

Rye Town Council

PROZ ITEM 23

From: "Rye Town Council" <ryetowncouncil@btconnect.com>
To: "J Wright" <j-wright19@sky.com>
Sent: 25 June 2009 12:02
Subject: Re: family history

Hello David

Thank you for your email. I will put this to the Council committee for consideration and advise you of the suggestions/ideas that come forward. I would anticipate this being in early August.

Richard Farhall
Rye Town Clerk

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 4:55 PM
Subject: Re: family history

Dear Ms Pettitt

I came to Rye on Thursday of last week and discovered all sorts of interesting facts about my family. One thing though concerned me, while the Lambs and the Jeaks and various other families all seem to be remembered in local history the name Procter seems to have been forgotten. Now I realise that they may have been a colourful bunch but I have to say Three hundred years of association with the town should be marked in some way. Could you give this some thought, and let me know what it would cost so I could put in place sufficient funding. As you said Thomas Procter was town clerk for some time and Nathaniel his son was mayor albeit only twice and apart from the church as i say there seems to be other comemeration to them.

Your views would be appreciated.

Thanks for your assistance and I must say our time in Rye was very pleasant.

David T Procter

On Mon, May 18, 2009 at 10:58 AM, Rye Town Council <[redacted]> wrote:

Dear Mr Procter

Sorry for the delay in responding. Records of the previous Rye Borough Council are lodged with the County Archivist at East Sussex County Records Office in Lewes and they can be contacted on [redacted]. They may have information that might be helpful to you.

Best regards

Judy
Assistant Town Clerk

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 3:20 PM
Subject: Re: family history

Judy

Thanks anyway, would information be held at Lewes?

David Procter

On 5/13/09, **Rye Town Council** <ryetowncouncil@bt.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Procter

I can confirm that Thomas Procter was Town Clerk from 1807 to 1840 when Edwin Nathaniel Dawes was elected.

I am sorry but we do not hold any further information on past Mayors or Town Clerks in the office so cannot help you further.

Best regards.

Judy

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 11:28 AM

Subject: Re: family history

Dear Sir

Many thanks for confirming that information that Nathaniel Procter was Mayor of Rye. If I might indulge in you're time further could you confirm that Thomas Procter was town clerk from 1807 to 1840 when Edwin Nathaniel Dawes was elected. It seems from our research that the Dawes, Lambs and Procters were influential in the town during the 17th and 18th centuries. Lambs for obvious reasons, The Procter's it appears helped raise the finances for the Cinque Port Volunteers may even have been officers in the regiment. Nathaniel Procter had Orchard house built as well.

An Information about the activities of the Procter's would be helpful.

Many thanks

David T Procter

On 5/11/09, **Rye Town Council** <ryetowncouncil@bt.com> wrote:

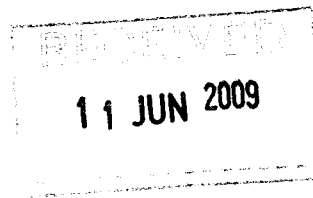
Dear Mr Procter

I can confirm that Nathaniel Procter was Mayor of Rye in the years 1810 and again in 1812.

I hope that this is helpful.

Regards

Judy Pettitt



8 June 2009

Dear Colleague

**Partial Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East in relation to:
Somewhere to Live: Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
in the South East**

I am pleased to enclose a copy of our recommendations for providing accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East, which was submitted to the Secretary of State today and is now open for consultation.

The next stage in the process will be handled by independent planning inspectors, appointed by Government, who will convene an Examination in Public - scheduled to commence in February next year.

Should you require additional copies these are available free of charge on our website (www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/consultations.html) or a hard copy is available at a cost of £10.

The closing date for comments is **5.00pm on Tuesday 1 September 2009**. A response form is enclosed with this pack or responses can be emailed or faxed to the inspectors:

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We hope you will take this opportunity to participate in the development of plans for South East England.

Yours sincerely



Diana Pogson
Interim Managing Director

Meeting the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

ABOUT GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE

History

Gypsies have been present in England for more than 600 years and Irish Travellers have lived here for many generations. Both groups travel for work, cultural and family reasons. Gypsies and Irish Travellers are legally recognised ethnic minorities.

