

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

PRESENT Councillors Mike Boyd, Jonathan Breeds, Cheryl Creaser (**Committee Vice Chairman**), Bernardine Fiddimore (Mayor), Charlie Harkness, Pat Hughes, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Justin Erswell, Rebekah Gilbert and John Izod; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice-Chairman; 1 member of the public

The meeting commenced at 8.10pm and was chaired by Cllr Creaser.

35 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs John Breeds and Shaun Rogers (**Committee Chairman**).

36 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

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

37 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 20 July 2015 (PT05) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38 MATTERS ARISING

Item	Status
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	Referred to Public Conveniences & Bus Shelters WG. (This Group had met recently.)
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
Former TG School proposed development – collating and submitting to AmicusHorizon a summary of questions and concerns.	Actioned – response considered by Council (7.9.15)
RDC assets review – advising RDC that RTC is interested in acquiring the land adj to 7 Wish ward for continued use as a public amenity area	Actioned (along with advising RDC of RTC's potential interest in Camber Fields and the land occupied by the Pre School Play Group)

39 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the responses following to the Planning Authority:

RR/2015/1558/P 74 Kings Avenue, Rye
Construction of an oak framed double garage for car and disability mobility scooter.
Applicant: Mark Escourt, 74 Kings Avenue, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2015/1987/P 15 Landgate, The Cottage on the Corner, Rye
RR/2015/1988/L Replace leaking and damaged Kent peg roof with new Kent peg roof tiles, new roof battens, felt and insulation.
Applicant: Janette McMahoan, 600 Walton Road, West Molesey, Surrey
SUPPORT APPROVAL

40 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

The RNPSG Vice-Chairman, Anthony Kimber referred to his report (distributed with the agenda) adding/highlighting:

Steering Group The Minutes of the last meeting – which include discussion on v6 of the Draft Plan – have been uploaded.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) The SG is awaiting RDC's opinion on whether one is required.

Planning Aid Its comments on v5 of the Draft Plan are awaited.

Rock Channel – proposed development The proposal would affect one-quarter of the area.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) RDC anticipates that it will adopt a charging schedule by the end of this year. There has been a flurry of planning applications from developers keen to submit prior to adoption. The Examiner has objected to a number of aspects of the draft Charging Schedule.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) consultation The revised draft document includes a greater emphasis on the use of social media.

Valley Park This provides a useful template for assessing the possible development of a greenfield site.

Rock Chanel SE RDC enforcement is taking another look at the area following further complaints about its appearance.

Playden A developer is looking to build 100 homes which will have an impact on Rye's infrastructure. Playden PC has contacted neither the SG nor RTC.

Cllr Fiddimore advised that she would be attending a local meeting that had been called to consider the implications of the proposed development.

Feedback The SG was of the view that it was time to hold another public event to provide an update on the Plan's progress (which the SG could organise on RTC's behalf).

41 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

<http://www.rother.gov.uk/SCI>

Members were invited to consider whether to comment on RDC's updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (*deadline: 25.9.15*).

It was agreed generally that the increased focus on social media as a means of engagement/publicity was to be welcomed.

RESOLVED To submit comments as follows:

(a) **(At the very least) Full size hard copies of planning applications should be made available at Bexhill Town Hall and the Rye and Battle CHPs.**

(b) **There should be provision for public comment at RDC Planning Committee meetings.** Clerk

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

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Chairman.....