

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 13 October 2008**

PRESENT Councillors John Breeds (Deputy Mayor), Jonathan Breeds, Bernardine Fiddimore, Jo Kirkham, **Frank Palmer (Committee Chairman)**, Mary Smith, Sam Souster (Mayor), David Wright

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Brian Elliott, Lorna Hall and Sonia Holmes; County Cllr Keith Glazier; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*; 1 member of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.31

72 APOLOGIES

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

73 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Mary Smith *personal* **Item 79** Lives opposite the clearway proposed

There were no questions from the members of the public present.

74 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 29 September 2008 (PT11) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

76 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2008/2648/P Old Borough Arms, The Strand, Rye
(Del) Erection of wicker fence behind existing brick parapet above tea shop.
Applicant: Mr M Sweeney, Studio House, 52 Dyne Road, London
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/2649/L Old Borough Arms, The Strand, Rye
(Del) Erection of wicker fence behind existing brick parapet above tea shop.
Applicant: Mr M Sweeney, Studio House, 52 Dyne Road, London
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/2704/P 22c Winchelsea Road, Rye
(Del) Variation on condition 3 imposed upon planning application RR/2001/1861/P so as to extend the opening hours from 8am-11pm to 7am-11pm.
Applicant: Reed Health & Fitness, Paul Reed, The Old School House, Coastguard Lane, Fairlight
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/2720/L 27 Watchbell Street, Watchbell Chambers, Rye
(Del) Erection of single storey rear extension to form new DDA toilet facility.
Applicant: Mr J Sperring & Mr R Parkes, Watchbell Chamber, Watchbell St, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/2733/P 27 Watchbell Street, Watchbell Chambers, Rye
(Del) Erection of single storey rear extension to form new DDA toilet facility.
Applicant: Mr J Sperring & Mr R Parkes, Watchbell Chamber, Watchbell St, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

6.38 Cllr Jonathan Breeds arrived.

RR/2008/2731/P 18 Kings Avenue, Rye
(Del) Erection of two-storey side extension comprising garage with bedroom over.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Vicary, 18 Kings Avenue, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/2702/P 14 Lea Avenue, Rye
(Del) Proposed single storey extension (granny annexe).
Applicant: Mr Keith Williams, 14 Lea Avenue, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/2780/T Mint House, Rye
(Del) Crown lift/cut back one rowan, to approx 20% reduction to one birch. Remove low limbs of one prunus, approx 15% reduction and crown lift of one pear tree, reduction by 2-3m of one beech and fell one holly tree.
Applicant: Foxhills Tree Surgery, Sanawar, Ninfield Road, Bexhill
SUPPORT APPROVAL

77 ACCOMMODATING GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

(a) South-East Plan

The Committee was invited to consider appointing a Member to draft a response to SEERA's consultation on its partial review of the Plan (*deadline 21 November*).

RESOLVED To accept the offer from Cllrs Fiddimore and Smith to consider the consultation documentation.
Cllrs Fiddimore and Smith

(b) **Exhibition**

RESOLVED To note that a SEERA Exhibition of Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South-East will be held at the De La Warr Pavilion, 14 October, 2.30pm-7.30pm.

78 8-26 FISHMARKET ROAD

Cllr Souster spoke to his (tabled) report which summarised the correspondence, other communications and developments relating to the deteriorating condition of the terrace since 2002. He had linked the issue to RDC's recent Sense of Place Survey.

RESOLVED To send the report to the Leader of RDC and the Director of Services. Clerk

79 BUS STOP CLEARWAY, TOWER STREET

Members were asked to consider East Sussex County Council's proposal to introduce a bus stop clearway on the northern side of Tower Street and to agree a response.

The Clerk advised that whilst resurfacing Tower Street the previous week the County's contractor, May Gurney had mistakenly removed three car parking bays. It had been asked to correct its error.

It was agreed generally that the current arrangement, with passengers having to access buses from the road, was hazardous - and that public transport should be encouraged (even if it entailed the loss of some car parking spaces).

RESOLVED To support the principle of a bus clearway being sited in Tower Street. Clerk

80 BOLLARD REQUEST, EAST STREET

The Committee considered a request from a resident of 9 East Street for a bollard to be installed on the footway in front of the property to protect the cellar from LGV damage.

It was considered generally that it was not ESCC's responsibility to protect private property, that there was a risk that an undesirable precedent could be set, and that preventing possible damage was a traffic enforcement issue.

RESOLVED To echo the concerns/considerations identified in Brian Banks's letter to the Town Council of 22 September. Clerk

The meeting ended at 7.02

Date.....

Chairman.....