

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 6 August 2007**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Andy Hemsley – Rye Observer; 2 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.30.

44 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Paul Osborne (**Committee Vice Chairman - Mayor**) and Shaun Rogers.

45 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

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

46 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 23 July 2007 (PT06) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47 MATTERS ARISING

Page 1, 39 Matters Arising, bulky items (request to RDC) The Clerk advised that he had been informed that the weekly facilities at Uckfield and Crowborough were provided by East Sussex CC. Accordingly, he had asked Cllr Glazier to pursue this on RTC's behalf.

Page 2, 40 Planning applications, RR/2007/1865/P Cllr Souster observed that there was also a telegraph pole at the front of the property.

Page 2, 42 Land north of railway station (emergency TPO request) The Clerk was awaiting a reply from RDC's Tree Officer. Based on the officer's response to a similar request made by a local resident, he expected the response to be a refusal. This would be challenged because TPOs could be applied to areas of trees/shrubs and not just specific specimens.

Cllr Fiddimore suggested exploring whether some form of nature conservation designation could be obtained – perhaps with the Assistance of the Sussex Wildlife Trust. The Clerk advised that this – and a proposal that Rye's green spaces should be mapped – would be placed on the next agenda.

48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED That the Council's comments on the Planning Applications following be submitted to the District Planning Authority:

RR/2007/1820/P Chantry Cottage, Mermaid Passage, Rye.
(Del) Addition of window to side elevation.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

- RR/2007/1960/P**
(Del) The Old Brewery, Wish Ward, Rye.
Change of use and conversion of pottery into 5 dwellings and two garages.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/1961/L**
(Del) The Old Brewery, Wish Ward, Rye.
Conversion of existing building into 5 dwellings and two garages.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/1990/P**
(Del) 85 High Street, Rye.
Installation of security camera.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/1991/L**
(Del) 85 High Street, Rye.
Installation of security camera.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/2005/P**
(Del) 82 Kings Avenue, Rye.
Erection of single storey conservatory to rear elevation.
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2007/2042/T**
(Del) Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, Rye.
Removal of 2 sycamore trees.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

49 LITTLE CHEYNE COURT

Members were invited to suggest questions/concerns for Neale East to feed into the Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm Liaison Group, of which he was a member.

Responding to Cllr Souster's expression of interest in the generating capacity of each turbine, the Clerk suggested that this information might be available on npower's web site.

6.50 *The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from the Rye reporter.*

Andy Hemsley advised that the Windfarm Action Group's appeal against planning permission for the development had, that day, failed in the High Court.

6.51 *The meeting reconvened.*

50 FERRY ROAD RE-SURFACING

Members were advised that the County Highways was intending to resurface Ferry Road between the railway crossing and Ferry Road Bridge over a weekend in March 2008 (not Easter), closing the road for the duration.

RESOLVED To advise Highways that RTC's preference was for the work to be undertaken weekday evenings (excluding the Easter Bank Holidays).
Clerk

51 A259 MONKBRETTON BRIDGE

The meeting was advised that a site meeting had taken place recently between County's Passenger Transport Manager, Stagecoach, Coastal Coaches, Freda Gardham, Rye & District Community Transport and a PCSO.

The Clerk read out the InterRoute Project Manager's report on the inspection (attached)

A special 'Bridge' meeting of the Information & Visitor Management Group – which the Mayor would be attending - would be held on 9.8.07.

Cllr Wright advised that, during the Bridge closure the barriers would be staffed 24/7; however, it was not yet clear how approaching emergency vehicles (which would have provided a few minutes' notice) would get across the Bridge quickly and safely.

The 711 would drop off either side of the Bridge and RDCT was considering adjustments to the 326 service.

A draft Information sheet on the closure (to go to Rye residents and the surrounding parishes) was emailed to the Clerk and a number of Councillors around 3 weeks ago but was withdrawn in a matter of hours because it was incomplete. The revised version was still to be issued for consultation.

Cllr Wright suggested that the ideal time for the final version to be distributed would be the beginning of the new school year (early Sep).

The Clerk advised that the Mayor was pursuing, with Rother, the proposal that both the Bedford Place and Lucknow Place car parks be taken out of public service during October. The suggestion was that Bedford Place (with a few modifications) would be used by bus companies to drop off/collect/rest up – with Lucknow Place being used by parents dropping off/collecting school children and by New Road/Kings Avenue/Camber residents with permits. The passage of the school children to/from the Freda Gardham would be supervised.

7.02 The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from John Izod.

Mr Izod advised that Rye Rugby Club was happy for its parking facilities to be used by Rye/Camber area residents but security would need to be provided.

7.03 The meeting was reconvened.

Cllr Fiddimore considered that businesses needed to be informed about the closure imminently so they could begin preparations.

The meeting closed at 7.04.

Date.....

Chairman.....

Rye Town Council

From: "john jordinson" <john.jordinson@interoutejv.co.uk>
To: "Rye Town Council" <townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 August 2007 11:12
Subject: RE: Monbretton bridge site visit - 27 July

Richard,

As well as Don Benn, Stagecoach, Coastal and Rye Community Transport, we also had someone from Freda Gardham School, and the community police officer present.

Camber side

It was accepted that the buses could turn and park outside the school.

'Rogue' LGV's that ignore the 'access only' signs at the camber turn will arrive outside the school with no safe way to turn around, so we plan to close off 50m of Kings Avenue (western end at junction with New Road) to provide a reversing area. I will apply to ESCC to allow for this.

The road will be totally closed quite close to the bridge so that access to Kings Avenue and the Southern Water Pumping Station will be maintained

Rye side

The road will be totally closed quite close to the bridge in order to maintain access to Skinners garage and the Fresh Fish shop/car park

Skinners roundabout will be signed 'access only - bridge closed' and no vehicles except buses and local traffic will be allowed through - LGV's will not be allowed access to the A259

Regards

John Jordinson
Structures Project Manager