

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 2 September 2024

PRESENT Councillors David Bookless, Mike Boyd, Willy Everett, Vagn Hansen (**Committee Vice-Chairman**), Pat Hughes, Andy Stuart (Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllr Jo Kirkham; Colonel Anthony Kimber – Rye Neighbourhood Plan Co-ordinator

The meeting commenced at 7.37pm.

31 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Bernardine Fiddimore, Chris Hoggart (**Committee Chairman** – Deputy Mayor) and Shaun Rogers.

32 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest nor requests for dispensation.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comments/contributions.

There was none and so the meeting reconvened.

33 MINUTES

RESOLVED To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting held on 22 July 2024 (PT04).

34 MATTERS ARISING

Rye Paddock Obtaining an update from Planning Enforcement. Outstanding. **Clerk**

35 RYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Review The Co-ordinator advised that, following the last meeting, he had amended the (adopted) RNP and sent it to Rother Planning Strategy for comments – including whether or not the Plan would need to go to formal consultation.

36 NPPF CONSULTATION

The RNP Co-ordinator had reviewed the 106 questions and flagged up 7 points that could form the basis of a response:

Pages 30-31 + 38 + 72 Support the value of NPs (which remain in the proposed NPPF).

Page 71 Underscore the difficulties of developing brownfield sites.

Page 84 Support the need for flexibility to accommodate needs not anticipated in the Plan.

Page 88 Support the need for edge of centre commercial sites with good connections to town centres.

Page 95 onwards Underscore the need for improved infrastructure and all services to match development.

Page 159 onwards Underscore land with constraints – flood risk and impacts such as land instability (*pages 180-185*) and protected bio diversity of landscape – as this limits the scope for significant rise in target numbers.

Page 128 onwards Underscore the need for quality design to help conserve the unique character of these settlements and (*Page 200 onwards*) protecting heritage assets.

RESOLVED To ask the RNP Co-ordinator to submit a response based on the 7 points (above).
RNP Co-ordinator

37 KING CHARLES III COASTAL PATH

Colonel Kimber advised that Natural England's original proposal was that the path would end at the top of Harbour Road, then recommence at Monkbretton Bridge. It has accepted subsequently that they should be linked (via Rock Channel). There was sufficient funding available to make provision for new signage.

Cllr Hughes suggested that, to ensure pedestrian safety, there needs to be a designated crossing point just before the sluice gate – and pedestrians and cyclists need to be separated as much as possible.

RESOLVED To support the route proposed between Rye Harbour and Camber Sands.
Clerk

38 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED To submit the comments following to the Local Planning Authority:

[RR/2024/1339/P](#) 110 Udimore Road, Rye
Two-storey side extension and porch extension.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

[RR/2024/406/P](#) 26 Mermaid Street, Rye
Replacement of rear kitchen door.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.59pm

Date

Chairman