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Date: 6th August, 2007

Our ref: RST / RYE0011

Your ref:

Dear Mr Farhall.

Allotments at Rye, East Sussex

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd August.

We encountered a similar problem some years ago, and the District Council were as awkward as Rother appear to be.

In principle, I would agree that the position has been reached where Counsel's opinion should be taken. If he advises as we would hope, this will give the District Council sufficient excuse to deal with the matter properly.

We would anticipate that the cost of preparing an adequate brief for Counsel, would be £600 plus VAT. As regards Counsel's fees, they will depend upon the time taken to give an opinion. We use Counsel with specialist knowledge of Parish Council matters and the cost is normally between £750 and £1250. All figures are exclusive of VAT.

If you want further information, or wish to discuss the matter further with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Rye Town Council

From: "Morgan, John" <john.morgan@environment-agency.gov.uk>
To: "Rye Town Council" <townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 July 2007 13:59
Subject: RE: Rye Fish Quay and HORAC

Richard, I am sorry I missed your deadline of the 2nd for the HoRAC question but I needed to discuss this with the Chairman.

The position is not as simple as I may have indicated at first.

The make up of HoRAC is set out in the Harbour of Rye Revision Order. We appoint a committee of between 13 and 18 members. The Committee appoint their own Chairman and Vice Chairman. Roger is currently the Vice Chairman.

Several groups such as ESCC, Rother D.C., Natural England, the RYA and Sussex Sea Fisheries have a right to nominate candidates to the Environment Agency. Ideally there will be more nominations than places and we will through a selection process aim to select the best person.

Rye Town Council is not a named group and so the Environment Agency invites the Council to nominate a person who is appointed as one of our discretionary nominations. A similar case applies to Icklesham Parish.

A member is appointed for a term of three years. The current session started in September 2006.

There are procedures to fill a vacancy if a member resigns during the period but nothing that covers the situation where the nominated representative of the town council ceases to be a member of the council. Roger is a longstanding member of HoRAC, reflected by his position as vice chairman, and is valued for his contribution.

The Chairman, Richard Bezant and myself also believe it is important that the Rye Town Council is represented on HoRAC.

In this difficult situation I have two suggestions which I have discussed with the Chairman.

- 1) The council approach Roger and see if he is willing to resign to allow the council to nominate a replacement.
- 2) The meetings are open to the public, so the council could send a representative to sit in on the meetings until 2009. HoRAC meets 3 times a year.

I will send a copy of this email to Roger for his information.

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From: <Ruth.Brunton@sussex.pnn.police.uk>
To: <townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 August 2007 15:12
Subject: RE: Alcohol Awareness Week

Im Ruth Brunton. Im the pcso for Rye Town. I hope i have meet some if not all of you. in conjunction with Thomas Peacock School the Fire Brigade. Health service. Youth services. Under 19s i would like to have a Alcohol Awareness Week. this will take place within the lessons at school and the aim will be to give the young people a clear guide line to the dangers of under age drinking and the affect this has on there health. the family and the community in which thay live. The school does have a input already with the students but this will be aimed at giving them a insight of how there drinking can and does affect every body not just the individual. To inable the school and myself to run this week we need some money the following list is of the goods we need to purchase I am hoping that you may be able to help me Many Thanks for your time in this matter.

Bagders and pens made up with a logo on them 400 £200

Sum total £200

Note total
cost of week
= £700