

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Tuesday 31 August 2010

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

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllrs Sonia Holmes, Ian Potter, Mary Smith, Sam Souster and David Russell; 6 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.32pm.

44 APOLOGIES

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

45 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr John Breeds	<i>prejudicial</i>	RR/2010/1848/L	Applicant is a personal friend and employs wife occasionally
Cllr Jonathan Breeds	<i>prejudicial</i>	RR/2010/1848/L	Close neighbour
Cllr Lorna Hall	<i>prejudicial</i>	RR/2010/1848/L	Friend of applicant
Cllr Paul Osborne	<i>prejudicial</i>	RR/2010/1923/P	The applicant

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

Emergency closure of Udimore Road Keith Taylor asked how long the road would be closed and was concerned that a similar situation (damaged sewer pipe) could arise in the future.

The Clerk reported that the latest advice received was that the road would re-open on Friday (3rd). He had emailed Amber Rudd MP in an attempt to get the repair speeded up.

The discussion following included the comments following: the road should be under the control of the Highways Authority but it appeared it had little influence; Southern Water appeared not to care that around half the population of Rye was being seriously inconvenienced; it was 3 days before a sign was displayed at Dumbwoman's Lane advising that it was unsuitable for HGVs; apparently the operatives on site had originally been given

incorrect plans of the sewer system; the sewer pipe was old, made of cast iron on a brittle brick base; HGVs passing over Udimore Road-Ferry Road would not have helped; some vehicles had managed to access Tilling Green Estate by encroaching on to Mason's Field; during the closure would RDC be amenable to Tilling Green residents using Gibbet Marsh Car Park FOC?; nearly 3 days after the closure ESCC had not told RDC about it; Udimore Road cannot cope with the increasing numbers of HGVs – it has been signed as a formal diversion route from the A21 and A259.

Anthony Kimber advised that REACT had been researching the effect of the Valley Park development on utilities – especially drainage and sewerage - for a public meeting to take place at the Community Centre on 29 September, at 7pm. There would be representatives from Southern Water, the Drainage Board and the Environment Agency. The route of sewage from Tilling Green was Mason's Field-Gibbet Marsh-The Strand-New Winchelsea Road-Rye Harbour (treatment plant). Currently Southern Water has no plan in place to deal with the sewage which would be generated by Valley Park. It would appear that the system needs to be either replaced or supplemented. There is a possibility that the main gas supply pipe – which also runs under Udimore Road – has been damaged and it should be noted that a drain from the Old Brickyard passes under Udimore Road towards Ashenden Avenue.

Responding to a question from John Howlett, the Committee Chairman advised that although Sainsbury's owned the Lower School site there was nothing to stop another party (in this instance Tesco – which owns the Queen Adelaide PH) from submitting a planning application.

Cllr Souster suggested that the problems that had emerged recently in relation to the development of the site could have been avoided had ESCC not re-tendered after announcing that Tesco had been the successful bidder.

The meeting reconvened.

46 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 16 August 2010 (PT07) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47 MATTERS ARISING

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

41 Matters Arising, 19 Post box, top of Udimore Road (reinstatement) Outstanding.

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43 Landgate Tower re-signing (seeking other stakeholders' views on ESCC's draft scheme) Outstanding.

48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Cllr Hall re-declared her personal interest in the application following. Cllr John Breeds and Jonathan Breeds re-stated their prejudicial interests in the application and left the Chamber.

RR/2010/1848/L 70 The Mint, Rye
(Del) Installation of protective boarding and iron railings to
(part retrospective) flat roof.
Applicant: Mr Anthony Campion, 3 Udimore Road, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

Cllrs John Breeds and Jonathan Breeds returned to the Chamber.

RR/2010/1913/P 4 Market Street, The Flushing Inn, Rye
RR/2010/1914/L Removal of inner ground floor porch; insertion of
(Del) French Doors into lounge window; removal of
redundant store in rear yard; repaving of rear yard in
York stone.
*Applicant: Mr & Mrs W Jones, 26 Glebe Avenue,
Enfield*
SUPPORT APPROVAL Subject to the approval of the
Conservation & Design Officer

Cllr Osborne re-stated his prejudicial interest in the application and, in accordance with the Code of Conduct (and prior to leaving the Chamber), made a brief statement summarising the need to replace the extension.

RR/2010/1923/P 81 Military Road, Rye
(Del) Replacement of single storey extension
*Applicant: Mr Osborne, Cadborough Cottage, 170
Udimore Road, Rye*
SUPPORT APPROVAL

The meeting ended at 7.10pm.

Date.....

Chairman.....