

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee
held at the Town Hall, Rye on Monday 5 February 2007**

PRESENT Councillors John Breeds, Roger Breeds (**Committee Chairman**), Paul Carey, Peter Dyce, Jo Kirkham, Paul Osborne (Mayor), **Frank Palmer (Committee Vice Chairman)**, David Russell (Deputy Mayor), Eric Streeton,

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Cllr John Izod; 3 members of the public; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*

The meeting commenced at 8.18 pm.

116 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds, Ian Potter and Keith Taylor.

117 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

There were no questions from members of the public and, therefore, no need to adjourn the meeting.

118 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning and Townscape meeting of 22 January 2007 (PT18) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

119 MATTERS ARISING

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112 Land North of Udimore Road, Resolution (reiterating position and seeking removal from 'reserve list') Actioned.

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113 Planning Authority, Resolution (inviting appropriate officers from RDC) Actioned – an attendance date was being 'negotiated'.

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115 Railway land, Resolution (returning surplus land questionnaires) Actioned.

120 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RR/2007/126/T 113 Winchelsea Road, Rye.

Crown reduction by 25%. 40% reduction of one limb and crown lift by 7m of one holm oak.
The Committee was unconvinced that the work was necessary and requested the opinion of the Tree Officer before making a recommendation.

RR/2007/133/L 24 Mermaid Street, Rye.
Alterations to windows and doors to rear and side of property and internal alterations.
SUPPORT APPROVAL

RR/2007/78/P 104 High Street, Apothecary House, Rye.
RR/2007/79/L Change of use of shop from Class A1 use to Class A3
Retrospective use including change of exterior colour from green to burgundy
SUPPORT APPROVAL

121 GIBBET MARSH PUBLIC BENCHES

Members were asked to consider whether to pursue the reinstatement of two benches located formerly on the Gibbet Marsh footpath, opposite The Windmill Guest House.

The Committee was advised that the decision to remove the benches had been taken by the Safer Rother Partnership following representations made by the guest house owner 12-15 months previously. Younger people congregating on/around the benches had been disturbing guests late at night.

A substitute bench had been sited subsequently on grass further along the river bank.

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Town Manager to raise this matter again at the next meeting of the Safer Rother Partnership's Property Crime Action Group (22 February).

Cllr Carey recalled that the guest house owner had raised concerns at a councillors' surgery attended by him and Cllr Roger Breeds. When discussed in Council committee, Members had reached the conclusion that re-siting the benches would simply move the problem of anti-social behaviour elsewhere.

RESOLVED To pursue the reinstatement of the benches. TC

122 RYE POTTERY, FERRY ROAD

Members considered the developer's proposal that the road serving the new development be known as 'Chaucer Court'.

RESOLVED To advise Rother District Council that the Council's preference is 'Pottery Court'. TC

The meeting closed at 8.28.

Date.....

Chairman.....