# MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**6**PM

**24 FEBRUARY 2015** 

# MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Jim Toogood (Chair), Brian Lucas & Ed Gouge

## ITEM SUBJECT

## 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tony Marvin.

## 2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor Brian Lucas for item b) Flowers Brook, Steephill Road.

## 3) PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting started at 6pm.

## 4) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of 2 February 2015 were unanimously agreed as a correct record by those who were present at the meeting.

#### 5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) P/00017/15: 8 NEWPORT ROAD

#### It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application, provided that the Engineer's Report and Island Roads Report do not reveal any problems. The Committee also noted that there was no Design and Access Statement. The development appears to comply with Local Policy DM2.

b) P/01485/14: FLOWERS BROOK, STEEPHILL ROAD

#### It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council strongly opposes this revised application. The Committee notes that there has been some evaluation of the five alternative sites, however neither Option 1 or Option 2 in the planning application is acceptable to the Committee:-

- Option 1 would have a significant visual effect when viewed from the Flowersbrook area, both because of the size of the building and because of the industrial character of the fencing. There would also be the destruction of a pleasure area during the construction process. Any tree planting would not have any mitigating effect until over halfway through the lifetime of the development.
- The building in Option 2 is unnecessarily large and, in this position, does not need to mirror the existing Water Authority building. The Committee considers that, should the application be able to demonstrate that the Flowersbrook site is the only suitable option, then a redesigned building located nearer to the Water Authority building would be more effectively shielded from views from the road and the surrounding area.
- o The open sub-station is not sufficiently screened visually or acoustically.
- c) P/00053/15: Beverley, Seven Sisters Road

#### It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application. The development is an improvement

on the existing site and the design appears to meet Local Policy DM2.

- d) P/01555/14: 17 NEWPORT ROAD
  - **It was unanimously resolved:** that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application. The size of the extension appears to be acceptable on this site.
- e) P/00048/15: 1-12 ST CATHERINE'S PLACE
  - It was unanimously resolved: that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application.
- f) P/00064/15: 14 ST CATHERINE'S PLACE

It was unanimously resolved: that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application.

## PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present

The Meeting closed at 7.15pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE: