



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

WINTER GARDENS

6PM

28 JUNE 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Debby Robinson (Mayor), Chris Welsford, Chris Bonney, David George, Steve Stubbings, Harry Rees

ITEM SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming the newly elected Councillor for Ventnor East Harry Rees to the meeting and the Town Council.

The Mayor opened the Public Forum with 10 members of the public present

- a) Questions were asked about the confusing status of the Le Veness appeal and the Lawful Development Certificate application on the agenda for this meeting. It was clarified that comments were now only being invited on the application.
- b) Another member of the public commented on the absence of drawings and the consequent problem of assessing the height of the 18 Steephill Court Road building.

126/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Welsford.

127/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

128/10 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) LDC/10506/H AND P/00840/10: LE VENESS, ESPLANADE

The Mayor said that she had received notes from Denis Russell on these applications identifying grounds for opposing them. His concerns were shared by Members given the failure of the applicant to comply with earlier requirements for satisfactory Design and Method Statements and the general lack of adequate information in connection with the risk of causing or contributing to the risk of instability of adjoining land and buildings.

It was unanimously resolved:

that the objections as identified be registered with the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Service.

- b) P/00647/10: LAND ADJOINING HOMELANDS

The Mayor and Councillor Chris Bonney both drew attention to well established concerns about the stability of the geology of the area and the consequent need to take great care in disturbing it. Proximity to existing buildings was also identified as a matter of concern. The Town Clerk read a letter received today from K and I Praty.

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Isle of Wight Council be asked to ensure that due attention be given to the Primary Slope Stability Report of 2004 before any assessment is made of the remainder of the application and that consideration be given to the proximity of the proposed development of existing buildings and the concerns of its neighbours following the recent landslide in the area.

c) P/00714/10: 18 STEEPHILL COURT

It was noted that this may be contrary to developments in planning policy to exclude garden developments. Following discussion about the height of building and its presence in an unstable location, concern about absence of plans for inspection at the meeting. A member of the public also commented that as the notice had not been properly posted it should be possible to request extension of the time for comment.

It was unanimously resolved:

that an extension in the deadline for comment be requested from Isle of Wight Council to allow proper consideration of relevant information.

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- a) The Mayor re-opened the Public Forum
- b) A member of the public with close association with the Steephill Court development is shared his experience of it and the various planning proposals for it.
- c) The Mayor remarked that the absence at present of a Planning Sub Committee meant that less time was available for planning issues that she would wish and that as more Members were elected to the Town Council that situation would be remedied.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR	DATE
