart – each receiving 5 votes.

Options for breaking the deadlock were explored – before the Clerk advised that it would be preferable to add the appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2021-22 to the next agenda so that the results would not be open to legal challenge.

The Clerk advised that, given that Cllr Creaser had held the Chairmanship for 2021-22 – and with Members' agreement – it would be appropriate for her to chair this meeting. This was generally accepted.

1 APOLOGIES

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

2 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest – nor requests for dispensation.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions/contributions.

There was none and the meeting reconvened.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 19 April 2021 (PT13).

4 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.
Rock Channel – inviting the developer's architects to attend a Council meeting.	No response – so the original suggestion of an informal Zoom with Members only was being explored.
Affordable Housing – the Clerk and Colonel Kimber recommending a way forward	A discussion paper would be prepared for the first meeting of the Affordable Housing Working Group.

5 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was confirmed that the Council had not dissolved the RNPSG. It remains in place and meetings of it may be convened as and when necessary.

Colonel Kimber observed that around 100 people had participated in the RNPSG since it was formed.

6 LAND INSTABILITY

Colonel Kimber introduced his briefing paper (**APPENDIX**).

RESOLVED To raise the points raised (areas of tree/shrub clearance in the Parish and slippage risk) via the RTC-RDC Liaison Group. Clerk

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2021/146/P Gun Cottage, Gun Garden, Rye TN31 7HH
Proposed replacement of existing garage.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2021/437/P

13 Ashenden Avenue, Rye TN31 7DU
Residential conversion of existing detached garage.
SUPPORT APPROVAL Subject to a site-specific flood risk
assessment having been undertaken and the Environment
Agency agreeing with any mitigation requirements identified.

*Note Cllr Rogers voted against supporting approval because no flood risk
documentation had been provided.*

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.37pm.

Date

Chairman