

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee  
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 9 November 2009**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Lorna Hall, Sonia Holmes, Mary Smith and David Russell; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*; 10 members of the public

*The meeting commenced at 6.40pm.*

**79 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reasons logged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Frank Palmer (**Committee Chairman**) and Jonathan Breeds.

**80 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr John Breeds <i>personal</i>	<b>item 85</b>	Acquainted with the appellants
Cllr Paul Osborne <i>personal</i>	<b>RR/2009/2555/P</b>	Landlord of commercial premises in Cinque Ports Street
Cllr Sam Souster <i>personal</i>	<b>item 85</b>	Acquainted with the appellants

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions. The concerns raised by various contributors in relation to planning application RR/2009/2555/P included: fear of vandalism and anti-social behaviour; 'downgrading' of Cinque Ports Street; the purchase of a residential property might not have proceeded had it been known that this type of business could open nearby; noise and odours; the close proximity of bedrooms to the proposed extraction system; an existing business not being allowed to keep some form of commercial waste container because of restricted space.*

*Peter Dyce asked if either of Rye's District Councillors had asked RDC's Planning Committee to consider the application. Cllr Russell advised that this was certainly possible if a significant number of objections had been lodged.*

**81 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 26 October 2009 (PT12) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 82 MATTERS ARISING

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71 *Gibbet Marsh Rail Crossing (presenting concerns to Network Rail)*  
Actioned – Network Rail had acknowledged the complaint and would reply more fully when its inspector had visited the site.

72 *'Camber Castle car park' (endeavouring to get English Heritage or the Environment Agency to accept responsibility)* A response from the Environment Agency (approached first) was awaited.

## 83 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**RR/2009/2524/P** 26 Watchbell Street, The Garden House, Rye  
Complete modernisation of a private dwelling, including first floor front addition, new fenestration and internal partition reconfiguration. Proposal includes for widening of existing vehicular access from Watchbell Street. Works include solar paneling on south slope of new asymmetrical roof design and new first floor balcony on south elevation.  
*Applicant: Mr Sahir Jeelani, The Garden House, 26 Watchbell Street, Rye*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2009/2555/P** 55 Cinque Ports Street, Rye  
Change of use from betting shop (a2) to hot food takeaway (A5) including external air conditioning condensers and extract ducting.  
*Applicant: Mr A Yalcin, 196 Harley Shute Road, Hastings, East Sussex*  
SUPPORT REFUSAL The proposed change of use would be detrimental to the amenities of the dwellings in the immediate vicinity: the extraction system is likely to generate noise and fumes (of particular concern late at night); there would appear to be inadequate space to store waste satisfactorily – and to facilitate its collection.  
*Note: The Town Council asks that this application be considered by the Planning Committee and understands that at least one District Councillor will support this request.*

## 84 WASTE AND MINERALS

The meeting was invited to consider appointing a Member – or Members – to review the *East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Core Strategy: Consultation on Preferred Strategy* (deadline: 2 December 2009).

Speaking from the Gallery, Cllr Smith advised that the Public Services

Committee would be reviewing the document in relation to bulky waste 'bring to' facilities and suggested that observations from the reviewer/s could be passed to the Clerk. **Agreed.**

**85 113 WINCHELSEA ROAD, RYE**

*Cllrs John Breeds and Souster restated their personal interests in this item.*

Members noted that Ms W Mullins and Mr S Crumpler were appealing against Rother District Council's enforcement notice requiring them to demolish an extension to 113 Winchelsea Road and were asked to consider whether to comment on the appeal (refs. APP/U1430/C/2113126 & 2113127 and APP/U1430/F/09/2113096 & 2113106).

Cllr Souster suggested that RDC was being unreasonable. The new owners of the property had been badly advised by their architect. They had devoted considerable time and money towards ensuring the (unauthorised) extension was in keeping with the adjoining Listed Building: it now had a pitched roof. Furthermore, because the main house was now surrounded by new build the extension is less visible and there had (it would seem) been no complaints from neighbouring properties.

**RESOLVED To urge RDC to seek a solution acceptable to both parties.** Clerk

*The meeting ended at 7.28pm.*

Date.....

Chairman.....