



FILMING IN VENTNOR AND BONCHURCH

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 78/20

12 OCTOBER 2020

The purpose of this Report is to inform Members of the arrangements for TMDB Productions to use the Shore Road and Dudley Road Car Parks and Salisbury Gardens' Green Room to film Britbox UK's new version of *The Beast Must Die* novel.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The filming of *The Beast Must Die*, a five-part thriller for Britbox UK, has already started on the Island and will come to Ventnor and Bonchurch between 22 October and 3 November with final dates to be confirmed.
- b) It is an adaptation of the 1938 novel of the same name by Nicholas Blake, the nom de plume of poet Cecil Day-Lewis, father of Daniel Day-Lewis and tells the story of a grieving mother who infiltrates the life of the man she believes killed her son.
- c) With a cast led by Geraldine James, Jared Harris and Nathaniel Parker, the five-part series will shoot with comprehensive coronavirus safety protocols, which include cast and crew being routinely tested for the disease and having to wear masks on set at all times, except when cameras are rolling.
- d) They will undergo daily temperature checks and health screenings and on- and off-set pods are being established to ensure safe interaction on the production.

2) ARRANGEMENTS

- a) There have been several meetings with the Production team to discuss the plans for filming in Bonchurch for which they need the use of the Shore Road Car Park and at Salisbury Gardens with the added use of the Dudley Road Car Park.
- b) They are also arranging related road closures with the Isle of Wight Council.
- c) Their requirements for the use of the Car Parks and Salisbury Gardens were discussed and agreed by the Assets and Services Working Group at its meeting on 22 September.
- d) The agreed dates are set out in the attachment to this Report and if they are used to this extent the Town Council will receive a payment of £8,400.