

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye,  
on Tuesday 26 May 2015**

**PRESENT** Councillors Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (**Deputy Mayor**), Cheryl Creaser, Bernardine Fiddimore (**Mayor**), Rebekah Gilbert, Pat Hughes, John Izod, Jo Kirkham, Ray Prewer, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Rother District Councillor Lord Ampthill; Andy Hemsley – *Rye Observer*; 8 members of the public

*The meeting commenced at 6.32pm*

**15 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reasons (as notified to the Clerk) - were accepted from Cllrs Ian Potter and Shaun Rogers.

**16 CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no disclosures of interest nor dispensation requests.

**17 COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** To adopt, as an accurate record, the Minutes of the meetings held on 13 April 2015 (C11), 20 April 2015 (C12) and 18 May 2015 (C1 – Mayor Making).

**18 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) **Planning & Townscape**

**RESOLVED** To adopt the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 20 April 2015 (PT22).

(b) **Public Services**

**RESOLVED** To note that the Minutes of the Public Services Committee held on 27 April 2015 (PS04) had been tabled – and to defer consideration of their adoption until the next meeting. Clerk

**19 RECORD OF ATTENDANCES**

**RESOLVED** To receive and note the Record of Attendances for 2014-15 (as at 27.4.15) (Appendix A).

**20 MEETINGS START TIME**

**RESOLVED** That Rye Town Council's usual meeting start time shall remain at 6.30pm.

21 **COMMITTEE FORMATION**

a) **Number and title of Committees and number of Members appointed to each Committee**

The Clerk highlighted the summary of Members' preferences that had been tabled and advised that the committees and their total memberships were not set in stone.

Given that the RTC had become more pro-active over the past years or so, the Mayor suggested it would be appropriate to consider establishing a committee to address tourism, regeneration and economic development.

**RESOLVED To agree the principle of establishing a  
Tourism/Regeneration/Economic Development Committee – and  
to ask the PRGP Committee to recommend its draft terms of  
reference.** Clerk

b) **Members appointed to Committees**

**RESOLVED Appointment of Members to Committees as specified in Appendix B.**

*The meeting adjourned and each Committee convened and appointed Chairmen.*

(i) **PRGP Committee**

**Chairman**

Cllr Kirkham proposed – and Cllr Gilbert seconded – Cllr Jonathan Breeds.

There being no other nominations the Mayor declared Cllr Jonathan Breeds elected.

**Vice Chairman**

Cllr Creaser proposed – and Cllr Harkness seconded – Cllr Prewer.

Cllr Kirkham proposed – and Cllr Rivett seconded – Cllr Boyd.

**VOTE: Cllr Prewer – 2  
Cllr Boyd - 7**

There being no other nominations Cllr Jonathan Breeds declared Cllr Boyd elected.

(ii) **Planning & Townscape**

**Chairman**

Cllr Fiddimore proposed – and Cllr Boyd seconded – Cllr Rogers.

There being no other nominations the Mayor declared Cllr Rogers elected.

**Vice Chair**

Cllr Jonathan Breeds proposed – and Cllr Hughes seconded – Cllr Creaser.

There being no other nominations The Mayor declared Cllr Creaser elected.

**(iii) Public Services Committee**

**Chairman**

Cllr Hughes proposed – and Cllr Harkness seconded – Cllr Izod.

There being no other nominations the Mayor declared Cllr Izod elected.

**Vice-Chairman**

**RESOLVED To invite the Public Service Committee to appoint a Vice-Chairman at its next meeting. Clerk**

**22 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2015-16**

**RESOLVED To approve the Draft Timetable of Meetings (Appendix C).**

**23 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO ORGANISATIONS**

**RESOLVED The appointment of representatives as recorded at Appendix D.**

**24 FIXED TERM/DETERMINED REPRESENTATION**

**RESOLVED The appointment of representatives as recorded at Appendix D.**

**25 WORKING GROUPS**

**RESOLVED The appointment of Members as recorded at Appendix E.**

**26 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

**RESOLVED To note that the prescribed conditions for exercising the General Power of Competence have been met – namely:**

- **A minimum of two-thirds of vacancies on the Council were filled at the last ordinary elections (May 2015);**
- **The Clerk holds the relevant sector-specific qualification**

**- and to record that the Council is eligible to exercise the General Power of Competence until the annual meeting following the next ordinary elections.**

**27 RED TELEPHONE KIOSK, UDIMORE ROAD**

**RESOLVED To approve the request from Rother Responders that it be permitted to install (and maintain) a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) within the kiosk. Clerk**

**28 PRIORITY SETTING 2015-16**

**RESOLVED To hold a meeting to consider/confirm the Council's priorities for 2015-16 on Monday 8 June 2015 (after Planning & Townscape). Clerk**

**29 CASUAL VACANCY**

Cllr Boyd reported that he was aware that 10 Local Government Electors would be requesting a bye-election.

Cllr Creaser observed that Members had only just been elected to office and suggested that it would be reasonable to hope that the voting public would trust

Members' judgement if filling the vacancy by co-option. The funding spent on a bye-election would no longer be available to fund local services.

Cllr Boyd and the Clerk understood that those considering requesting a bye-election accepted that there was a cost involved.

Although it was appreciated that Electors had a lawful right to call a bye-election, it was considered generally that such an action would be regrettable. It was considered desirable that the likely cost of a bye-election should enter the public domain.

**RESOLVED (In the event of no bye-election being called) To fill the vacancy by co-option on Monday 6 July 2015 (after Planning & Townscape). Clerk**

*The meeting ended at 7.35pm*

Date ..... Chairman .....