Travelling Showpeople are self-employed business people who travel the country holding fairs. Most Travelling Showpeople are members of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain. Travelling Showpeople are not considered a distinct ethnic minority.

Race Relations Act

The Race Relations Act 1976 (the Act) makes it unlawful to discriminate against someone on the grounds of nationality, colour or ethnic, racial or national origin. Gypsies and Travellers' cultural tradition and right to live in caravans is also legally recognised, as is their right to live a travelling lifestyle if they wish. However, they are the most excluded ethnic groups in the UK.

Under the Act, it is unlawful for public authorities to treat anyone less favourably, not least during the process of planning for future accommodation. It is also unlawful for any person to apply pressure to discriminate against anyone on the grounds of their ethnicity. This legislation includes all members of society including Gypsy and Travellers.

Government has a statutory duty to resist pressure to discriminate against Gypsies and Travellers.

Our responsibilities

We have a statutory duty to plan for future homes for all members of the community and to ensure the homes are suitable for people's needs. In the case of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Show people, this may include sites as well as other forms of housing.

In 2006 and 2007 Government introduced new rules requiring all local authorities to allocate sufficient legal stopping places for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. To identify how much space is needed in each area local authorities have carried out Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments.

The Regional Assembly is reviewing the relevant section of the South East Plan, a 20-year planning vision for the region, to:

- Address the under provision of authorised stopping places
- Improve conditions for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
- Reduce unauthorised encampments and the associated problems and costs.

Racist representations

When consulting about matters involving the Gypsy and

Traveller communities, Government is legally obliged to only take into account comments or objections that are made on material grounds, and to identify and challenge representations which are based on racial prejudice or discriminatory stereotypes of Gypsies and Travellers.

There is clear requirement to exclude comments which are abusive, insulting or threatening to Gypsies and Travellers, or which attempt to stir up racial hatred or contempt.

However, racist representations need not be made intentionally or with malice, it is enough for a representation to be offensive to an ethnic group or make negative assumptions about them.

A representation may therefore discriminate against Gypsies and Travellers, by assuming or implying that negative behaviour, such as fly tipping or criminal activities are typical of all Gypsies and Travellers and are 'likely' to occur if an authorised site is established. A comment stating or implying that all members of the Gypsy and Traveller communities partake in antisocial behaviour or have a propensity to violence is also discriminatory. It is also discriminatory to assume or imply, without supporting evidence, that all Gypsies and Travellers do not pay council tax and constitute a financial burden on local authorities or society as a whole.

ABOUT SITES AND PITCHES

Who owns sites?

Sites can be either privately owned, for example a Gypsy or Traveller family can buy their own land, or they can belong to local authorities or housing associations.

Who decides who can live on sites?

The local authority or housing association has a list of people waiting for pitches and it allocates them when they become vacant. On private sites the owner decides.

How are sites managed?

Local authorities and housing associations employ site managers to look after their sites. Private sites are managed by the site owners.

Why do we need more sites and pitches?

According to the January 2006 to June 2008 caravan counts there are approximately 700 caravans camped on unauthorised sites in the South East. The lack of authorised sites leads to unauthorised encampments, often in unsuitable places.

More authorised sites and pitches will help ensure:

- Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople have better access to schools and health facilities
- Council tax, rent and rates are collected from site residents
- A reduction in unauthorised encampments, which are expensive for local authorities to move.

How big are sites?

Sites are made up of a number of individual caravan pitches, with amenity blocks and essential services. The size of a pitch is dependant on individual circumstances, although Government has issued guidance on the facilities and overall capacity of a pitch. Pitches normally accommodate one to two caravans dependant on family size and travel patterns. Government guidance indicates that small sites are preferred and between 12 - 14 pitches should be viewed as the optimum size; although larger sites may be required dependant on family numbers and preference.

Government's caravan counts from January 2006 to June 2008 show there are on average 3,169 caravans in the South East. Of these, 2,466 (78%) are authorised caravans on either local authority sites (1,256 caravans) or privately owned sites (1,210 caravans).

What facilities are provided on sites?

Sites have services (eg water and electricity) like any residential development. They also include a hard standing for the accommodation unit and an amenity building which may include a day room, dependent on the age of the site. Full details are available from the Government guidance on site design and management available from www.communities.gov.uk

Do local authorities still have to provide pitches while the South East Plan review is underway?

