

RYE TOWN COUNCIL

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of the Antient Town of Rye*

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ALL CHANGE

The Town Council welcomes no less than six new faces to its ranks following the Town Council election held on 3 May. The full result is as follows:

Bantick, Granville Hamilton	607	elected
Breeds, John Andrew	486	elected
Breeds, Jonathan	514	elected
Breeds, Roger Kenneth	447	
Carey, Paul William	449	
Elliott, Brian Thomas	472	elected
Fiddimore, Bernardine Lee	535	elected
Hall, Lorna Elizabeth	515	elected
Holmes, Sonia Irene	664	elected
Kirkham, Jo	597	elected
Lorant, Jutta Barbara	231	
Osborne, Paul Norman	567	elected
Palmer, Frank Stephen	545	elected
Potter, Ian Edward James	509	elected
Rogers, Shaun Robert	536	elected
Russell David Whitney Erskine	524	elected
Souster, Samuel Henry	494	elected
Willgoss, Sylvia Rosemary	452	elected
Wright, David Frederick	472	elected

Rye also went to the polls to elect two District Councillors:

Holmes, Sonia Irene	691	elected
Russell, David Whitney Erskine	684	elected
Souster, Samuel Henry	575	

LOCAL ACTION PLAN

The Rye Local Action Plan – essentially a consultation process resulting in a statement of actions a community would like to see undertaken in its area – was officially launched with a 'Have Your Say' day at the Community Centre on 3 March. Over 140 of you dropped in to express views on a variety of subjects ranging from the need for more affordable housing to Rother District Council's proposed Dog Control Order. Exhibiting organisations included the District Council's Planning Strategy and Housing departments, the Rye Partnership, Postern Gate Surgery, the Thomas Peacock Community College, the Police and Fire services, Rye Partnership, Action in Rural Sussex and Rye in Bloom.

The action planning process is expected to take 12-15 months, guided by a Steering Group consisting of members of the community (mainly) and Town Councillors. The Steering Group is in urgent need of additional members. All are welcome to apply - the only requirements are a commitment to community consultation and willingness to play an active role. The Group's first task will be to analyse the results of the Launch Day and agree a strategy.

To find out more please ring Richard Farhall on 223902 or email townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk.

TIME TO BLOOM

Entries for this year's Rye In Bloom competition may be collected from – and returned to – Sweet William, Tilling Green Post Office, The Library or the Rye Partnership Office. The deadline for completed forms is 29 June. *Further information: Lorna Hall, 229808.*

UDIMORE ROAD – THE LATEST

At its meeting held on 19 December, Rother District Council's Cabinet was advised that Rother was 469 dwellings below its new housing target and there was high risk of not maintaining an adequate supply of housing over the next five years without the release of the 'reserve' site at land north of Udimore Road, Rye. On 5 March Rother's Council considered a Cabinet recommendation that the Council should not raise any objection to a planning application on the site. However, thanks to lobbying by a number of District Councillors – including Keith Glazier and Sam Souster – the Council resolved to defer the decision to allow time for alternative brownfield sites to be investigated.

MEETINGS MEETINGS MEETINGS

The usual start time for Town Council and Committee meetings has been changed from 6pm to 6.30pm.

OPEN SPACES

Rother District Council's grounds maintenance contract is due for renewal in March 2009. Rother has established a working group to explore options – including parish and town councils taking on responsibility for aspects of the district-wide contract. In Rye, the contract includes maintenance of the allotments, the Salts, Gibbet Marsh, Mason's Field and the Baptist Garden. The Town Council has registered its 'in principle' interest in taking on responsibility for these areas subject to agreement on funding. Town Councillors anticipate that they will be consulted formally between June and July this year.

NOT ONLY HEALTH BENEFITS . . .

