

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 12 May 2008**

PRESENT Councillors John Breeds (Deputy Mayor), Jonathan Breeds, Bernardine Fiddimore, Paul Osborne (**Committee Vice Chairman**), Frank Palmer (**Committee Chairman**), Shaun Rogers, Sam Souster (Mayor)

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

The meeting commenced at 7.42

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Kirkham and Wright.

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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| Cllr John Breeds | <i>prejudicial</i> | Item 7
Lives adjacent to site |
| Cllr Jonathan Breeds | <i>prejudicial</i> | RR/2007/2998/L
Applicant recently bought him a drink to the value of £1.40 |
| | <i>prejudicial</i> | RR/2008/1003/P
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| | <i>prejudicial</i> | Item 7
Parents own property adjacent to the proposed development |
| Cllr Bernardine Fiddimore | <i>prejudicial</i> | RR/2008/1003/P
Previous relationship with one of the applicants |
| Cllr Souster | <i>personal</i> | Item 7
Lives in the proximity |

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

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 28 April 2008 (PT26) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There was none.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Cllr Jonathan Breeds re-stated his prejudicial interests in the first and last of the applications following and left the Chamber.

RR/2008/2998/L 19 Mermaid Street, Oak Corner, Rye.
Retrospective Addition of dovecote to building.
SUPPORT REFUSAL Proposed development would be out of character with the Listed building to which it relates and would, if permitted, constitute an incongruous feature out of harmony with the existing building (RN8M).

RR/2008/1001/L 7 Watchbell Street, Rye.
RR/2008/1007/P Conversion of attic space to form shower room and installation of dormer window.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllr Fiddimore re-stated her prejudicial interest in the application following and left the Chamber.

RR/2008/1003/P 1 West Undercliffe, Rye.
Revised proposals for erection of two storey extension approved under RR/2007/2533/P including demolition of existing garage/car port and erection of two storey extension.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllrs Jonathan Breeds and Fiddimore returned to the Chamber.

6 **PLANNING CHANGES**

Members were invited to consider completing the County's questionnaire on Local Validation Criteria (Section 1) and Electronic Consultation (Section 2).

RESOLVED Not to complete Section I but to complete the remainder of the questionnaire as follows:

Section 2 Q1 'Yes – if ESCC provides sustainable resourcing'

Q3 'Only if ESCC provides sustainable resourcing' Clerk

Cllr Souster re-stated his personal interest in the item following. Cllr Jonathan Breeds and John Breeds declared their prejudicial interests in the item following and left the Chamber.

Note At this point the meeting was rendered inquorate and the Council was unable to make lawful decisions.

7 **LAND NORTH OF UDIMORE ROAD**

Cllr Souster – who had attended the recent Public Inquiry on a regular basis – advised that a local resident had raised their concerns about the proposed development with the relevant Minister, PM and Michael Foster – who had advised that Ministers take care to ensure that they are 'apolitical' in relation to Public Inquiries. Cllr Souster considered that the likely outcome of the Inquiry was 'finely balanced'.

The meeting ended at 8.00.

Date.....

Chairman.....