Local authorities are still obliged to provide new pitches during the review. Where there is clear and immediate need local authorities must also provide transit sites and pitches.

What are transit sites?

Transit sites provide short stay pitches for Gypsies and Travellers. Due to a shortage of pitches on permanent sites some transit sites are being used on a longer-term basis.

How much money is going towards new pitches?

The Regional Housing Board advises Government on the most effective use of funds to provide accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. The grant for new and improved sites and pitches for 2008-11 is £17million. This is in addition to money for affordable housing.

What if councils refuse to provide new pitches?

Government has the power to instruct local authorities to provide pitches if there is a clear unmet need. If local authorities fail to do this they can be taken to court.

Do private sites count towards local authority allocations?

Private sites that have been granted planning permission since 2006 will count towards local authority pitch numbers.

CONSULTATION

How will the region decide how many sites are needed?

In 2007 and 2008 local authorities submitted advice to the Regional Assembly on how many new pitches are needed in their areas, based on their Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments. The Assembly has reviewed local authority numbers, as well as the approaches that were used, to make sure they are consistent and robust.

Councils in the region have advised us that an extra 1,064

pitches are needed for Gypsies and Travellers in the region by 2016, with up to another 302 pitches needed for Travelling Showpeople.

In summer 2008 Assembly members agreed to consultation on four options on the spread of new pitches across the region.

The Assembly held a 12-week consultation (1 September to 21 November 2008) to ask people's views on different options for distributing new pitches across the region.

NEXT STEPS

What happens next?

The Assembly has recommend this option to Government, who will hold a 12-week consultation starting in 8 June 2009 to 1 September 2009.

Government consultation will be followed by hearings led by independent inspectors allowing regional organisations to give their views on the Assembly's recommendations.

The inspectors then make recommendations to Government on any changes they feel are needed to the Assembly's proposals. This will be followed by further Government consultation on any proposed modifications ministers feel are needed after the inspectors' recommendations are reviewed.

A final report is expected from Government in 2010.

The specific location for new sites and pitches will be decided by local authorities through their local development frameworks.



GOVERNMENT OFFICE
FOR THE SOUTH EAST

**Partial review of the South
East RSS:
Somewhere to Live:
Planning for Gypsies,
Travellers and Travelling
Showpeople in the South
East
Comments Form**

Office Use Only

Respondent No:

Comment No:

Date Received:

Acknowledged:

If you wish to comment on the review of Somewhere to Live: Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East please:

- Complete all relevant details in Section A – this need only be done once irrespective of how many parts of the revision you wish to comment on.
- Complete a separate page 2 of the form for each part of the revision you wish to comment on. Ensure you insert your organisation name (or surname if responding as an individual) on each page 2 and complete Sections B, C & D. You may make copies of this form.
- Type or print clearly in black ink.
- Note that all comment forms will be made available for the public to read – they cannot be treated as confidential.
- E-mail or post (please do not send duplicates) the completed forms to be received by the Panel Secretary before **5.00pm on Tuesday 1st September 2009.**

Please send all responses to:

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Section A

Comments submitted by:		Agent (if applicable):	
Organisation		Organisation	
Surname		Surname	
Title/first name		Title/first name	
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Address Line 3		Address Line 3	
Postcode		Postcode	
E-Mail		E-Mail	
Tel. (day)		Tel. (day)	
Fax		Fax	

To ensure your comments are taken into account this form must be completed and received by 5.00pm on Tuesday 1st September 2009.

Signature..... Date.....

Would you like to be notified of the Government's Proposed Changes and publication of the Adopted Amendments ?

Comments from (organisation, or surname).....

Section B

Support / oppose/ comment (please specify)	
Policy Number or	
Paragraph Number	

Section C

To help us process your response effectively please summarise why you support or oppose the policy or paragraph:

Section D1

If you wish to expand your response please use the space below, and attach additional sheets if necessary with your name on.

Section D2

If you are suggesting changes to the draft please supply revised wording of policies or supporting text as you wish to see them:

Please ensure that you have written your name at the top of the page and any additional pages. Completed forms should be received in the Panel Secretariat's office by 5.00pm on Tuesday 1st September 2009. Late responses will not be accepted.