

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 10 December 2007**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Brian Elliott, Sonia Holmes and David Russell; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*; 1 member of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.32.

115 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Ian Potter and Sylvia Willgoss.

116 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

6.34 *The Chairman adjourned the meeting for contributions from members of the public.*

Jim Hollands flagged up the fact that, on 18 December, Rother's Cabinet would be asked by officers to recommend to full Council (3 March) that the land north of Udimore Road be released for development. Cllr Souster observed that the 3 District Councillors present were at liberty to attend – and contribute to - the Cabinet meeting.

The Mayor reported on a recent accident on New Road caused by a driver overtaking a line of traffic. He had asked the Clerk to pass the information to the Highways Agency to reinforce the Council's previous request for the installation of solid white central lines from Monkbretton Bridge to the first national speed limit sign.

6.38 *The meeting reconvened.*

117 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 26 November 2007 (PT15) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

118 MATTERS ARISING

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81 Camber Castle Car Park (obtaining details of ownership from Land Registry) The Clerk had sent a plan to the Registry to help it identify the relevant titles; however, the Registry had requested a more detailed plan.
Clerk

100 A259 (Strand Quay): parking bays (obtaining further information from InterRoute on its methodology) Actioned.

11 Retail Needs Analysis – stakeholders' briefing (5.12.07) Cllrs Fiddimore and Palmer – and the Clerk had attended this. Rother's consultant distributed a summary of his initial findings of shopping needs in the 'Rye Shopping area' [available in the office]. It had been useful to have had representatives from the Chamber and HotCats present. It was noted that the area analysed extended north of Westfield and the consultant was asked to extract figures relating to Rye-Camber only.

113a) Section 106 Agreements: funding (writing to ESCC, RDC and the Highways Agency to ascertain if they are holding any monies earmarked for Rye) Outstanding. **Clerk**

114 Traders Passage/Watchbell Street (raising residents' concerns as the next County Liaison meeting) Actioned.

119 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED That the comments following be submitted to the Planning Authority:

RR/2007/3042/P Cadborough Oast, Udimore Road, Rye.
Del Formation of new first floor window at the rear of the property.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2007/3184/T 9 West Street, Rye.
Del Reduce and prune two apple trees and reduce two holly trees.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

120 GIBBET MARSH PUBLIC SEATING

Speaking from the Gallery, Cllr Elliott advised that he had identified a number of alternative locations for benches and invited Members to join him for a site inspection.

The former Town Manager had given him the impression that there was a budget for a path to the bench sited further along the river bank; however, nor record of this had – as yet - been found within the Partnership office. The Clerk advised that the Safe Rother Partnership had undertaken to raise the question of funding with Rother's Parks and Gardens department.

It was agreed generally that any bench needed to be accessed by a path. Cllr John Breeds advised that he might be in a position to access funding for a bench. Cllrs Fiddimore and Hall expressed interest in the joint site inspection proposed.

RESOLVED To ask the Clerk to liaise with Cllr Elliott and to circulate some possible dates for an inspection. Clerk

The meeting closed at 6.58

Date.....

Chairman.....