

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 14 September 2009**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, David Russell and Mary Smith; 5 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.31pm.

54 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reason logged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllr David Wright.

55 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Bantick *personal* **RR/2847/CC** Friends of Rye Library Secretary

personal **item 59** Udimore Road resident with no view of the site

Cllr Osborne *personal* **item 59** Lives in the road which will provide access to the proposed development

Cllr Souster *personal* **item 59** Lives in the road which will provide access to the proposed development

The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions.

RR/2847/CC Keith Taylor, Friends of Rye Library Chairman, advised that although the group was pleased that the library would be relocating it did have a number of concerns – including: (a) the plans providing for seven toilets – the space occupied by some of these could be utilised for library services; (b) although 288m square was to be provided on the ground floor, a proportion of this would be taken up with toilets and a help desk.

The Committee Chairman observed that the application before the Council was for change of use only – the detail of the proposal would follow.

The meeting reconvened.

56 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 1 September 2009 (PT08) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

57 MATTERS ARISING

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50 Matters arising – former public conveniences, Tower Street The Clerk advised that the Cabinet had deferred making a decision on selling the property because two people had come forward at a late stage expressing interesting in leasing it. RTC's interest had been noted.

58 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2847/CC 29-30 High Street, Rye
Change of use from retail and ancillary accommodation (class A1) to library use (class D1 XV1).
Applicant: East Sussex County Council, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2009/1769/P Postern Gate, Cinque Ports Street, Rye
(Del) Change of use to ground floor dance studios (2) and waiting room. First floor domestic use, flat for Directors of Dance School.
Applicant: Rye Dance Centre Ltd, Mr Fletcher, 5 Fair Meadow, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllr Bantick re-stated his personal interest in the item following:

59 LAND NORTH OF UDIMORE ROAD

Members considered a request from ESCC Lighting for a view on whether the proposed new development should incorporate a street lighting scheme.

It was considered generally that it was likely prospective residents would expect street lighting to be in place for convenience and security.

RESOLVED To support the provision of an appropriate street lighting scheme - ie one creating the minimum possible level of light pollution.
Clerk

Cllr Rogers abstained from voting on the grounds that the Council remained opposed to any development on the land.

The meeting ended at 6.51pm.

Date.....

Chairman.....