

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye,
on Monday 11 December 2006**

PRESENT Councillors Granville Bantick, John Breeds, Roger Breeds, Peter Dyce, Frank Palmer, Sonia Holmes, John Izod, Jo Kirkham, **Paul Osborne (Mayor)**, **David Russell (Deputy Mayor)**, Keith Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; George Brown – Town Sergeant; The Reverend Hugh Moseley – Mayor’s Chaplain; Rye County Cllr Keith Glazier; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*.

18 members of the public – including: the Earl of Lytton - President of the National and Sussex Associations of Local Councils; Cllr Wendy Miers – Chairman of Rother District Council; Cllr Robin Patten – Deputy Leader of RDC; Derek Stevens – RDC CEO; Trevor Leggo - CEO of Sussex & Surrey Associations of Local Councils; Linda Butcher - Chairman of the Sussex Quality Parish Accreditation Panel; Cllr Paula Fisher – Mayor of Battle Town Council; Peter Mills – Battle Town Clerk; Cllr Mary Varrall - Chairman of the Rother Association of Local Councils.

The meeting commenced at 6.02.

73 PRAYERS

Prayers were said by The Reverend Hugh Moseley.

74 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Paul Carey, Eric Streeton and Sam Souster.

75 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Jo Kirkham *personal* **item 81** Director of Rye Partnership

Cllr David Russell *personal* **item 81** Director of Rye Partnership

76 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conquest Hospital The Mayor had attended – along with the Hastings and Battle Mayors - the recent vigil at the Conquest to protest about possible service cuts/downgrades.

6.06 *The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a presentation of a Certificate awarding the Council Quality Town Status, Public Question Time and the Reports of the County and District Councillors (Appendices A-B).*

7.02 *The meeting reconvened.*

77 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 October 2006 (C7).

78 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Planning & Townscape

RESOLVED Adoption of the Minutes of the meetings held on 11 September 2006 (PT09), 26 September 2006 (PT10), 9 October 2006 (PT11), 23 October 2006 (PT12), 6 November 2006 (PT13), 20 November 2006 (PT14) and 4 December 2006 (PT15)

(b) Policy, Resources & General Purposes

RESOLVED Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2006 (PR04).

(c) Leisure & Tourism

RESOLVED Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2006 (LT02).

(d) Public Services

RESOLVED Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2006 (PS02).

79 MARSH LINK ACTION GROUP

Members were invited to consider appointing a Council representative to the Marsh Link Action Group.

Cllr Bantick proposed, and Cllr Roger Breeds seconded, Cllr Taylor.

RESOLVED To appoint Cllr Taylor.

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80 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER 2006

The meeting was asked whether Members wished to complete a questionnaire relating to the new Local Government White Paper, produced by the Rother Association of Local Councils. The information gleaned would be considered at the next RALC meeting (10 Jan) with a view to submitting a corporate response to central government.

RESOLVED To ask Cllrs Dyce, Holmes and Russell – and the Clerk – to meet to draft a response of behalf of the Council.

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81 RYE PARTNERSHIP

The two Council representatives present confirmed that the last Partnership Members' meeting had been canceled.

Cllr Russell advised that Partnership Directors were having an 'away day' shortly to consider the organisation's strategic direction.

82 RYE RELIEF IN NEED

a) Funding

Members received an update on the charity's financial position. The Secretary (Clerk) advised that, at the end of November 2006, total funds stood at £66,553.44. An estimated £2,750 interest from the fixed rate bond was expected in the first week of January.

b) Applications

(i) Relate (South East Sussex)

Members considered an application for funding towards the provision of local counseling sessions.

RESOLVED To contribute the sum of £500. Sec

(ii) Homecall

Members considered an application for funding towards the provision of a home visiting service to 13 visually-impaired Rye clients.

RESOLVED To contribute the sum of £1000. Sec

83 URGENT ITEMS

New Rye Primary School The Mayor asked Cllr Taylor if he wished to discuss this further. Cllr Taylor advised that he had been reassured during the adjournment that the Town Council would get the opportunity to consider the full planning application.

Responding to a suggestion made by the Mayor, Cllr Glazier confirmed that the consultation model – and feedback forms - remained accessible at the TPCC.

The meeting ended at 7.29

Date Chairman