

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 14 December 2015**

**PRESENT** Councillors Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (Deputy Mayor), Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Vice Chairman**), Bernardine Fiddimore (Mayor), Pat Hughes, Shaun Rogers (**Committee Chairman**), Andy Stuart

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Rebecca Gilbert and John Izod; 2 members of the public.

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*The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm.*

**68 APOLOGIES**

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

**69 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures.

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions/contributions. (See Appendix.)*

**70 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** To adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 16 November (PT10) as a correct record of the proceedings.

**71 MATTERS ARISING**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Status</b>
Gilfrin Jewellers (side) - exploring the implications of RTC applying for advertising consent (community banners)	Outstanding
Seeking RDC's opinion on replacing the Crownfield bus shelters	Referred to Public Conveniences & Bus Shelters WG
Cllrs Boyd, Fiddimore and Rogers looking into the practicalities of replacing the Crownfields bus shelters	<i>See below</i>
Ascertaining if sponsorship could be found to replace the Crownfields bus shelters	Referred to Public Conveniences & Bus Shelters WG
Purchasing an A3 printer to print plans (for P+T Committee meetings)	Outstanding
Obtain costings to improve signage to the town centre within Gibbet Marsh Car Park	Outstanding
Asking RDC to consider removing the Gibbet Marsh Car Parking charges – or introducing a discounted scheme for traders and residents	Outstanding
Asking Highways to confirm it has 'no left turn' signage outside Lancaster Court in hand.	Referred to Highways Forum
Pedestrian rail crossings – supporting Edward Williams' concerns	In progress

## 72 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**RESOLVED** To submit the responses following to the Planning Authority:

- RR/2015/2784/P** 22 Lion Street, Rye  
**RR/2015/2786/L** Division of existing shop into 2 units; repositioning of side passage door and new entrance door to new shop unit.  
*Applicant: Mrs R Gard, 22 Lion Street, Rye*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2015/2846/L** 80 High Street, Bank Chambers, Rye  
Internal works to create a meeting room.  
*Applicant: Richard Fisher, Heringtons, Banks Chambers, Rye*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2015/2378/P** South Ridge, Church Square, Rye  
Retrospective  
Erection of glazed garden fence as safety barrier.  
*Applicant: Mrs G Webb-Wilson, Huntbourne, Swann Lane, Tenterden*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL Subject to the approval of the Conservation & Design Officer and building regs.
- RR/2015/2661/P** 108 High Street, Hayden's Coffee Shop, Rye  
Enclosure of part of existing terrace to create a larger dining room.  
*Applicant: Katherine Hayden, 108 High Street, Hayden's Coffee Shop*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2015/2808/P** 54 Cinque Ports Street, Rye  
Replacement and altered shop front and new entrances  
*Applicant: Katherine Hayden, 108 High Street, Hayden's Coffee Shop*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2015/2881/P** 74 Kings Avenue, Rye  
Construction of an oak-framed garage for disability mobility scooter.  
*Applicant: Mark Estcourt, 74 Kings Avenue, Rye*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

## 73 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN [www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk)

The RNPSG Chairman, Cllr Fiddimore advised that version 7 of the RNP was close to publication – and the two update open sessions for the public would be held in mid-late January.

## 74 18 LION STREET, RYE

Members were invited to consider a request from Nick Taylor for the Council to arrange a site meeting with the Highways Authority to discuss the installation of metal bollards on the pavement fronting his property.

Members expressed their sympathy for the Taylor family and their neighbours.

Comments included: the Highways Authority indicated at the last Highways Forum meeting that the pavement was not wide enough to accept bollards (there needs to be space for electric wheelchairs and double buggies); bollards would be effective (if allowed); the Highways Authority does not have the funding to provide metal bollards; bollards could be provided in conjunction with full pedestrianisation; this discussion would not be necessary if there was effective parking enforcement; the PCC's office remains unwilling to support the appointment of traffic wardens/use of PCOs for parking enforcement (even if funding is offered); pavement users include visitors; it might be possible to install bollards if the carriageway was narrowed at an appropriate point; the problem would be solved if The George was prepared to threaten to cease to use suppliers whose drivers did not use the loading bay; there are similar problems in West Street – and some residents park on the pavement

Responding to a comment that the Police had advised that they would respond (if available) to reports of vehicles causing an obstruction, Nick Taylor advised that he had been doing this for two years; however, issuing parking tickets did not appear to deter repeat offenders.

**RESOLVED To arrange a site meeting of interested parties. Clerk**

*The meeting ended at 7.10pm.*

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

*Adjournment – Public Questions/Comments*

74 18 Lion Street, Rye Nick Taylor (NT) spoke to his briefing paper and photographs. There remains a problem with goods vehicle drivers delivering to The George in Lion Street (rather than using the loading bay in the High Street). Drivers of other vehicles wishing to pass the goods vehicles mount the pavement on the eastern side, getting very close to the entrance to the residential properties and the Golden Fleece (which has occasionally suffered damage). Despite the Company Director of Turners Fine Foods advising the Police in 2014 that it would cease to use Lion Street for deliveries, just 2 weeks later the practice recommenced. When it is not full of cars, the loading bay appears to work well for High Street deliveries. One regular driver delivers to The George in Lion Street and then parks in the loading bay to deliver to a High Street address. Sometimes there can be 3 goods vehicles parked in Lion Street.

The Mayor advised that she had recently emailed The George asking if it would remind its suppliers that they should use the loading bay and, as far as she was aware, this had been done. However, it does not appear to have improved the situation. She suggested that delivery drivers might be reluctant to travel straight to the loading bay in case it is occupied and they have to drive around the town again.