

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 16 April 2007**

PRESENT Councillors John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Roger Breeds
(**Committee Chairman**), Paul Carey, Peter Dyce, Jo Kirkham,
Paul Osborne (Mayor), **Frank Palmer (Committee Vice
Chairman)**, Ian Potter, David Russell (Deputy Mayor), Eric
Streeton, Keith Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Sonia Holmes and
John Izod ; 2 members of the public; Rye Conservation
Society – Kenneth Bird and Robert Bromley

The meeting commenced at 6pm.

153 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

154 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

*There were no questions from the members of the public present and,
therefore, no need to adjourn the meeting.*

155 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 2 April 2007 (PT23)
were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

156 MATTERS ARISING

There Clerk advised that all the items outstanding had been actioned.

157 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RR/2007/866/L Rye Heritage Centre, Strand Quay, Rye.
RR/2007/871/A Addition of two non-illuminated wall signs, three non-
illuminated hanging signs and provision of flagpole.
*Applicant: Rye Town Services Ltd, Rye Lodge Hotel,
Hilder's Cliff, Rye.*
NOTED (Rye Town Council is the freeholder of the
property)

6.03 *The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for a
presentation by Rye Conservation Society which was seeking
support for its concerns in relation to the Article 4 Direction
(2007). See Appendix.*

6.12 *The meeting reconvened.*

158 RYE CONSERVATION AREA

Members were invited to consider whether the Council should make any representations to Rother District Council in relation to the Article 4 Direction (2007).

RESOLVED To write to Rye Conservation Society expressing the Council's support for its efforts and to collaborate with the Society. Clerk

159 LANDGATE TOWER

The Clerk provided an update on the temporary closure to facilitate resurfacing, scheduled for w/c 16 April.

Following representations made by the Clerk, the County Council had confirmed that:

- (weather permitting) the work would be carried out in 2-3 days (rather than 5)
- the road would remain open on nights when no work was planned
- May Gurney would endeavour to re-open the road by 7am to facilitate deliveries

The County Council had advised also that:

- A Public Information Pack would be distributed to local businesses [the Town Council had asked for a wider area than the immediate vicinity to be included]
- The traffic flow in Market Road would be (again) reversed.

RESOLVED To note the update.

The meeting closed at 6.15

Date.....

Chairman.....

ADJOURNMENT: RYE CONSERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Robert Bromley (RB) explained that Rye Conservation Society (RCS) had serious concerns about the Article 4 Direction (2007) – in particular the fact that Rother District Council (RDC) was not seeking the consent of the Secretary State (which would entail automatically public consultation). The new Direction – which will run concurrently with the original one until a consolidated Direction is approved by the Secretary of State – applies only to dwelling houses fronting highway or waterway.

Notice of the Direction had been published on 23 February 2007.

RCS had been hoping to use the introduction of the new Direction as an opportunity to apply further controls on the built environment and streetscape.

Kenneth Bird (KB) added that RCS was concerned that with consolidation some of the 'stronger' controls within the original Direction would be lost. It contended that RDC could be doing more to protect Rye – for example, the Local Government Act 2000 requires local authorities to develop sustainable strategies. Some of RCS's 'wish list' could be encompassed via these strategies and the proposed Rye Local Action Plan. RDC could also incorporate existing policy on odour and noise control.

Responding to a question from Cllr Carey, KB advised that he was about to research the position in similar towns.