

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 19 February 2007**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Sonia Holmes, John Izod and Sam Souster; 3 members of the public; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*

The meeting commenced at 6pm.

123 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Paul Carey.

124 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for questions from members of the public.

Speaking from the Gallery Cllr Izod expressed concern about the Council's decision to pursue the reinstatement of the public benches, formerly in Gibbet Marsh opposite The Windmill Guesthouse. The Chairman advised him that he would need to obtain the signatures of 9 Members in order to have the decision re-considered.

Members advised Cllr Izod that it was likely that one of their number would be in a position to offer him a lift to the Recycling Discovery meeting at the De La Warr Pavilion on 7 March (2pm).

125 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 5 February 2007 (PT19) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

126 MATTERS ARISING

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113 Planning Authority, Resolution (inviting appropriate officers from RDC) 30 April had been suggested by the Head of Planning. It was considered generally that a date after the elections would be preferable.

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121 Gibbet Marsh benches (pursuing reinstatement) The Town Manager had been asked to raise the matter at the next Safer Rother Partnership Property

Crime Action Group meeting (22 Feb) – and also for the names of the Group's Secretary and Chairman.

122 Rye, Pottery Ferry Road (advising RDC of RTC's preferred name)
Actioned.

127 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- RR/2007/184/P** 49 Ferry Road, Rye.
Erection of single storey rear extension to provide disabled wc/shower/bedroom facilities.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/199/L** 20 Watchbell Street, Rye.
Addition of black iron hand railings.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/209/L** 17 High Street, Rye.
Demolition of rear extension.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/141/L** 1 The Corn Exchange, Strand Quay, Rye.
Installation of satellite dish (retrospective)
SUPPORT APPROVAL

6.16 Cllr John Breeds arrived.

- RR/2207/296/NA** London Ashford Airport, Lydd, Romney Marsh
Construction of a 249 metre runway, together with an additional 150 metre starter extension.
SUPPORT REFUSAL Unnecessary – SE served adequately by airports; adverse impact on surrounding natural environment; safety – risk of bird strike; airport expansion could prevent construction of a 'Dungeness C'; inadequate road infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic; the availability of more flights would encourage further air travel – adding to global carbon emissions.
- RR/2207/297/NA** London Ashford Airport, Lydd, Romney Marsh
Erection of a passenger terminal, together with a car park on the existing bravo apron comprising a car park.
SUPPORT REFUSAL – See **RR2207/296/NA**.

128 WASTE AND MINERALS

Members considered whether to attend one of the Waste and Minerals Core Strategy and Minerals Sites Development Plan Document Sustainability Appraisal Stakeholder Workshops.

RESOLVED To await publication of the draft Scoping Report before considering the issue further.

129 A259 (MONKBRETTON BRIDGE)

Members were advised that the Highways Agency/InterRoute had stated that it intended to resurface, waterproof and re-paint Monkbretton Bridge from

May 2007 and that this would necessitate a 2-week full closure and 12-week partial (no HGVs) closure.

At a meeting held between InterRoute, the Mayor, Cllr Roger Breeds, the Clerk and the Town Manager that morning, the Rye representatives persuaded InterRoute that the proposal would have a serious impact on Rye's tourist industry, the economic well-being of the town and Rye's traders.

Cllr Breeds had suggested installing a temporary public walkway alongside the bridge. Cllr Osborne had recalled that something similar had been provided whilst he had attended Freda Gardham in 1975.

InterRoute had agreed to discuss an alternative package with its contractors – comprising:

Re-painting Fixing the scaffolding required in such a way that it did not impinge on the public highway (thereby allowing the free passage of traffic) and commencing work at the beginning of the school summer holiday (25 July 2007).

Resurfacing/Waterproofing Erecting a canopy and undertaking the work in the last 2 weeks of March 2008.

Although another meeting would be held within approximately 2 weeks, the matter was likely to be raised at the next Visitor & Information Management meeting (28 February - Town Hall).

RESOLVED To consider the matter again upon receipt of further information from InterRoute.

The meeting closed at 6.33

Date.....

Chairman.....