

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 18 February 2008**

PRESENT Councillors John Breeds, 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, Sonia Holmes and David Russell; Andy Hemsley - *Rye Observer*; 3 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.30.

149 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds, Bernardine Fiddimore and Ian Potter.

150 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Bantick	<i>personal</i>	Item 154 Lives adjacent to the site
Cllr John Breeds	<i>prejudicial</i>	Item 154 Lives adjacent to site
Cllr Souster	<i>personal</i>	Item 154 Lives in a road adjoining the site
Cllr Sylvia Willgoss	<i>prejudicial</i>	Item 154 Lives adjacent to site

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions.

John Izod asked why only 3 Committee Members had declared interests when a number of others lived close to the greenfield site north of Udimore Road.

The Chairman responded that the onus was on individual Councillors to determine whether or not they had a declarable interest.

6.45 *The meeting reconvened.*

151 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 4 February 2008 (PT20) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

152 MATTERS ARISING

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148 Ferry Road Resurfacing (opposing proposed Thurs-Fri closure) See main agenda item – 155.

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

139 Camber Castle car park (ascertaining ownership) Outstanding. The Clerk added that RDC had also been unable to trace the site owner. Its Environmental Health Department had periodically checked to see if its occupant had created a 'statutory nuisance'. It would be visiting the site again shortly.

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147 Parish Maintenance Team The Clerk reminded Members to provide him with further tasks for the Team. A number of suggestions were made which would not be appropriate for the Team and would be pursued separately. A number of suggestions were made which would not be appropriate for the Team and would be pursued separately.

153 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2008/97/P 1 Ferry Road (also known as 2 Cinque Ports St), Rye
RR/2008/100/L Change colour of the building from white to Dulux Cornish Cream.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/194/L Lamb House, West Street, Rye
Addition of new wrought iron railings to front steps.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllrs Bantick and Souster re-stated their personal interests in the item following.

Cllrs John Breeds and Willgoss restated their prejudicial interests in the item following.

154 LAND NORTH OF UDIMORE ROAD

The Clerk advised that this week he would be submitting the Council's response on the second outline planning application and would be writing also to Rother District Councillors directly regarding the full Council meeting on 3 March and their consideration of the Cabinet recommendation to release the site for development.

Cllr Souster advised that he had received some useful information from Michael Foster MP concerning GOSE's position in relation to RDC and housing targets and had passed this to the Clerk.

The Clerk reminded Members that they had until Friday to submit questions for Public Question Time on 3 March. He was aware that Cllr Bantick and Cllr Glazier had submitted questions as members of the public and that Cllr Wright was about to do the same.

Cllr Bantick spoke to his report (tabled) on a meeting held the previous week with representatives of the Environment Agency and the Romney Marsh Area Drainage Board – and the Clerk. It was clear that the Agency was now satisfied with the technical solutions proposed by the developer to address both drainage and the risk of flooding to the Old Brickyard/Tilling Green. Detention basins at the foot of the site would collect surface water which would be dispersed gradually over 12 hours or so. The developer's drainage advisers had allowed for a 30% increase in rainfall to reflect climate change. Cllr Bantick remained concerned about the implications of a combination of high rainfall levels and a high tide but had been assured that the risk was 'low'. The Agency had suggested that Tilling Green would be worse off without the basins proposed.

Cllr Bantick had distributed c500 letters to Tilling Green residents encouraging them to voice their concerns to Rother Councillors.

Speaking from the Gallery, Cllr Russell advised that he knew of three 'non-Rye' District Councillors who had walked the site and were now well aware of its winter state.

It was noted that Southern Water had maintained its position that the existing sewerage system was inadequate for the development proposed.

Cllrs John Breeds and Willgoss returned to the Chamber.

155 FERRY ROAD RESURFACING

Members were pleased to note that ESCC's Director of Transport & Environment had advised that the proposed closure would now take place Sunday 13 April to Monday 14th – with a possible overrun into Tuesday 15th.

156 STREET LIGHTING

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting held on 21 January 2008 the young people present highlighted inadequate street lighting (especially on Tilling Green Estate) as a concern.

The Clerk was aware – confirmed by Cllr Souster – that the Tilling Green Residents' Association had surveyed the Estate and written to Cllr Glazier highlighting areas of inadequate street lighting.

The meeting ended at 6.46.

Date.....

Chairman.....