

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 8 December 2008**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick and David Russell; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*, 8 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.31.

100 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Sam Souster (Mayor).

101 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Granville Bantick	<i>personal</i>	item 105	Member of the organising group (CDR)
Cllr Granville Bantick	<i>personal</i>	item 106	Friends of Rye Library Secretary
Cllr Paul Osborne	<i>personal</i>	item 105	Lead Cabinet Member for LDF
Cllr Shaun Rogers	<i>personal</i>	item 105	Member of the organising group (CDR)
Cllr Mary Smith	<i>personal</i>	item 105	Secretary of the organising group (CDR)
Cllr Mary Smith	<i>personal</i>	item 106	Friends of Rye Library Committee member

There were no questions/comments from members of the public at this stage.

102 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 24 November 2008 (PT15) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6.35 *Cllr Fiddimore arrived.*

103 MATTERS ARISING

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98 *Core Strategy* The Clerk would advise Members when a copy of the consultation document had been returned to the office. **Clerk**

99 8-26 Fishmarket Road (request update on RDC's meeting with the Chunnel Group) Actioned – response awaited.

104 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2008/3108/P 10 Wish Street, Rye
(Del) Retention of retaining wall
Retrospective *Applicant: Mr S Ennis, 10 Wish Street, Rye*
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2008/3259/P Arling House, Rye Hill, Rye
(Del) Alternative site for revised design of annexe for family
accommodation previously approved under
RR/2008/2058/P
Applicant: Mr S Kurzin, Arling House, Rye Hill, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllrs Bantick, Osborne, Rogers and Smith restated their personal interests in the item following.

105 LDF CORE STRATEGY

Members were invited to consider whether – and how – to support the organisation of a Local Development Framework Core Strategy public meeting/exhibition to be held at the Community Centre on Friday 16 January, 7.30pm.

The ensuing debate included the points following: RDC had devoted considerable resources towards publicising the consultation: public exhibitions had been organised across the district, documentation had been lodged at key locations and all LDF material had been uploaded to its web site; attendance might not be good on a Friday; the CDR did not appear to have utilised Rye's District Councillors in pursuing its concerns; in respect of Rye, the content of the Core Strategy document is similar to that within the existing *Rother District Local Plan*; Rye will be required to accommodate 450 new dwellings over the next 20 years – the Udimore Road and (provisional) Rock Channel allocations would be included within this figure; RDC officers attending the proposed meeting would appreciate having sight of questions in advance; the CDR wishes to facilitate the meeting to give other organisations and individuals a further opportunity to engage with the consultation; the advantage of a public meeting is that attendees get to hear views for and against issues – and are so better able to reach an informed viewpoint; the relatively low numbers of people contacting Town Councillors and attending surgeries – together with the difficulties RTC had had finding members of the community to join the Rye LAP Steering Group – suggested that many residents do not wish to play a role in shaping the community; in time, the Rye LAP would feed into the LDF process - the two are not linked directly; the public were voicing their concerns to the CDR because, perhaps, they do not trust Town Councillors.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to permit members of the public to contribute. The points made included: another weekday evening was not available at the Community Centre in January; the Chamber of Commerce was

the first to suggest a public meeting; however, it was supported also by the Conservation Society and CDR; there is a great deal of interest in the consultation amongst residents; there is a concern that the production of the Rye LAP is being rushed and that the process would not be 'inclusive'; the CDR had asked Cllr Nic Ramus, former RDC Planning Committee Chairman to chair the public meeting; it was envisaged that there would be an opening address by the Head of Planning Strategy, statements from various interest groups, and then Q&A.

RESOLVED To support the proposed public meeting in principle.

106 CENTRAL GARAGE SITE

The Committee was invited to consider whether the Council should form a view on the appearance of the hoardings fronting the former Central Garage site, Cinque Ports Street.

Cllr Fiddimore suggested removing the hoardings, laying the area to grass, and perhaps erecting a noticeboard.

RESOLVED To seek to have the site tidied up. Clerk

The meeting ended at 7.24

Date.....

Chairman.....