

Rye Town Meeting - 1 March 2017

Points raised about the Rye Neighbourhood Plan.

In the margins: There was discussion about : Bypass proposals; Ownership of land along southern bank of the Royal Military Canal at Winchelsea Road; 20mph limits; A259 traffic issues; Dog fouling; Why more new homes? Second homes? State of pump in Pump St?

In the Question Time:

1.The Greenway. Whose responsibility? What is happening? RNP covers; Work is underway to study feasibility and implementation.

2.Tilling Green Community Centre: No developer is in prospect. Future management by CIC or others; Running costs? Why not renovate and use as is?

3.Landgate. State - future repairs? Rother DC responsible; emerging estimates indicate significant costs; Why not take the Winchelsea approach?

4.2nd Supermarket. What plans? RNP covers this.

5.Parking? Complex list of factors; Several groups seek favourable treatment; New homes must have sufficient parking; RNP addresses but is there the political will to tackle? .

6.Park and Ride? Some favour; some against on grounds of cost and potential take up. Remains an option in the RNP.

7. Traffic - CPE? Sussex Police remain aloof from the problem; despite Rye TC voting against; Rother and ESCC looking at feasibility of Civil Parking Enforcement pan Rother and Wealden. Until then no enforcement means traffic anarchy!

8. Marley Road Verges? Repeated damage to verges and soiling of pavements by illegal parking. No enforcement leads to continues mal practice.

9. Dead Mans Lane: Poor road state; Never designed for present flows; Will be investigated by ESCC.

10.Valley Park – Top site? Future development? Aroncorps is seeking pre-planning advice about potential proposals for the “top site” on Udimore Rd (west of Valley Park roundabout). Developer has been advised that development there would not be welcome by the community. Valley Park is bounded by AONB limiting expansion; Is addressed in RNP; Potential for citizens’ petition to the LPA once any planning proposal comes forward.

11.Lower School Site? Site and the Adelaide is now owned by developer Icen. Unoccupied cottages remain with Tesco. Developer is reported to be working on

flood risk mitigation aspects of a scheme. Access remains an issue and would be subject to study and design.

12.Cottages in Ferry Road? See above. Rye TC intends to investigate further.

13.Former Total Garage and State of Winchelsea Road? So called Grist Mill has changed hands. The Former Total site remains available for lease. The Cinque Ports Car Company has vacated its sites. The Environment Agency site (2 from former ESCC gritting depot) has been leased. Aspiration in the RNp for imaginative and quality long term development of the location from the ESCC gritting depot to the former Total garage, but multiple ownership and occupation makes this a challenge.

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