



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

COASTAL CENTRE

6PM

5 NOVEMBER 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM	SUBJECT
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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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There were no apologies for absence received.

2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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Councillor Tony Marvin declared an interest in Belgrave Court, as his mother is a resident in the accommodation.

3	PUBLIC FORUM
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The meeting started at 6pm.

There were seven members of the public present.

The Local Conservation Group of St Lawrence raised concerns regarding application P/01272/13, Stables Adjacent to Woodcliffe Cottage, Seven Sisters Road.

Members of the public raised concerns that:-

- the proposed application is out of context due to inaccuracies regarding use of the stable yard which hasn't previously existed;
 - the drainage and water supplies belong to Rocklands Manor property;
 - the site is in the heart of a conservation area in St Lawrence, alongside the 12th Century church;
 - the area is very narrow and car parking is already a problem;
 - the area is a residential neighbourhood, mainly inhabited by retired residents who have chosen the location for its peace and quiet;
 - the stability of the land is a serious issue, particularly if a holding tank is installed. It is felt that this will further undermine the stability of the land; and
 - there is no economic benefit to the village.
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4	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
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The Minutes of the Meeting of 15 October 2013 were unanimously agreed by those who were present at the meeting as a correct record.

5	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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- a) P/01272/13: STABLES ADJACENT TO WOODCLIFFE COTTAGE, SEVEN SISTERS RD, ST LAWRENCE

It was resolved, with one abstention:

that Ventnor Town Council strongly supports this application. The Committee has considered the concerns of all members of the public regarding traffic and ground movement/stability; however, it is felt that the application will be covered by an Engineer's report and local Building Control Officers. It is also felt that the application will provide a beneficial use of buildings which are, at present, deteriorating and will allow the relocation of firms – one from outside the Island – to more suitable premises where they can be more commercially viable. The application is in line with policies to stimulate economic development in the National Planning Framework and the Island Core Strategy.

b) P/01137/13: SUNCLIFF, ST ALBANS ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council strongly opposes this application as per previous comments in Minutes of 25 September 2013.

c) P/01203/13: FLAT 21, BELGRAVE COURT, BELGRAVE ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application. The Committee would like assurance from the Conservation Officer or applicant that no internal features that are characteristic of the listed building are lost as a result of the application.

d) P/01340/13: 1 TWINING ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application. It is felt that the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension should match those used in the existing building.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present

The Meeting closed at 7:10pm

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