

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 1 October 2007**

PRESENT Councillors John Breeds, Bernardine Fiddimore, Lorna Hall, Jo Kirkham, Paul Osborne (Mayor/**Committee Vice Chairman**), Frank Palmer (**Committee Chairman**), Shaun Rogers, Sam Souster (Deputy Mayor), Sylvia Willgoss, David Wright

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Brian Elliott and Sonia Holmes; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*; 4 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.30.

76 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

77 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Sam Souster *personal* **RR/2007/2475/P**
Partner and a Director of Rye Lodge (applicant) are both Directors of RTS which runs the Heritage Centre on the Council's behalf

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for questions from members of the public. There was none.

The meeting reconvened.

78 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 17 September 2007 (PT10) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79 MATTERS ARISING

There was none.

80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RR/2007/2364/P 3 The Grove, Rye.
Erection of conservatory.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2007/2448/P 51 North Salts, Rye.
Replacement of conservatory to rear of property and velux window to rear.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2007/2467/A 30 High Street, Rye.
RR/2007/2470/L Installation of one replacement non-illuminated external fascia sign and one non-illuminated external projecting sign.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2007/2094/L 27 Watchbell Street, Watchbell Chambers, Rye.
RR/2007/2552/P Change colour of front door from light green to grey/green.
Retrospective
Removal of brass name plates and replace with slate/marble name plates.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllr Osborne declared a personal interest in the application following by virtue of being a Director of Rother Homes (part of Amicus Horizon – the applicant).

RR/2007/2381/P Badger Gate, Udimore Road, Rye.
Provision of level/ramped access to all fire doors and ingress/egress points from the building. Minor internal alterations and erection of boiler house.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllr Souster re-stated his personal interest in the application following:

RR/2007/2475/P Rye Lodge Hotel, Hilders Cliff, Rye.
Amendment to double garage approved under RR/97/180/P and erection of rear lean-to open store.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2007/2478/P 104 Udimore Road, Rye.
Erection of single storey rear extension to form enlarged kitchen and lounge together with off road parking and turning circle including formation of new vehicular access.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2007/2482/A 3 Landgate, Rye.
Non-illuminated fascia signage and non-illuminated projecting sign.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

6.38 *Cllr Fiddimore arrived*

Cllr Fiddimore declared a prejudicial interest in the application following by virtue of having recently been a close acquaintance of one of the applicants. She then left the Chamber.

RR/2007/2533/P 1 West Undercliffe, Rye.
Variation to extension approved under RR/2005/2178/P including demolition of existing garage/car port and erection of two storey extension.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

81 CAMBER CASTLE CAR PARK

Following further enquiries the Clerk had formed the view that the car park was likely to be owned by either the County Council or Environment Agency – although both had stated previously that this was not the case.

**RECOMMENDATION That the Clerk be authorised to consult the
Land Registry. Clerk**

82 DOG WASTE BINS

Members were advised that Rother District Council had declined recently a request for a dog waste bin to be sited at the junction of West Undercliffe and Udimore Road – and that a resident had requested that a bin be sited at the end of Denton Close at the flower bed by the garages.

The Clerk advised that Rother was not only reluctant to supply bins but also to empty them.

It was noted that Rother had replaced a broken dog waste bin at the end of Tillingham Avenue.

The Mayor advised that Iden had purchased recently its own bin. Cllr Souster considered that there was a pressing need for a bin at West Undercliffe.

Cllr Hall advised that Rye in Bloom had offered to fund two additional bins earlier in the year but Rother had yet to respond.

RECOMMENDATION In the interest of partnership working: to offer to pay for additional dog waste bins if Rother agreed to install, empty and maintain them. Clerk

RESOLVED To raise the matter at the next District-Town Council Liaison meeting. Clerk

83 LICENSING ACT 2003

The Committee noted that the Government is proposing to remove the requirements under the Licensing Act 2003 which require:

- (a) a designated premises supervisor to be specified on every premises licence authorising sales of alcohol; and
- (b) every sale of alcohol at such premises to be authorised by a personal licence holder, for categories of premises including village halls, church halls, chapel halls and similar community buildings

RESOLVED To use the consultation as an opportunity to object to parish/town councils no longer being 'statutory consultees' in relation to licensing matters. Clerk

84 A259 MONKBRETTON BRIDGE

The Mayor advised that the Rugby Club had made provision for free parking but few cars had used the facility that morning. The Clerk advised that publicity posters were about to be displayed in Camber.

The promised police no parking cones between the junction of Rye Hill-Military Road and The Globe had not materialised. The Clerk had drawn this to the attention of Inspector Keating and, in PCSO Bevan's absence, PC Hanson.

Cllr Osborne advised that the temporary traffic light system at Skinner's roundabout was purely to aid the movement of buses needing to access New Road up to the Bridge.

Cllr Wright reported that he had attended a site meeting with the Rugby Club and the main contractor at the Freda Gardham Field on 28 September. Apparently, 200 signs were positioned in East Sussex and Kent just prior to the closure. There were a few teething problems with buses that morning. The work could be completed within 3 weeks but this was dependent largely on weather conditions.

The Clerk highlighted some examples of misleading signage which he had drawn to the attention of InterRoute and the Highways Agency:

a) a sign on the A20 Sellindge-Hythe states 'No access to Rye for 4 weeks'

b) a sign on New Road (approaching from the east) states 'delays possible'

c) the signage just before, and after, the rail bridge at the bottom of Rye Hill could give LGV drivers the impression that traveling up Rye Hill is unsuitable for them, causing them to use Military Road (the 'car only' diversion route).

Overall, the closure arrangements appeared to be working well.

Cllr Kirkham advised that contractors' staff were continuing to leave rubbish in the vicinity of the Bridge.

Clerk

The meeting closed at 6.55

Date.....

Chairman.....