

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 28 November 2011

PRESENT Councillors Gemma Blumire, John Breeds (Mayor), Mike Eve, Bernardine Fiddimore, Heidi Foster, Sonia Holmes, Nigel Jennings (**Committee Vice Chairman**), Jo Kirkham, Shaun Rogers (Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk; Cllrs Granville Bantick, Jonathan Breeds and Ian Potter; 7 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.06pm and was chaired by Cllr Jennings

81 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Adam Smith (Committee Chairman) and Sam Souster.

82 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Ian Potter	<i>personal</i>	RR/2011/1848/L	Interest in nearby
		RR/2011/1849/P	business

There were no questions/comments from the members of the public present (on the understanding that they would be invited to comment later – when Members considered RR/2011/2302/P).

83 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 14 November 2011 (PT12) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

84 MATTERS ARISING

Page 3, 74 'A' boards and street furniture, Resolution 1 (ascertaining which 'A' boards are licensed, prior to approaching those establishments obstructing the highway) The Clerk was awaiting licensing information from the Highways Enforcement Officer. He was aware that traders in the vicinity of the Regent Motel were unhappy that their A boards had been included in the survey because the footway outside their premises was private property. Cllr Fiddimore had spoken with the traders who had been upset that photographs of their boards had been featured in the Observer. She had advised them that the Council was aware of their circumstances and had written to the Observer Letters Page. It was reported that a trader complaining about the photographs used in the paper had been told by the Observer that RTC told them to use them. The Mayor considered he had been misquoted.

It was agreed generally that that *Observer's* coverage of the issue had been misleading – inferring that some Cinque Port traders were acting unlawfully – and that the paper should retract (or clarify) its statement.

**85 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
RESOLVED To submit the comments following to the Planning Authority:**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for comments from the public on application RR/2011/2302/P:

Ray Hayley-Barker spoke to his written comments (tabled):

- *His home could be seriously affected*
- *Similar applications had previously been rejected by the Planning Authority*
- *The creation of 24 car spaces would result in the loss off 11 spaces*
- *Euro Car Parks had advised that it would not permit access to the site – nor was it interested in purchasing the land*
- *The development could entail filling in the land between the site and Cyprus Place which could displace surface water into adjacent gardens*
- *There is already some minor rainwater run off from the site*

Anthony Kimber (REACT Chairman) expressed concern that the plans did not adequately address surface water drainage – there was risk of displacement towards neighbouring properties. He suggested that the ditch/sewer overflow flap (which allows for excess water to discharge into the Tillingham) would need to be replaced.

The meeting reconvened.

The Clerk reminded Members that they should focus on material planning considerations.

RR/2011/2302/P Ferry Road Rye
(Del) Proposed car park extension to land off Cyprus Place forming 24 no. new car spaces.
Applicant: Reliant Building Contractors Ltd, 101 Elm Tree Court, London
SUPPORT REFUSAL
Overdevelopment; loss of part of the 'green' railway corridor; the development is likely to increase the risk of flooding to neighbouring properties; a full archaeological survey is required.

RR/2011/2213/P Norman House, West Street, Rye
RR/2011/2214/L Removal of paint finish to external walls and
(Del) reinstatement of brickwork. Extension to second floor. Demolition of ground floor utility/wc area and rebuilding, Internal alterations. Re-forming of parapet gutter and change of coping stones. Erection of replacement garden shed.

Applicant: Dr & Dr A Bamji, Norman House, West Street, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2011/1848/L
RR/2011/1849/P
(Del) 37/38 The Mint, Rye
Straight replacement of bay windows, first and second floors, to front of building no. 37 due to rot/age.
Applicant: Vincent Conway, 37/38 The Mint, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2011/2324/T
(Del) Galliards, Landgate, Rye
Cypress (T1) in boundary hedge of rear garden – cut down to hedge height (ie 2 metres above ground) in order to maintain more easily.
Applicant: Mrs D Soper, Galliards, Russell Place, Landgate, Rye
SUPPORT APPROVAL

86 WASTE AND MINERALS PLAN: CONSULTATION

The Clerk advised that Cllr Adam Smith had reviewed the documentation and had concluded that there was nothing RTC could usefully comment upon.

The meeting ended at 7.32pm.

Date.....

Chairman.....