On 8 and 9 April, the Mayor of Rye and (then) Speaker of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports, Cllr Paul Osborne cycled 120 miles around Kent and Sussex – visiting all 14 Cinque Ports Confederation towns - to raise funds for his two chosen charities. Thanks to your generosity, at this year's Mayor Making Ceremony Cllr Osborne had great pleasure in presenting both Rye Sea Cadets and Rye Scouts with cheques for £800. The Mayor also recorded his thanks to Rye Wheelers for so ably providing back up support during his challenging ride.

MAYORALTY MATTERS

Congratulations to Cllr Paul Osborne who was elected as Rye Mayor for a second term of office at the annual Mayor Making Ceremony held on 14 May. A close fought contest for Deputy Mayor resulted in the election of Cllr Sam Souster. On 21 May, Cllr Osborne passed the Speakership of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports to New Romney.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council has adopted a new Model Code of Conduct for Parish & Town Councils. All Councillors are required to sign an undertaking to abide by the Code which provides guidance on the standard of behaviour expected of them and declaring personal and prejudicial interests. The Code may be viewed at the Town Hall or at www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk.

FIT FOR THE FUTURE

If you missed the public meeting at the Thomas Peacock on options for the future of maternity services at the Hastings and Eastbourne General Hospitals, there is another scheduled to take place at the White Rock Theatre, Hastings on 25 June, 2-4pm.

COMMITTEE HEADS

At its Committee Formation meeting held on 15 May, Council Committee positions were agreed as follows:

	Chair	Vice Chair
Policy, Resources & GP	Sonia Holmes	Brian Elliott
Planning & Townscape	Frank Palmer	Paul Osborne
Leisure & Tourism	Lorna Hall	John Breeds
Public Services	Granville Bantick	David Wright

STREET TRADING

Following an Easter 'crackdown' by Rother District Council a number of prosecutions for unlawful street trading have been initiated. Unless they have written permission from Rother, street traders cannot ply their trade in any of the following areas: The Strand, The Quay (including the road between The Strand and The Quay), The Deals, Mermaid Street (from junction with The Strand to 20m east), Wish Ward, The Mint, High Street, Hilders Cliff, Lion Street, Market Street, East Street and Ockman's Lane.

TIME TO TALK?

The next four Councillor Surgeries will be attended by:

June 6	Cllrs Shaun Rogers and David Russell
July 4	Cllrs Sam Souster and Sylvia Willgoss
Aug 1	Cllrs David Wright and Granville Bantick
Sep 5	Cllrs John Breeds and Jonathan Breeds

If you would like to book a 15-minute slot at the Town Hall please ring 223902 by noon on the day of the surgery. The first appointment available is at 6.30pm.

RYE TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

All are open to the public. You are welcome to attend, ask questions and express any concerns at meetings of the full Council and Planning Committee. Meetings are held at the Town Hall, with the first listed commencing 6.30pm unless indicated otherwise

June	4	Policy
	11	Planning, Leisure & Tourism
	25	Planning, Public Services
July	9	Council, Planning
	23	Planning
Aug	6	Planning,
	20	Planning, Leisure & Tourism
	28(Tues)	Council (Annual Return), Policy
Sep	3	Planning, Public Services

CONTACTING RYE TOWN COUNCIL

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Surgeries

Rye Town Councillors hold regular surgeries at the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of the month, 6.30pm-7.30pm. If you would like to discuss an issue or concern please ring Judy on 223902 to make an appointment.

Rye Heritage Centre

Home of the Rye Town Model, Rye Tourist Information Centre, a gift shop, Old Pier Amusements and collection point for the Rye Audio Walking Tours. Operated by Rye Town Services. t 226696. www.ryeheritage.co.uk.

Useful Contacts

East Sussex County Council	t 01273 481000	www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk
MP (Michael Foster)	t 01424 464604	
Rother District Council	t 01424 787878	www.rother.gov.uk
Rother Homes	t 0845 3550999	www.horizon-hg.org.uk
Rye Community Help Point	t 222293	
Rye County Councillor (Keith Glazier)	t 229581	e cllr.keith.glazier@eastsussex.gov.uk
Rye Partnership	t 229600	www.ryepartnership.org.uk