

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee  
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 16 August 2010**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Lorna Hall, Sonia Holmes, Ian Potter and David Russell; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*, 6 members of the public

*The meeting commenced at 7.38pm.*

**38 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reasons lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Councillors Bernardine Fiddimore and David Wright (Committee Vice Chairman).

**39 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Shaun Rogers	<i>personal</i>	<b>RR/2010/1595/P</b>	Home overlooks the development
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*The meeting was adjourned for questions/comments from members of the public.*

The Chairman advised that Colonel Kimber had been delayed in London and would provide any update on REACT's investigation into the risk of flooding on the Tilling Green Estate at the public meeting to be held at The George on Wednesday 29 September, 7.00-9.00pm. John Izod (a REACT member) reported that members of REACT had inspected the new surface water catchment areas at the new Udimore Road development and also the pumps on the Estate. The Clerk added that it was hoped that representatives from the Environment Agency, Southern Water and the local Drainage Board would be present at the public meeting. The publicity poster/flyer had only just been agreed.

*The meeting reconvened.*

**40 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 2 August 2010 (PT06) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**41 MATTERS ARISING**

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*12 River Tillingham – adjacent planting (requesting that the area be returned to grass) Actioned - response awaited.*

*19 Post box, top of Udimore Road (reinstatement) Outstanding.*

26 Highways, Resolution (asking the County Councillor to arrange for RTC to receive details of the planned programme of repairs to the remainder of the cobbled streets) It was noted that, at the preceding Council meeting, Cllr Glazier had advised that ESCC would be undertaking further repairs between the end of the visitor season and Christmas.

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32 'Valley Park', Udimore Road (inviting members to submit suggested street names) The responsible RDC officer would be meeting with the developer on site shortly to discuss RTC's suggestions.

## 42 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**RR/2010/1499/P** 9 Watchbell Street, Rye  
(Del) To take down left hand side front boundary wall, form new strip foundation, rebuild the wall with original bricks and bricks to match, using gauged lime mortar.  
*Applicant: Mr Allsopp, W Tollett Ltd, 9 Watchbell Street, Rye*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

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

**RR/2010/1582/P** Moon Marine, Rock Channel, Rye  
(Del) Replacement of workshop and office. Retention of temporary portacabin.  
*Applicant: Mr E Moon, Spring Rise, Horsted Lane, Danehill, Haywards Heath*  
SUPPORT REFUSAL Lacks detailed information

**RR/2010/1595/P** Car Park adj, River Haven Hotel, Winchelsea Road,  
(Del) Rye  
Changing part of car park into car wash and tarmac the car wash area.  
*Applicant: Mr R Hama, 1 Cornwallis Terrace, Hastings*  
SUPPORT REFUSAL Out of keeping; no traffic management plan; no environmental plan; no information on storage of equipment

**RR/2010/923/P** Seymour House, Landgate, Rye  
(Del) Build retaining walls and earth bed on part of SE boundary; build wooden raised kitchen beds; lay new paved courtyard – south side; lay new paved and graveled courtyard – north side; replace existing wooden boundary fence with brick boundary wall; replace existing front garden gate plus additional internal gate; install bicycle shed adj utility area; replace previous greenhouse and shed with smaller ones and locate in kitchen garden area; install garden gate

between front and kitchen gardens; install main log store in utility area and secondary log store between front and kitchen gardens; install new rear access gate; replace and relocate existing summer house to adjacent position in rear garden; install low level lights to illuminate front and rear paths plus movement sensors; install mini satellite dish to bottom of rear chimney stack.

*Applicant: Ms L Goldthorpe, Seymour House, Landgate, Rye*

SUPPORT APPROVAL

**43 LANDGATE TOWER: RE-SIGNING**

Members were invited to consider the costed proposed re-signing scheme drafted by the Highways Authority and to agree a course of action.

The ensuing discussion included the comments following: the suggested new signage could be just as confusing as that which is currently in place; indicating a width restriction through the Tower would require a TRO; the (existing) indication of a width restriction in the Landgate is confusing; not all signs are understood by drivers; there are traffic regulations already in place but they are not necessarily properly enforced (for example, the restricted unloading hours in the High Street); those companies responsible for damaging the Tower could be approached for a contribution towards the cost of the scheme (£13,275); it was uncertain whether any new/amended signage would be effective; the crux of the problem appeared to be 'driver behaviour' including blindly following sat nav 'instructions'; the Conservation Society had previously put considerable work into reducing the number and size of road signs; there can be a tendency for drivers to follow the 'vehicle in front' rather than be guided by road signage; if more effort was devoted to enforcing the current regulations – and pursuing claims for damage – word would spread and drivers of LGVs, coaches etc would take more care; £13,275 was a lot of taxpayers' money to spend with no guarantee of success.

**RESOLVED To consult with other stakeholders – including Sussex Police, RDC, Rye Conservation Society – and to consider the matter again at a meeting of the full Council.**

*The meeting ended at 8.21pm.*

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Chairman.....