

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 6 July 2009**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Brian Elliott, Lorna Hall, Sonia Holmes, Mary Smith; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*; 9 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and was chaired by Cllr Wright.

19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons logged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Frank Palmer (Committee Chairman) and Sam Souster (Mayor).

20 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Shaun Rogers	<i>personal</i>	RR/2009/1267/P RR/2009/1269/P	Home 50 yds from site
Cllr Paul Osborne	<i>personal</i>	item 26	RDC Member

The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions.

RR/2009/1267/P & RR/2009/1269/P Comments from members of the public present included: there is significant discrepancy between what the applicant seeks and the company's aspirations as indicated on its web site; activity has taken place on the site without previous planning conditions being met; the supporting material was contradictory – the Design & Access statement states that the intention is to improve access and parking, whereas, the application form suggests this would remain unchanged; the applicant states that there is no site contamination, yet this can be seen; the change of use would generate hazardous waste; following the departure of the previous resident, noise levels had dropped appreciably.

RR/2009/1395/P Mary Starling outlined her concern about loss of light to her property and the issues associated with the placement and height of the 'boundary wall' proposed.

The meeting reconvened.

21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 22 June 2009 (PT03) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22 MATTERS ARISING

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17 Street naming, Resolution (advising the developer that RTC would prefer to wait until approached by RDC) Actioned.

18 Shared Spaces, Resolution (advising the organiser that RTC would not be contributing towards the cost of the seminar proposed) Actioned.

23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

RR/2009/1267/P 22A Winchelsea Road, Rye
(Del) Proposed internal and external alterations to workshop.
Demolition of storage areas
Applicant: Mr R Hillman, 22a Winchelsea Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2009/1269/P 22A Winchelsea Road, Rye
(Del) Variation of condition 6 (personal consent for N S Larkin) imposed on RR/2006/2185/P to allow the use to be carried out only by Farrells of Rye.
Applicant: Mr R Hillman, 22a Winchelsea Road, Rye
SUPPORT REFUSAL Given the close proximity of residential properties B1 (light industrial use) is more appropriate.

Cllr Osborne advised that he would 'call in' this application (above) to ensure it was determined by RDC's Planning Committee rather than Officers only.

RR/2009/1395/P 13 Eagle Road, Rye
(Del) Extension and alterations at rear to form kitchen/dining/family room
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ainsworth, 13 Eagle Road, Rye
SUPPORT REFUSAL Overdevelopment - the proposed development would result in the loss of amenity (light and privacy) to neighbouring properties.

RR/2009/1421/L 7 Watchbell Street, Rye
(Del) Alterations and extension to dwelling.
Applicant: Messrs King and Bradshaw, 7 Watchbell Street, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2009/1502/T Galliards, Russell Place, Landgate, Rye
(Del) Reduce crown by 20% of one cherry tree. Reduce crown by 20% of one rowan tree. Formative prune of one apple tree.
Applicant: Mr Molyneux, 32 Collier Road, Hastings
SUPPORT APPROVAL

24 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER FOOTPATHS RYE 35, 40 & 41

Members were invited to consider whether to comment on the Order proposed (deadline: 7 August 2009). It was noted that a number of notices

had been displayed in the area and that some residents of the Old Brickyard had made representations.

Speaking from the Gallery, Andy Hemsley indicated that he would mention the proposed Order – and comments deadline – in the *Observer*.

A proposal that the Order be supported was lost.

RESOLVED To note the Order proposed and take no further action.

Cllr Kirkham left the meeting.

25 LANDGATE TOWER

A multi agency site inspection had been undertaken on 24 June to consider how to address the problem of drivers of overseas HGVs causing damage to the Arch. In addition to Town Councillors and the Clerk, RDC, Sussex Police and the Highways Authority had been represented.

Signage and road markings were examined from the A259 (Kettle O Fish roundabout) to the Landgate. The overall conclusion was that, for foreign drivers of HGVs the signage was not sufficiently clear. The group had been advised that there is no legal requirement for lorry drivers to use sat nav systems, nor keep the software updated. Brian Banks had undertaken to work up some design proposals for replacement signage which would be 'in keeping'.

Since the meeting, John Bragge had contacted Highways offering the use of his shop for a new sign. It had been suggested also that the Chamber and HotCats could be asked to encourage their members to ensure that their overseas suppliers were made aware of the height and width restrictions into the town.

26 FIRE DAMAGED CHAPEL

Members considered a plan submitted to Rother District Council by Faulkner Associates to create the proposed 'feature ruin'. It was agreed generally that little of the original structure would remain and that the scheme more closely resembled a 'feature car park'.

Speaking from the Gallery, Cllr Elliott suggested that RDC might like to consider working in partnership with a developer, who would supply the £10,000 insurance excess to facilitate the construction of a dwelling in a similar style to the chapel remaining.

RESOLVED To reject the proposed scheme. Clerk

The meeting ended at 7.38pm

Date.....

Chairman.....