

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee  
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 25 June 2007**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Brian Elliott and Sonia Holmes; County Cllr Keith Glazier; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*; 7 members of the public

*The meeting was preceded by a minute's silence in memory of Playden resident, Corporal John Rigby, killed recently in Iraq.*

*The meeting commenced at 6.31.*

**20 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Frank Palmer (Committee Chairman) and Ian Potter.

**21 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr John Breeds	<i>prejudicial</i>	<b>RR/2007/1588/L</b>	Shareholder in company owning a similar business (competitor).
Cllr Jonathan Breeds	<i>prejudicial</i>	<b>RR/2007/1038/P</b>	Shareholder in company running a similar business (competitor).
Cllr Jo Kirkham	<i>prejudicial</i>	<b>RR/2007/1575/P</b>	Director of organisation making the application
Sam Souster	<i>prejudicial</i>	<b>RR/2007/1575/P</b>	Director of organisation making the application

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for questions from Members of the Public. There were no questions.*

*The Chairman reconvened the meeting.*

**22 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 11 June 2007 (PT03) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**23 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RR/2007/1572/P** 74 Kings Avenue, Rye.  
Proposed loft conversion to form bedroom with rear dormer incorporating small balcony.

SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2007/1364/P** Rye Masonic Lodge, Turkeycock Lane, Rye.  
Erection of 4 air conditioning units on flat roof in centre of building.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2007/1370/P** Harbour Road – Land at, Rye.  
Erection of temporary lodge style dwelling for use by staff in connection with livestock supervision and bird breeding farm.  
SUPPORT REFUSAL Undesirable development within Strategic Gap; out of character.

**RR/2007/1527/P** Mint House, The Mint, Rye.  
Replacement of 9 sash windows.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2007/1568/P** West Point House, Point Hill, Rye.  
**RR/2007/1608/L** Replacement of existing conservatory at the rear with new conservatory.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

*Cllrs Kirkham and Souster re-stated their prejudicial interests in the application following and left the Chamber.*

**RR/2007/1575/P** Rye Fisheries, Rock Channel, Rye.  
Internal alterations and change of use of fish processing unit to light industrial workshops. Formation of new hardstanding and parking area.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL Subject to retention/installation of a minimum 6m grassed/planted buffer zone – including appropriate trees/hedgerow – between the site and the rear of Ferry Cottage.

*Cllrs Kirkham and Souster returned to the Chamber.*

*Cllrs John Breeds and Jonathan Breeds re-stated their prejudicial interests in the application following and left the Chamber.*

**RR/2007/1588/L** Hope Anchor Hotel, Watchbell Street, Rye.  
Retention of roof mounted digital TV aerial.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

*Cllrs John Breeds and Jonathan Breeds returned to the Chamber.*

**RR/2007/792/P** 42-44 Ferry Road, Rye.  
Demolition of existing flat roof rear extension and erection of single storey extensions including change of use from offices to residential use.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**25 PLANNING WHITE PAPER**

Members were asked to consider whether to respond to the Government's *Planning for a Sustainable Future* consultation (deadline: 17 August).

Cllr Souster expressed concern about the possibility of the Planning White Paper becoming a 'developer's charter'.

**RESOLVED To accept Cllr Souster's offer to consider the consultation document and draft a response. Cllr Souster**

**26 A259 MONKBRETTON BRIDGE**

Cllr Wright sought confirmation that the Council was satisfied that the Visitor & Information Management Group was the most effective vehicle to oversee the upcoming repairs to Monkbretton Bridge.

Highlighting problems arising from the recent resurfacing on the A259, Cllr Wright suggested that it was important for Councillors to be confident that all aspects of the work – including contingency planning – had been taken into account by the Group.

Speaking from the Gallery, Cllr Bantick advised that all the relevant agencies – including the Highways Authority, Highways Agency, InterRoute, Rother DC and the Police - attended the Group's regular meetings. He reported back to the Leisure and Tourism meeting. The Mayor attended also and reported back to this Committee.

The Mayor reported that, in an attempt to ensure that the Town Council was involved at an early stage, he and former Councillor Roger Breeds had met with Highways, InterRoute and the Town Manager as soon as repairs to the Bridge had been mooted. They had negotiated successfully a reduced period of disruption and suggested how work could be undertaken safely whilst maintaining traffic flow.

Meetings of the Group were held at the Town Hall in order to accommodate the number of participants (the next being 4 July). The Mayor had met also with the Chairmen of the Chamber of Commerce and HotCats in order to emphasise the need for their members to take an interest in, and prepare for the 3-4 week period of closure in October 2007. Unfortunately, the preferred date of March 2008 was no longer possible because of a number of reasons – including an 'early' Easter.

Pedestrian access would be maintained at all times and provision had been made for the passage of emergency vehicles.

Residents of Camber, East Guldeford, New Road and Kings Avenue were likely to be affected the most. For the benefit of those workings in Rye, Camber or Hastings, attempts were being made to identify temporary parking either side of the Bridge. It was recognised that a public exhibition would need to be held in Camber as well as Rye and that residents and businesses needed to be kept informed.

Cllr Souster suggested that although sufficient planning appeared to have been undertaken prior to the A259 resurfacing, no-one from the Visitor & Information Management Group was available on the first day of the work to co-ordinate a response to problems arising at the outset.

The Mayor undertook to continue to report back to future meetings.

*The meeting closed at 7.11*

Date.....

Chairman.....