



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

WINTER GARDENS

7PM

31 AUGUST 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Chris Welsford, David George, Steve Stubbings, Harry Rees, Gillian Jenner

ITEM SUBJECT

160/10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor David George was unanimously appointed as Chair for the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair opened the Public Forum with 5 members of the public present.

- A question was asked about the future development of the Garage site. Councillor Welsford responded that he understood the tanks had been dealt with and Councillors Gillian Jenner and Steve Stubbings said that information on its situation had been reported on the Ventnor Blog.
- Information was sought on the plans of the Highways service for Ventnor's roads. Councillor Chris Welsford pointed out that, as with other areas, plans were dependent on clarification of the PFI project.
- A member of the public suggested that planning application P/01159/10 constituted garden grabbing and any development would weaken the banking in which the Isle of Wight Council had invested funding to stabilise it.

161/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Debby Robinson and Chris Bonney.

162/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Harry Rees declared his interest in Ventnor Social Club and Councillor Chris Welsford declared his interest as a County Councillor

163/10 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET

After consideration of the report for this item

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Legal and Professional element of the Budget be increased to £3,000 by virement as proposed in the paper for this meeting.

164/10 PLANNING MATTERS

P/01159/10: [BAY HOUSE, WHEELER'S BAY ROAD](#)

The Chair read a letter presented to the meeting by Peter Campbell on the application registering strong objections to the application on behalf of residents. It drew attention to the instability of the surrounding area and pointed out that as the proposed application would potentially double the size of Bay House significant additional risks would follow, including of damage to neighbouring properties.

In addition, the letter challenged the claim that the site is Brownfield when in fact it is garden grabbing and thus contrary to current government policy. The proposal should include 7

parking spaces but only provides for 2.

Councillor Chris Welsford said that he felt that there were several grounds for objection to this application, including the fact that the site hardly qualified as anything other than garden space.

He went on to say that although he was minded to vote against the application at this meeting, he would approach his opportunity to look at the application again in his role as County Councillor when he would have the right to ask that the matter be referred to the Planning Committee of the Isle of Wight Council where he might be asked to speak on the application.

Councillor Steve Stubbings added that he felt that the instability of the site also represented a substantial basis for objection given its known geo-physical weaknesses.

Councillor Harry Reeves asked for clarification on the parking requirement where conversion to flats is concerned.

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Town Council does not support the application on the grounds of both garden grabbing and geo-physical instability.

P/00936/10: [17 ZIG ZAG ROAD, REPLACEMENT PERMISSION](#)

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Planning Authority be asked to extend the deadline for comment until full planning documentation has been received by the Town Council.

P/01119/10: [68 OCEAN VIEW ROAD, REPLACEMENT PERMISSION](#)

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Planning Authority be asked to extend the deadline for comment until full planning documentation has been received by the Town Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair re-opened the Public Forum

- a) A member of the public asked whether the Town Council had all the information needed as background to decisions on planning application and pointed out that guidelines were available from the Planning Authority.
- b) Councillor Chris Welsford said he would provide copies of the guidelines to colleagues in the near future.

164/10 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was resolved under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act: to exclude the Public and Press whilst Agenda item 6 is under discussion as it is of a confidential nature.

The meeting closed at 8.15

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING	DATE