



# MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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SALISBURY GARDENS

6PM

7 APRIL 2015

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## MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Jim Toogood (Chair), Brian Lucas & Tony Marvin

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ITEM	SUBJECT
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1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ed Gouge.

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2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jim Toogood declared an interest in item a) P/00299/15 Land Adjacent Blakes Beach Office, Esplanade & item b) P/00325/15 Rock Ledge, Belgrave Road and Councillor Brian Lucas declared an interest in item d) P/01485/14 Flowersbrook, Steephill Road.

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3) **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.  
The meeting started at 6:05pm.

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4) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 17 March 2015 were unanimously agreed as a correct record by those who were present at the meeting.

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5) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) P/00299/15: LAND ADJACENT BLAKES BEACH OFFICE, ESPLANADE

**It was unanimously resolved:**

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application. This new facility will provide a safe venue for children buying snacks and ice creams, avoiding having to cross the road. This application appears to comply with Island Policy DM8.

b) P/00325/15: ROCK LEDGE, BELGRAVE ROAD

**It was unanimously resolved:**

that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application. However, it should be noted that the boundary of the public footway should be clearly distinguished from the private parking area, especially considering the very narrow nature of the footway at this point.

c) P/00273/15: CHALK HILLS, WHITWELL ROAD

**It was unanimously resolved:**

that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application. The Committee feel that the proposal appears safer than the existing arrangement due to the increased turning area on a busy road and the overall scheme is of an attractive design, enhancing the street scene.

d) P/01485/14: FLOWERSBROOK, STEEPHILL ROAD

**It was unanimously resolved:**

that Ventnor Town Council strongly oppose this application. The Committee are disappointed that their earlier concerns have not been addressed. The applicant's attempt to put forward further options is still unacceptable due to the positioning, scale and mass of the building and sub-station. The positioning of both options 2a) and 2b) fail to make use of the opportunity for screening offered by the topography, to the rear of the Southern Water

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property. The effect of the apparent scale and mass is not easily considered due to the absence of cross sections to show the relative levels of the building, road and adjacent properties. However, the Committee are pleased that the original option 1 is no longer being proposed.

The Committee feel that, with previous comments and the obvious difficulties of designing a scheme for this site taken into account, other more suitable locations should now be considered.

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present

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The Meeting closed at 6:55pm

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SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

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DATE:

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