

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 11 May 2009**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllr Mary Smith; 3 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 9.23pm

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds and Sam Souster (Mayor).

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions.

An occupant of 3 Rope Walk summarised her concerns in relation to planning application RR/2009/929/P: the address should be 'warehouse adjacent to 14 Tower Street'; she owns some of the land the applicant is claiming to own; the installation of new doors and windows would impact on her amenity and privacy; the proposal would reduce natural light levels to her property.

The meeting reconvened.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 27 April 2009 (PT25) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

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155 Central Garage site (asking RDC for an indication of when it might consider taking enforcement action) Actioned. This appeared to have prompted a letter from the site owner to RTC (distributed previously) suggesting that work would commence mid-June 2009.

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162 Land north of Udimore Road (informing the developer's engineers of RTC's view on the new town gateway design proposal) Actioned.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- RR/2009/397/L**
(Del)
Retrospective
- Cannon House, East Street, Rye
Removal of chimney.
Applicant: Mr Peek, Cannon House, East Street, Rye
SUPPORT REFUSAL. The proposed alteration would be detrimental to the character of the listed building (RN8N); the demolition of the chimney would result in the loss of an important feature within the Conservation Area (RN8P).
- RR/2009/773/L**
(Del)
- 65 Military Road, Rye
Move current bathroom located at the end of the kitchen to upstairs back bedroom. Once bathroom has been moved upstairs, the space left would then be incorporated into the current kitchen area.
Applicant: Mrs C Massey, 65 Military Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2009/929/P**
(Del)
- 13 Tower Street, Rye
Change of use from warehouse to commercial and private housing use.
Applicant: Mrs S Murdoch, 4 Warren Court, Beacon Oak Road, Tenterden, Kent
SUPPORT REFUSAL The sub-division of the property in the manner proposed would result in loss of amenity and privacy to neighbouring residents (RN8C); the site is too restricted in size to satisfactorily accommodate the proposal (RN8B); the application would appear to be misleading in terms of land ownership.
[RDC Planning Committee site visit recommended.]
- RR/2009/963/T**
(Del)
- 26 Military Road, Flat 1, Guldeford Lodge, Rye
Crown lifting and crown reduction of one yew tree. To remove branches that are hanging over the road and drive.
Applicant: Mr Barwood, Flat 1, Guldeford Lodge, 26 Military Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL
- RR/2009/981/O**
(Del)
- 172 Udimore Road, Rye
Lawful use of building which is used as offices and an associated parking area.
Applicant: Mr T Apperly, Place Farm, Fairlight Place, Fairlight
SUPPORT REFUSAL The existing use of the property does not appear to be restricted to office use and associated parking.

RR/2009/995/T
(Del)

58 Cinque Ports Street – land to the rear of, Rye
Fell one twisted willow and replant with another twisted
willow.

*Applicant: Mr & Mrs Underwood, c/o Le Fevre Wood
and Royle, 58 Cinque Ports Street*

SUPPORT APPROVAL

6 LANDGATE TOWER: LGVs

Members noted that: there have been a number of incidents in recent years of LGVs damaging the Tower; Rother District Council and Sussex Police consider the existing height and width warning signage is inadequate; the Highways Authority considers the signage to be adequate.

Speaking from the Gallery Cllr Smith advised that the police had reiterated their concerns at the previous week's LAT meeting.

RESOLVED To facilitate a site visit to assess the current signage, comprising representatives from the Highways Authority, Rother District Council, Sussex Police and Rye Town Council. Clerk

The meeting ended at 9.46pm

Date.....

Chairman.....