

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 27 June 2016**

**PRESENT** Councillors Mike Boyd (**Deputy Mayor**), Jonathan Breeds (**Mayor**), Cheryl Creaser, Justin Erswell, Rebekah Gilbert, Pat Hughes, Ian Potter, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Gerard Reilly – *Rye News*; Rye Town Steward *[part]*; 2 members of the public

*The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.*

**51 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reasons (as notified to the Clerk) - were accepted from Cllrs John Breeds, Charlie Harkness, Jo Kirkham and Ray Prewer.

It was noted that Rother District Councillor Lord Ampthill was unable to be present.

**52 CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no disclosures of interest nor dispensation requests.

**53 COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** To adopt, as an accurate record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 (C4).

**54 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Planning & Townscape**

**RESOLVED** To adopt the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 27 June 2016 (PT04).

**55 CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT (CPE)**

Members noted that, at the last meeting, Cllr Ampthill reported that RDC's OSC would consider shortly whether RDC should ask ESCC to initiate a CPE scheme for the District. He had suggested that it would be helpful to the OSC if RTC was able to formulate a view on whether or not it would support the introduction of CPE.

Cllr Boyd proposed – and Cllr Rivett seconded – a proposal that RTC should support the introduction of CPE in Rye in principle. Cllr Boyd added that there would be opportunities to comment on the detail of a scheme further down the line.

Responding to a question put by Cllr Stuart, The Clerk advised that he was aware that the RALC Chairman had attended a meeting on the subject at Bexhill Town Hall.

Cllr Gilbert suggested that RTC should be mindful of a wide range of considerations – including: a private company would be more inclined to apply regulations rigidly; any ticket machines required might be vandalised; would the costs outweigh the revenue?; would Rye benefit from any surplus generated?; would the provision of a second loading bay alleviate parking congestion?

Cllr Potter observed that once parking had been decriminalised it was unlikely that it could be 'undone'. He and former Councillor, Mike Eve had addressed a RDC (off street) Parking Review Working Group and had (unsuccessfully) argued that if RDC brought down its charges to those of the most expensive private providers it would fill its car parks. The Cattle Market (£1.50/day) is often full. More – and cheaper – off

street parking would mean that drivers might be less inclined to overstay in the on street bays.

Cllr Hughes stated that when CPE was introduced in Hastings she had to give up her employment there because she could not find cheap parking. She added that the availability of cheaper parking is known to help to regenerate areas.

The proposal that RTC should support the introduction of CPE in Rye in principle was lost by 6 votes to 2.

The Clerk was asked to make it clear that, if CPE was to be introduced, RTC would like to be included in the process. **Clerk**

**56 DISCOUNTED ACCOMMODATION**

Members were invited to approve the draft Borrowing Approval Application form, updated costing and updated Briefing Paper (to which, a Sources of Finance section had been added).

Cllr Stuart remained of the opinion that, if RTC wished to provide discounted/social housing, it should do so on a larger scale. He was not convinced that all the ramifications had been thought through. Who, precisely, would benefit from the accommodation? Would applicants have to be living in Rye currently – and have done so for a period of time? Who decides which applicants will be successful? Would any Deposit Grant awarded by RTC at the end of the tenancy be taxable? Can RTC choose deliberately to appoint contractors who are not VAT-registered?

The Clerk advised that the eligibility and assessment criteria were still be agreed; a points-based assessment mechanism had been suggested; and that nothing proposed/suggested in the Briefing Paper was unlawful.

**RESOLVED (7 votes to 2) To agree that the completed Application for Borrowing Approval (Appendix) – and the supporting documentation provided to Members for this meeting - be sent to SSALC. Clerk**

*The meeting ended at 6.52pm*

Date ..... Chairman .....



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APPENDIX  
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APPLICATION FOR BORROWING APPROVAL FOR TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS

- If you have any queries about completing this form please contact your local county association.
- When completing this form please use CAPITALS.
- Once completed and signed please send this form to your local county association.

<b>1. Name of Council</b>	Rye Town Council
<b>2. Name of Clerk Working Address (inc. Postcode) Telephone Email address</b>	Richard Farhall, Town Hall, Rye TN31 7LA 01797 223902 townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk
<b>3. Name of Chair Home Address (inc. Postcode) Telephone Email address</b>	Councillor Jonathan Breeds, The Queens Head, Landgate, Rye TN31 7LH 01797 226929 jonathanbreeds_70@hotmail.com
<b>4. District/Unitary Council area</b>	Rother
<b>5. Purpose of Borrowing</b> Please give a brief description of the purpose for which funds are required and the amount(s) of finance involved:- <b>a) Purchase of land/buildings</b> <b>b) Construction/building works</b> <b>c) Provision of other assets</b> <b>d) Provision of grant to another body</b> <b>e) Other - please specify</b>	£210,000 towards the purchase of one 2-bedroom dwelling to let to a young Rye household at a discounted rent.
<b>6. Total Contract/Project Value</b> <b>Minus</b> <b>Funding from Council's own resources</b> <b>Funding from other sources</b> <b>Equals</b> <b>Amount to be borrowed</b>	£ 230,000 £ 20,000 £ 0 £ 210,000
<b>7. Deadline for approval (if applicable)</b> If borrowing is required by a specific date – eg an auction date, or to meet matchfunding requirements - give details here.	N/A
<b>8. Is funding from other sources confirmed?</b>	N/A
<b>8. Proposed Borrowing Source</b>	PWLB
<b>9. Intended Borrowing Term (please specify the number of years)</b>	50

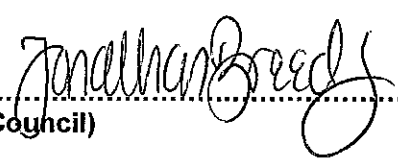
<b>10. Details of Existing Loans [none]</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> loan</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> loan</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> loan</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> loan</b>
Date Taken Out				
Amount Outstanding	£	£	£	£
Unexpired Term				
Source				
<b>11. Precept for current year</b>	<b>£ 122,100</b>			
<b>12. Number of Electorate</b>	<b>3389</b>			
<b>13. Value and purpose of all funds, capital/revenue reserves and balances currently held</b>	£203,111 (including £87,731 Earmarked – see attached)			

**14. Approval of Full Council**

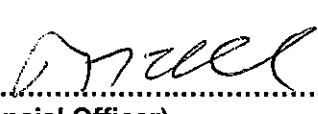
The above application was agreed by resolution of the full Council on 11 July 2016. The Report to Council and Budget attached have been taken to and approved by the full Council, and the draft Minutes attached have been seen and authorised for submission by the Chairman.

The Council undertakes to notify the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), as soon as reasonably practicable, in the event:-

- of not exercising the approval, or,
- it finds that the original amount requested is greater than the actual borrowing need.

SIGNED.......... DATE 12 July 2016  
(Chair of the Council)

NAME Jonathan Breeds

SIGNED.......... DATE 12 July 2016  
(Responsible Financial Officer)

NAME Richard Farhall