## RYE TOWN COUNCIL

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCES 2014-15

*(to 27 April 2015)*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Policy 9</b>	<b>Planning 21</b>	<b>Public 4</b>	<b>Council 12</b>
Bantick	9	N/A	N/A	11
Blumire	N/A	N/A	2	6
Boyd	9	19	N/A	12
Breeds, John	9	16	N/A	7
Breeds Jonathan	9	17	2	8
Eve	7	19	N/A	11
Fiddimore	8	16	2	12
Foster	N/A	16	2	11
Holmes	N/A	N/A	1	4
Jennings	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
Kirkham	6	N/A	N/A	10
Potter	1	10	N/A	6
Rogers	5	17	N/A	8
Adam Smith	N/A	N/A	N/A	3
Mary Smith	N/A	N/A	2	3
Souster	7	N/A	2	8

**Rye Town Council  
Committee Membership  
2015-16**

<b>Policy (13)</b>	<b>Planning (9)</b>	<b>Public Services (8 + co-opted)</b>
Breeds, Jonathan (Ch)	Rogers(Ch)	Izod (Ch)
Boyd (VC)	Creaser (VC)	<i>vacant</i> (VC)
Breeds, John	Boyd	Creaser
Creaser	Breeds, John	Fiddimore
Fiddimore	Breeds, Jonathan	Gilbert
Gilbert	Fiddimore	Harkness
Izod	Harkness	Hughes
Kirkham	Hughes	Prewer
Potter	Stuart	Rivett
Prewer		
Rivett		
Rogers		
Stuart		

**RYE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Timetable of Meetings 2015-16**

*Meetings are held normally on Monday at 6.30pm*

Month	Council	Policy	Planning & Townscape	Public Services
May	7E 18MM(6.30) 21SH 26CF(Tues)		5 (Tues)  26 (Tues)	
June	29 AR	22	8 22	
July			6  20	13
August	No meetings	No meetings	No meetings	No meetings
September	7	21	7 21	
October	26		5  19	12
November		16	2 16 30	
December	7 NOM A		14	
January		18 BUD	4  18	11
February	1 PRE		1 15 29	
March	2 ATM (Wed)	21	7 21	
April	11 NOM B		4  18	25
May	2MM(11am)  9CF  21SH	31 (Tues)	3 (Tues)  16  31 (Tues)	

<b>MM</b>	Mayor Making	<b>CF</b>	Committee Formation
<b>ATM</b>	Annual Town Meeting	<b>BUD</b>	Budget Meeting
<b>E</b>	Parish/Town Elections	<b>PRE</b>	Agreeing precept
<b>TBD</b>	To be determined	<b>AR</b>	Annual Return approval
<b>NOM A</b>	Nominations for Mayor Elect (not in an Election year)	<b>SH</b>	Speakership Handover
<b>NOM B</b>	Nominations for Deputy Mayor Elect (not in an Election year)		

## RYE TOWN COUNCIL

### OTHER ORGANISATIONS/COMMITTEES: COUNCIL REPRESENTATION 2015-16

Organisation/Committee	Representative
Chamber of Commerce	Rebekah Gilbert
Community Centre Association	John Izod
East Sussex Association of Local Councils AGM (2 places – Councillors only)	<i>Appointment made as and when necessary</i>
East Sussex Community Rail Partnership	<i>vacant [Ray Prewer considering]</i>
Fair Trade Steering Group	Jonathan Breeds
Highways Forum (3 seats)	Mike Boyd, Bernardine Fiddimore, Pat Hughes
Marsh Link Action Group	Ray Prewer
Police Priority Setting Panel	Mike Boyd, Cheryl Creaser, Pat Hughes
Rother Assoc of Local Councils (2 seats)	Clerk, Pat Hughes
Rother DC Liaison Group	Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Bernardine Fiddimore, Jo Kirkham, Ray Prewer, Andi Rivett; Clerk
Rother Transport Action Group	<i>vacant</i>
Rye Emergency Action Community Team	Rogers; Clerk
Rye & District Day Centre	John Izod
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Management Committee	Andi Rivett
Rye HotCats	Charlie Harkness
Rye Network	(Jo Kirkham)
Rye Partnership Members' Meetings	John Breeds, Rebekah Gilbert, Shaun Rogers
Sports Centre Advisory Committee	John Breeds
Tree Warden	John Breeds

### FIXED TERM/DETERMINED REPRESENTATION

Organisation/Committee	Representative/s
Cinque Ports Confederation Standing Committee	The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk
Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee (HORAC)	Andi Rivett <i>[from November 2015]</i>
Rye Art Gallery	Michael Stott*
Rye Grammar School Exhibition Foundation Governors	Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter and the Mayor

Notes ( ) = appointed independently but Councillor/Clerk has offered to report anything of interest to the Council.

\* Non-Councillor appointed by Council

as at 26.5.15



## RYE TOWN COUNCIL

## WORKING GROUPS 2015-16

<b>Title</b>	<b>Remit</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Human Resources	Consideration of personnel matters	Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Bernardine Fiddimore (Mayor), Rebekah Gilbert, Ian Potter, Shaun Rogers
Local Affordable Accommodation	To progress the provision of affordable rented accommodation specifically for the benefit of Rye families	Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Cheryl Creaser, Bernardine Fiddimore, Ian Potter, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers
Public Conveniences & Bus Shelters	To explore taking on responsibility for the town's public conveniences and replacing the shelters in Crownfields with those that are more 'fit for purpose'	Mike Boyd, Bernardine Fiddimore, Pat Hughes, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart
Rye Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	To develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Rye through to adoption (via referendum)	John Breeds, Cheryl Creaser, Bernardine Fiddimore (Mayor – WG Chairman), Pat Hughes, Ray Prewer, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart <i>Community members:</i> <i>Heidi Foster, Mike Eve, Anthony Kimber, Dan Lake, Richard Orchard, Frank Palmer, Burton Rosner</i>