

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee  
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Judy Pettitt – Assistant Town Clerk; Cllr Mary Smith, Cllr Keith Glazier (ESCC) and 10 members of the public

*The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.*

**27 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence

**28 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Jo Kirkham	<i>personal</i>	<b>RR/2934/CC RR/2875/CC/1</b>	Member of Friends of Rye Library
Cllr Shaun Rogers	<i>personal</i>	<b>RR/2010/1643/P</b>	Home overlooks the development
Cllr Mary Smith	<i>personal</i>	<b>RR/2934/CC RR/2875/CC/1</b>	Member of Friends of Rye Library

*The meeting was adjourned for questions/comments from members of the public.*

The Chairman invited Cllr Keith Glazier (ESCC) to speak first with regard to applications RR/2934/CC and RR/2875/CC/1. Cllr Glazier pointed out that the roof mounted air handling unit's (AHU) extended use was to prevent freezing of the pipes. The chosen position of the unit was to lessen problems for the adjoining properties. ESCC was confident that noise levels would be under those shown on the plans.

*Cllr Jonathan Breeds entered the Chamber at 6.40 pm.*

Mrs Joan Mussett, speaking on behalf of the Jarretts Close residents, stated that residents were objecting to the proposed amendment. The AHU would cause unacceptable noise at night and weekends, was environmentally-unfriendly and costly. Other members of the public expressed concerns over noise levels - especially during the summer months when bedroom windows would be open. Cllr John Breeds (a science teacher) pointed out that the decibels level would be less than a spring meadow on a good day. It was noted that the previous Woolworths store had had a unit on the roof but it had not operated outside of working hours. Councillor John Breeds suggested that Woolworths had had pipe freezing problems as there was evidence of stained ceilings.

Prof. Keith Taylor raised concerns with regard to disabled access – it appeared that there would be no disabled parking at the rear of the building. Cllr Mary Smith, speaking from the Public Gallery, stated that she had been advised that the provision of such parking would not possible because there was insufficient space for a turning circle. Cllr Smith could see no reason why vehicles could not reverse out of the site. Cllr Osborne was not sure whether there was a right of way for either pedestrians or vehicles. Access was over another party's land and might be for pedestrians only.

Pat Hughes of Rye & District Community Transport pointed out that the 326 bus would set down passengers outside the new library and that there was also the Dial-a-Ride service. Those with disabilities had actually suggested to her that they would find it easier to access the new library.

*The meeting reconvened.*

## **29 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 19 July 2010 (PT05) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **30 MATTERS ARISING**

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*Para 3, Udimore Road Closure (pursuing the absence of advance warning signage with the Highways Authority and contacting the Rye Observer)*  
Actioned.

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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* Cllr Osborne stated that as the surfacing works had now been completed he would like to know when the post box would be put back and the street lights re-lit.

*25 Landgate Tower Approach: re-signing, Resolution A (asking the Traffic & Safety Manager to cost the proposed scheme)* Actioned and received – item to be placed on the next agenda.

*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 cobbles streets)* Actioned – response awaited.

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*32 'Valley Park', Udimore Road (inviting members to submit suggested street names)* Suggestions had been emailed to RDC.

37 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

*Cllr Jo Kirkham re-stated her personal interest in the following two applications.*

**RR/2934/CC** 29 High Street, Rye.  
(ESCC consultation) Amendment to planning permission RR/2847/CC (change of use of retail store to library) for the change of use of the first floor D1 ancillary offices to B1 general office use, provision of a landscaped area to the rear, permeable paved access area and ramp to the delivery entrance, removal of existing rear fire escape staircase and bricking up of the associated doorway.  
*Applicant: Governance & Community Services, ESCC, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2875/CC/1** 29 High Street, Rye.  
(ESCC consultation) Removal of condition 5 attached to RR/2875/CC restricting hours of operation of roof mounted air handling unit (AHU).  
*Applicant: Governance & Community Services, ESCC, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2010/1583/P** Lantern Cottage, Traders Passage, Rye  
**RR/2010/1723/L** First floor rear extension to provide adequate bathroom  
(Del) and kitchen.  
*Applicant: Mr G W Abbott, Heimgartenweg 2 ½, 86161, Augsburg, Germany*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL

**RR/2010/1400/P** Gun Cottage, The Gun Garden, Rye  
(Del) Proposed loft conversion, including the provision of one dormer and three rooflights.  
*Applicant: Mr S Pettigrew, Gun Cottage, The Gun Garden, Rye.*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL.

**RR/2010/1563/P** 5 Eagle Road, Rye  
(Del) To replace existing lower and upper front bay windows and frame work.  
*Applicant: Mr N Godden, 5 Eagle Road, Rye*  
SUPPORT APPROVAL.

*Cllr Shaun Rogers re-stated his personal interest in the application overleaf:*

**RR/2010/1643/P**  
(Del)

The River Haven/Riverside Restaurant, Quay Side,  
Winchelsea Road, Rye  
Change of use of part of car park for hand car  
washing.  
*Applicant: Mr D Baiz, 8 Stockleigh Road, St Leonards  
on Sea*  
SUPPORT REFUSAL. Out of keeping with the area.  
No information on advertising at site.

**RR/2010/1705/L**  
(Del)

21 Watchbell Street, Rye  
Minor internal alterations to facilitate installation of  
ground floor wc suite.  
*Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Gillum, 21 Watchbell Street, Rye*

*The meeting ended at 7.22pm.*

Date.....

Chairman.....