

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 17 August 2009**

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

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

The meeting commenced at 8.25pm.

43 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons logged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Bernardine Fiddimore and Sam Souster (Mayor).

44 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Shaun Rogers *personal* **RR/2009/1803/P** Lives almost opposite

The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions.

RR/2009/1595/P Lynda Campbell spoke to her letter dated 13.8.09 (attached).

The meeting reconvened.

45 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 3 August 2009 (PT06) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

46 MATTERS ARISING

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42 TIC signage, Resolution (additional TIC fingers) RDC had confirmed that it would meet the installation/re-positioning/removal costs. The Clerk would be meeting with the manufacturer of the finger posts on 18.8.09.

47 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2009/1231/L Seymour House, Landgate, Rye
(Del) Installation of solar collectors (heat pipes) on an internal roof slope which is not visible in the wider landscape.
Applicant: Ms Goldthorpe, 33 Canary Quay, Sovereign Harbour South, Eastbourne
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2009/1595/P 14 Tower Street – land next to, Rye
(Del) Demolition of existing warehouse and construction of new 2-storey building to provide shop and two first floor flats
Applicant: Mrs S Murdoch, 4 Warren Court, Beacon Oak Road, Tenterden
SUPPORT REFUSAL The apparent increase in height of the proposed new build would affect adversely the amenity of the occupants of 3 Rope Walk; the concrete roofing tiles proposed would be detrimental to the appearance of the locality.

Cllr Rogers re-stated his personal interest in the application following:

RR/2009/1803/P 6 Riverside, Winchelsea Road, Rye
(Del) Variation of condition 1 imposed upon planning permission RR/2004/2236 for the continued use as a car park and pre-packed coal compound.
Applicant: Mr B Wright, 64 Park Avenue, Hastings
SUPPORT APPROVAL

48 GAS MAINS RENEWAL

Members noted that it is believed that Southern Gas Networks is intending to renew gas mains in Cinque Ports Street, Ferry Road and Rope Walk, possibly in March 2010.

Cllr Osborne suggested that, given past criticism of the Council during the extensive programme of water main replacement in the recent past, the Council should seek to ensure that its was closely involved in the preparations for – and timing of - the scheme. This was agreed generally.

Speaking from the Gallery, Cllr Smith reported that Rope Walk residents had advised her that their gas mains had been replaced already.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

Date.....

Chairman.....

3 Rope Walk,
Rye,
East Sussex,
TN31 7NA

Richard Farhall MILCM
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Rye,
TN31 7LA
13 Aug 2009

Application for demolition of existing warehouse and construction of new two storey building to provide shop and 2 no first floor flats. Adjacent to 14 Tower Street. Rye
Reference RR/2009/1595/P

Dear Richard Farhall

This application follows RR/2009/929/P which was refused by Rye Town Council on 11 May 2009 and subsequently withdrawn by the agent.

In this new application the agent in his design and access statement says "The previous intention to utilize the existing structure has ...been superseded by the proposal to demolish and rebuild to give an end result virtually identical to the original scheme".

However he plans an enlargement at the rear beyond the existing roof line, raising the part of the roof that is nearest my house. This would very much affect me as my house is adjacent to the rear wall of this warehouse which in places is less than one metre away. So any raising of the rear roof line affects me. The rear warehouse wall already rises past my windows to my attic and any additional height would make my house even darker. This new application detail makes the light situation even worse for me and my neighbours.

As Tower Street is considerably higher than Rope Walk the rear wall of the warehouse is already very tall, the damp course being several feet above ground level.

The warehouse at present has no windows in the roof but the plan shows six windows facing the back bedrooms and gardens of the Rope Walk houses.

There appears to be no provision in this plan for bins and shop refuse store or parking for cycles. Where are they to be accommodated? The current warehouse has its own vehicular entrance with parking inside so that the narrow street is not blocked.

For all the above reasons I object to this planning application.

Yours sincerely

