

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Tuesday 26 April 2011**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk

The meeting commenced at 6.33pm

144 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reason lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllr David Wright (Committee Vice Chairman).

145 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions/comments. There was none and the meeting was reconvened.

146 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 11 April 2011 (PT24) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

147 MATTERS ARISING

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143 Bus shelters (approaching the manufacturer to establish if they can be modified) The Clerk advised that he had received no co-operation from the company that had supplied RDC but had managed, thus far, to establish that they had been manufactured in France.

Cllr Fiddimore advised that the new planting adjacent to the shelters had been left off John O-Connor's watering schedule and so had not been attended to for the first 2 weeks.

148 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RR/2011/481/P	10-11 Mermaid Street, Rye.
RR/2011/482/L (Del)	Reinstatement of existing bowed masonry to rear of building.

Applicant: Mr Tillbrook, 10-11 Mermaid Street, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2011/520/P
(Del)

Former Post Office, Cinque Ports Street, Rye.
To erect two satellite dishes on stands and one terrestrial antenna on pole on roof over building and to locate two air condenser units in place of three existing units on roof over building – all with respective connections to ground floor unit/premises.

Applicant: Mr C Miller, William Hill Organisation, Greenside House, 50 Station Road, Wood Green, London

SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2011/535/P
(Del)

10 Pottery Court, Ferry Road, Rye.
Change of use from live/work unit to residential with non-habitable space on the ground floor of 10 Pottery Court.

Applicant: Mrs Y Brotherton, Appledore Developments, Berkshire Suite, Great Hollenden Business Centre, Mill Lane, Underriver, Sevenoaks

SUPPORT REFUSAL (Noting that it lies in an area of flood risk) The Council would prefer the property to remain as a live/work unit as per the original application.

RR/2011/615/P
RR/2011/616/L
(Del)

3 West Street, Rye.

Demolition of existing linkway and erection of enlarged single storey kitchen/breakfast room.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Stuart, Little Orchard House, 3 West Street, Rye

SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2011/646/P
(Del)

37 South Undercliff, Rye.

Proposed dormers and roof alterations.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Lepine, 37 South Undercliff, Rye

SUPPORT APPROVAL

149 LDF: RYE & RYE HARBOUR STUDY

Members noted that the Rye & Rye Harbour Study Working Group had completed its work and were invited to consider adopting the *Draft Rye & Rye Harbour Study*.

The Clerk added that Members drawn from adjoining parishes had attended working group meetings and that the report constituted a background document to inform the development of the (evolving) Rother Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

It was noted that the Draft (inevitably) contained some typos – including;

- *Page 9, 2.8, line 3 delete over insert between*

Cllr Kirkham observed that the Report and Appendices bring home the fact that Rye has high levels of deprivation – ranking in the bottom 20%

nationally. She suggested that principal authorities need to use the latest demographic statistics to help attract additional resources to the parish.

RESOLVED To adopt the Draft and thank the Working Group and Norman Kwan (in particular) for the considerable time and effort that had gone into the Report.
Clerk

150 RESURFACING OF THE A259(T)

The meeting was invited to consider the notes of the meeting of interested parties held on 12 April 2011 and, in particular, to consider the Council's response to the options identified in relation to the Skinners roundabout to St Margaret's Terrace scheme.

Cllr Osborne observed that the Skinner's roundabout to St Margaret's Terrace had been resurfaced around 5 years previously – suggesting that the work had not been undertaken to a suitable specification. The Clerk added that, generally, the Highways Agency requires its contractor to use the cheapest acceptable materials.

Cllr Osborne wondered if Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald/the Highways Agency was aware that the sub base of the Royal Military Road was (formerly) a concrete road. He suggested that the condition of this stretch was extremely poor and should take priority.

It was noted that if RTC took on responsibility for consulting with residents on the programming of the South Undercliffe scheme it was likely to receive complaints about the (apparent) inadequacy of the previous resurfacing (and repeated disruption).

RESOLVED 1 To ask that the Royal Military Road scheme be prioritised.
Clerk

RESOLVED 2 (Noting that the scheme is likely to be moved to October 2011) To publicise the closure options for the Skinner's roundabout to St Margaret's Terrace scheme, inviting affected residents and businesses to put their preference to BBMM directly.
Clerk

The meeting ended at 7.15pm.

Date.....

Chairman.....