

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Tuesday 7 April 2015

PRESENT Councillors Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (Deputy Mayor), Bernardine Fiddimore (**Committee Vice-Chairman – Mayor**), Heidi Foster, Ian Potter

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick and Jo Kirkham; Peter Cosstick – HC manager; 5 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.32pm and was chaired by the Vice-Chairman

134 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk - were accepted from Cllrs Mike Eve and Shaun Rogers (**Committee Vice-Chairman**).

135 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Jonathan Breeds	RR/2014/606/P	<i>non-pecuniary</i>	Owns business opposite
Cllr Ian Potter	RR/2014/750/P	<i>non-pecuniary</i>	Director of organisation wishing to purchase former Lower School site

6.34 *John Breeds arrived.*

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

136 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 23 March 2015 (PT20) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137 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

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

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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.

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132 Deadman's Lane (asking Highways to confirm it has 'no left turn' signage in hand) Outstanding.

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133 Rye Kino (supporting the request for a directional sign in the High Street) Actioned.

138 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the responses following to the Planning Authority:

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| RR/2015/471/L | 84 High Street, Rye
Essential external and internal repairs due to water ingress.
<i>Applicant: Lloyds Bank, 25 Gresham Street, London</i>
SUPPORT APPROVAL |
| RR/2015/606/P | 47-49 Cinque Ports Street, Rye
Routine redecoration to the front exterior – including change of colour from pale lilac, grey to mid grey. Replace old metal door with new metal double door. Render/Paint red brick above fascia.
<i>Applicant: Martyn Stubbs, Phillips & Stubbs, 47-49 Cinque Ports Street, Rye</i>
SUPPORT APPROVAL |
| RR/2015/750/P | Former Thomas Peacocke Lower School site, Ferry Road, Rye
Removal of condition 28 of planning permission RR/2011/506/P relating to improvement works to level crossing (in relation to development of A1 class retail foodstore).
<i>Applicant: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, 33 Holborn, London</i>
SUPPORT REFUSAL Level crossing improvements would be necessary on safety grounds to accommodate the higher footfall and vehicular movements likely to accompany a larger retail operation. |

139 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
(www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk)

RESOLVED To receive Colonel Kimber's update (Appendix) and to thank him for providing it in his absence.

The meeting ended at 6.40pm

Date.....

Chairman.....

Update for Rye TC Planning Committee: April 2015

This update is for Councillors to **NOTE**.

The latest version of the RNP (V5) has been circulated to the RNPSG for comments before going to Councillors on **14 April**.

It will be supported by other documents such as the Design Statement (in preliminary draft V1), the SEA (in preliminary draft V1); Site Assessments (drafts under way), sundry maps (including proposals map) and graphics and detailed Sustainability Appraisal. The RNPSG will consider "Regulation 14" public consultation, including formal consultation with Natural England and the Environment Agency.

If agreement is secured then work will continue after the new Council has nominated its Councillors for the RNPSG. Some retiring Councillors may wish to remain with the RNPSG. There are also others "in the wings" who may register to join. Rye TC will have to address composition when it meets as a new Council in late May. One proposal might be to increase the number on the RNPSG (in the present mix ratio) from the present 12 (6 Councillors; 5 citizens and Town Clerk) to accommodate any wishing to join.

The next RNPSG is scheduled for **15 April at 6pm** in the Town Hall.

With the onset of the national and local elections, a Rye TC Meeting has been called for **20 April**. At this, it is proposed to "SEEK AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" for the draft. If agreement is secured, then work will continue after the new Council has formed.

Other Agencies: RNPSG continues to monitor work by others.

- **ESCC: Former Tilling Green School:** Following the discussions at the RP AGM on 12 March and meetings between TGRA and RP, a meeting with Amicus Horizon is being sought. It is known that Amicus intends to submit a planning proposal in April/May. There is talk of RP planning a public meeting. Amicus seeks planning permission by September to enable work to start in early 2016.

- **Rother DC - CIL Proposals:** Comments on the proposed schedule were agreed at the last planning meeting and submitted to Rother DC.

- **Rye Academy Trust:** A recent update is copied here:

"We were disappointed that our request for registering the site was turned down at officer level and did not get to Cabinet since our proposal had received support from the Rye Town Council and the Local Neighbourhood Plan. It is a loosely drawn up Act which is open to wide interpretation. Mark Liell, the agents appointed by the supermarkets to sell their property, had visited Rye Academy Trust. They had been understanding and sympathetic towards our proposals for development.

In our response to their invitation for offers on the site we had said ...'The price which would be offered by the EFA (Education Funding Agency) is impossible to forecast at this moment but it is considered an offer in the region £XX would be realistic.' **Figure deleted as it is in confidence.** *Please note that Rye Academy Trust has not any stage put an offer in on the site or paid any fees."*

- **Central Government - Fast Javelin service:** Need to monitor to consider impacts of new infrastructure: crossings and platforms; work to ensure trains should stop at Rye.

Anthony Kimber PhD
Vice Chair RNPSG

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