

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 20 March 2023

PRESENT Councillors David Bookless, Bernardine Fiddimore, Vagn Hansen, Pat Hughes, Andi Rivett (Mayor), Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart
(**Committee Chairman** – Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllr Rebekah Gilbert; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNP Co-ordinator

The meeting commenced at 8.07pm

93 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reason as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Councillor Chris Hoggart (**Committee Vice-Chairman**).

94 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest nor requests for dispensation.

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

95 MINUTES

RESOLVED To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 6 March 2023 (PT15).

96 MATTERS ARISING

Item	Status
Gilfrin Jewellers (side) - exploring the implications of RTC applying for advertising consent (community banners)	Outstanding – Confirm support of Gilfrin Jewellers and apply for advertising consent.
Obtain costings to improve signage to the town centre within Gibbet Marsh Car Park	Ongoing – forms part of the work of the Parking Strategy Review Group
Asking RDC to consider removing the Gibbet Marsh Car Parking charges – or introducing a discounted scheme for traders and residents	Partly achieved (general price reduction)
Tilling Green Community Land Trust – exploring	A Housing Need Survey has been commissioned
Checking on the status of the s106 funds held by RDC for the Rye Greenway	Actioned – awaiting response
Making representations to the EA regarding its proposal to charge £2,000pa per space for parking associated with the development of the former Grist Mill Pine premises	The EA had offered a reduced charge. It appeared that this information had not reached Martello – and so the Clerk had provided Martello with a copy of the reply he had received from the EA.

97 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) Update

The RNP Co-ordinator's update included:

Regeneration & Levelling Up Bill consultation The responses are still being assessed.

HELAA At some point it will be published and RDC will invite RTC to comment. (RTC's site assessment work has fed into its development.)

(New) Rother Local Plan RDC anticipates that it will have the draft ready by late summer 2023.

Rock Channel East Rye Partnership will be submitting a planning application to construct business units and two affordable homes on land it leases from the EA.

RNP Review RDC's work on the new Local Plan will help to determine if any changes are required to the RNP (policies do not have to be duplicated). It is known that the RNP does not adequately address climate change.

CIL 'Poor signage' was raised at the ATM. CIL receipts could be used for signage if it could be linked to development.

Vaccination Centre The intention is that it will re-open for Spring covid boosters. An obstacle is that non-NHS premises now need relevant planning consent. It appears that the planning use of the TGCC remains that of a school.

ATM RNP-related issues raised included: the Greenway; signage, allotments, sewerage.

b) Parking

RESOLVED To devote the next Committee meeting to considering Colonel Kimber's updated discussion paper. Clerk

98 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the responses following to the Planning Authority:

RR/2023/400/P	Russel House, Landgate, Rye TN31 7LH New replacement single storey extension. New French doors and back door. New garden wall. SUPPORT APPROVAL Preference for retention of the chimney pots.
RR/2023/510/P RR/2023/423/L	19 East Street, Rye TN31 7JY Repaint front façade bay windows, door and door canopy (retrospective). Install bathroom fittings to middle first floor room and fit associated soil and waste pipe to exterior flank wall. Insert new partition wall with door into existing bathroom

to form guest cloakroom.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Date

Chairman