



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

SALISBURY GARDENS

4:00PM

18 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT

Councillors: Brian Lucas (Chair), Ian Bond, Colm Watling & James Toogood.

ITEM SUBJECT

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Stephen Cockett.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Declaration of Interest was noted by all members of Ventnor Town Council's Planning Committee for item c) New Public Toilets, Central Car Park.

3) PUBLIC FORUM

There were two members of the public present.

Lucy Ramlochun moved into 55 Gills Cliff Road in early 2017, 2 years after planning approval was granted for 53 Gills Cliff Road.

Concerns were raised due to lack of a Wildlife Impact Survey. Since the previous application was granted in 2015, the area has grown wild, providing important habitat for species such as the Glanville Fritillary butterfly, bats, badgers, flora and fauna and also nesting birds.

As the ground has remained untouched for 6 years, it was felt that - prior to any ground clearance - a report should have been produced to establish the impact on wildlife.

On another point, objections were raised as to the limited space between the boundary of number 55 Gills Cliff Road and the proposed development at 53 Gills Cliff Road, with particular concerns about a window proposed at the first floor of the east elevation, which will directly overlook 55 Gills Cliff Road, causing loss of privacy.

4) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 20/00062/HOU: 8 PELHAM ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application.

b) 20/00080/FUL: 53 GILLS CLIFF ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports the continued approval of this building, subject to appropriate conditions to address lack of privacy caused by an upper window on the east elevation. Following concerns from neighbours, the Committee request the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Department to consider the impact of wildlife on this development.

c) 20/00184/FUL: NEW PUBLIC TOILETS, CENTRAL CAR PARK

It was resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council's Planning Committee supports this scheme as it will provide the only accessible toilet facilities in the centre of town.

5) PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

a) SELECT AUTOS, NEWPORT ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council reply to an email received from Sarah Thorne, Senior Enforcement Officer at the Isle of Wight Council's Planning department. The Isle of Wight Council's Parking Enforcement department and Island Roads will also be contacted with the Committee's concerns.

6) PLANNING COMMITTEE – DRAFT PROTOCOL

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council's Planning Committee submit the draft Protocol to the March meeting of the full Ventnor Town Council for formal adoption.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

The Meeting closed at 5:30pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE:
