

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 23 February 2015

PRESENT Councillors Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (Deputy Mayor), Mike Eve, Heidi Foster, Ian Potter, Shaun Rogers (**Committee Chairman**)

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Colonel Anthony Kimber – Rye Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Vice Chairman; Charlie Harkness (*Rye News*); 2 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.31pm.

118 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reason as lodged with the Clerk - were accepted from Cllr Bernardine Fiddimore (**Committee Vice-Chairman** - Mayor).

119 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Potter **RR/2014/3079/P** *Non-pecuniary* Acquainted with applicant

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions/contributions. There was none and the meeting was reconvened.

120 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 9 February 2015 (PT17) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

121 MATTERS ARISING

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Matters Arising - 64 Display of advertisements: Gilfrin Jewellers (exploring the implications of RTC applying for consent) Outstanding.

Matters Arising - 65 Bus shelters (Crownfields), Resolved 1 (seeking RDC's opinion on replacing the shelters) Outstanding.

Bus shelters - Cllrs Boyd, Fiddimore and Rogers looking into the practicalities of replacing the shelters Outstanding.

Matters Arising - 65 Bus shelters (Crownfields), Resolved 2 (ascertaining if sponsorship could be found to replace the current shelters) Incomplete.

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144 Rye Railway Station (writing to Southern Railways regarding RTC's concerns about the unkempt areas of vegetation either side of the Station building) Southern Railways had advised that the area to the left of the building (facing it) would be cut back and tidied 'as part of our planned maintenance works'. Litter would be removed

at the same time. The other unkempt area (right) is not leased to Southern and remains the responsibility of Network Rail. **Clerk**

14 Planning Applications – Format, Resolved 1 (Suggesting to RDC that it requires applications to be accompanied by contextual visualisations) Outstanding.

14 Planning Applications – Format, Resolved 2 (purchasing an A3 printer) Outstanding.

56 Signage within Gibbet Marsh Car Park (obtaining costings) Outstanding.

65 Gibbet Marsh Car Park (asking RDC to consider removing the charges – or introducing a discounted scheme for traders and residents) Outstanding.

122 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the responses following to the Planning Authority:

Cllr Jonathan Breeds declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application following by virtue of being acquainted with the applicant.

RR/2014/3079/P 13 Rope Walk, Rye
Remove rear conservatory structure, replace with single storey extension to form enlarged kitchen area.
Applicant: David Toby, 67 Military Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2015/82/A 30A High Street, Rye Library, Rye
Non-illuminated fascia sign and hanging sign.
Applicant: ESCC, Tracey Wakins, Business Services, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2015/224/P Water Works Curious, Rye
Installation of two external doors.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Roberts, c/o Pump House Designs, Pump House Yard, Sedlescombe
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2015/216/O 9 Ashenden Avenue, Rye
Single storey rear extension.
Applicant: Jenny Hubbell, 9 Ashenden Avenue, Rye
Note For information – application for Lawful Development Certificate.

123 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

RESOLVED To note that the public consultation on the CIL Draft Charging Schedule and Draft Regulation 123 List will take place 27 February-27 March – and to ask the Rye Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group to draft a response.

124 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk)

Colonel Kimber spoke to the RNPSG Update (**Appendix**) – adding that:

- The SG will shortly be considering version 4 of the Draft Plan – the intention is to seek RTC's 'in principle' approval before the Elections.
- The EA will be holding a public exhibition regarding completing the Eastern Rother Tidal Defence at The School Creative Centre on 2 March.
- The Chairman of Rye Partnership had advised that he anticipated that there would be an update on the proposed development at Tilling Green Community Centre at the Partnership AGM (12 March).
- The SG has met with JDA concerning a proposal to develop land occupied by Bournes at Rock Channel.
- The SG had provided an updated report for distribution at the ATM (4 March).

The meeting ended at 6.45pm

Date.....

Chairman.....

Update for the Planning Committee: 23 Feb 2015

The Documents: The last SG meeting considered the V3 draft plan; comments are being incorporated. Rother DC is considering the first draft design statement; comments are awaited. A SEA is being drafted as recommended by Rother DC officers. The SG is working to secure "agreement in principle" for the plan as drafted by the Rye May elections. The focus is to:

- V3 RNP is being circulated within the RNPSG. Final Rye Town Council Meeting will be 13 April. The Town Clerk has been asked to advise a process to achieve circulation and incorporation of comments by full Council. To be **NOTED**.
- Ensure that the May elections do not impact adversely on the continuity of the work of the Steering Group. Mayor will be invited to retain chairmanship. Willing Councillors standing down should join the group as citizens. Numbers of Steering Group may need to be adjusted as necessary. To be **NOTED**.

Work on the key site assessments remains under way. To be **NOTED**: Since the last meeting, RNPSG is monitoring work by others on:

- ESCC:
 - Freda Gardham site: EA flood defence plans awaited. Impact on disposal of site by 2019 uncertain. This will impact on location of ARRCC.
 - Former Gritting Site: no change. ESCC formulating plan.
 - Former Tilling Green School: no change. Response from Amicus Horizon following last meeting.
- Rye Academy Trust and Rother DC:
 - Rye Academy Trust and Rother DC: work continues to list the Lower School Site as a site of Community Interest to allow 6 months to put together a bid to secure the site for a new academy.
 - Sports and Leisure: Uncertainty remains about contract after March 2016?

- Rother DC: Gibbet Marsh: RNPSG has yet to consider potential for change in detail.
- Market Forces: No change on prospect of second supermarket. RNPSG need to consider and formally propose possible sites.
- Fast Javelin service: MP has reported "green light" for project, which is now subject to business case. Need to monitor to ensure any planned service stops at Rye.

JDArchitects have proposed new plans for the Rock Channel development. (Enclosed). RNPSG will consider whether these fit with emerging RNP policies and the draft design statement. To be **NOTED**.

The next opportunity for public discussion on the Plan will be at the Rye Town Meeting on 4 March. A draft handout was circulated at the last meeting. The table display is being updated.

Anthony Kimber PhD
Vice Chair RNPSG

