

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee  
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 7 July 2008**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick and Sonia Holmes; 15 members of the public; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*

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*The meeting commenced at 6.30*

**29 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds and David Wright.

**30 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mary Smith      *personal*      **Item 37**  
Love Lane allotment holder (land adjacent to site)

6.32    *Cllr Fiddimore arrived*

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions.*

*The Clerk confirmed that the proposed Primary School meeting between interested parties had been scheduled for 23 July. He had asked Cllrs Hall and Smith to contact Love Lane residents once the venue was known.*

*With reference to the main item on the front of the current Rye Observer, the Council was asked why it appeared to be opposed to bikers visiting the town when they brought with them considerable revenue and were largely pleasant people.*

*The Committee Chairman advised that the Council had considered the matter of bikers parking on/around the Environment Agency land at Strand Quay in response to complaints by residents about noise levels and parking on pavements and private land.*

*Cllr Souster explained that the Council was not, in principle, opposed to bikers visiting the town – but it did have concerns about the problems which arise when large numbers arrive. At the Council's request he had, at the previous week's HORAC meeting, raised the issue with the Agency, suggesting that it had a responsibility to address such situations. There had been agreement at the meeting that interested parties should be brought to together to consider how large numbers of bikers could be managed.*

*The meeting reconvened.*

**31 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 23 June 2008 (PT04) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**32 MATTERS ARISING**

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*28 Ferry Road: vulnerable highway users* The Police had advised that it would not be possible to deploy the 'Rye radar gun' on Ferry Road because it would not be possible to achieve clear sight of a vehicle for 200 yards. The Clerk understood that Cllr Glazier would be meeting with highways staff on site within the next few weeks.

**33 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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| <b>RR/2008/1532/P</b><br>(Del) | Corn Exchange – Unit 2, The Strand, Rye<br>Change of use of building from A1 retail to A1 retail & A3 coffee shop<br>SUPPORT REFUSAL Adverse impact on the amenity of other occupants of the building. |
| <b>RR/2008/1537/A</b><br>(Del) | Corn Exchange – Unit 2, The Strand, Rye<br>Erection of signage<br>SUPPORT APPROVAL   |
| <b>RR/2008/1540/L</b><br>(Del) | Corn Exchange – Unit 2, The Strand, Rye<br>Erection of signs to Listed building<br>SUPPORT APPROVAL  |
| <b>RR/2008/1553/L</b><br>(Del) | 63 Military Road, Rye<br>Installation of replacement double glazed windows.<br>SUPPORT APPROVAL  |
| <b>RR/2008/1472/P</b><br>(Del) | 6 Udimore Road, Rye<br>Erection of 2-storey extension.<br>SUPPORT REFUSAL Council requires an assurance that the existing right of way serving this and neighbouring properties will be preserved.     |
| <b>RR/2008/1696/P</b><br>(Del) | 7 Rock Channel Quay, Rye<br>Addition of square window in upper rear gable<br>SUPPORT APPROVAL  |
| <b>RR/2008/1759/P</b><br>(Del) | 25 Wish Street, The Kettle O'Fish<br>Enlargement of external store to form internal lean-to food and drink store.<br>SUPPORT APPROVAL  |

RR/2008/73/L  
(Del) The Deals – garage no. 2 at, Rye  
Replace a metal up and over door with a Cardale  
Gemini brown vertical steel plastic coated door as  
approved under consent RR/2007/736/L for a  
neighbouring garage.  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**34 PUBLIC BENCHES**

**a) Rye Police Station**

**RESOLVED To support (at no cost to the Council) Yvonne Marsh's wish for a donated bench, in memory of husband, former Town Councillor Colin Marsh, to be placed on the recessed (cobbled) area outside of Rye Police Station, Cinque Ports Street.**  
Clerk

**b) Gibbet Marsh**

The Clerk advised that the position of a replacement bench had been agreed and a cost for supply and installation had been obtained. The only item outstanding was getting a price for a bronze plaque. Once this had been received the item would be placed on a future agenda.

**RESOLVED Given that the original bench (opposite The Windmill) had been removed by the Safer Rother Partnership, to ask the Partnership to fund 50% of the cost of supply and installation.**  
Clerk

**35 LITTER BIN – LANDGATE/HILDERS CLIFF**

Members were invited to consider Rother District Council's proposal that the '1989' litter bin be removed and replaced with a new covered bin close by (adjacent to the new photographic gallery).

The proposal had been prompted by concerns expressed by the owner of the garden to the rear of the bin about the quantity of litter being thrown on to her property.

**RESOLVED To support the proposal and ask if the 'surplus' bin could be re-sited to an area in the town 'deficient' in bins.**  
Clerk

Cllr Fiddimore asked if the Clerk could chase a response to her previous (informal) request for Rother to cease the use of blue (rather black) litter bin liners.

**36 BULKY WASTE**

The Committee was asked to consider the County's latest response to the Council's concerns (raised initially August 2007) about the poor access for Rye residents to 'bulky waste' disposal facilities.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Hall had expressed concern that the Council's original 'complaint' – that there was no provision for a (supervised) mobile bulky waste 'drop off' facility in the town - had been disregarded.

It was noted that such facilities– known to be used by some Rye-Camber residents – were provided by KCC in Lydd and New Romney.

It was observed that: this issue had been ongoing for a number of years; mobile facilities have been commonplace elsewhere over many years; one of the problems had been identifying a site away from residential properties; funding was believed to be available for the collection/recycling of electrical items.

The redundant ESCC Highways Depot at the Winchelsea Road-Harbour Road junction was suggested as a possible site for a mobile facility.

**RESOLVED To continue to pursue the Council's original concern.**  
**Clerk**

**37 RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Cllr Smith observed that transport issues had still to be addressed and that the start of the school term was just two months away.

**RESOLVED To ask if the meeting with interested parties scheduled for 23 July could be brought forward and to use the meeting to emphasise the need for transport/travel issues to be addressed urgently.**  
**Clerk**

*The meeting ended at 7.15.*

Date.....

Chairman.....