



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

SALISBURY GARDENS

4:30PM

14 JULY 2022

PRESENT

Councillors: Phil Warren (Chair), James Toogood, Steph Toogood, John Watkins & Brian Lucas.

ITEM SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

There were seven members of the public present.

Neil Geddes is the architect for item d) Broadview, Steephill Road planning application. He showed 3D images electronically, to the Committee of the proposed development.

Regarding item f) Old Central Store, Victoria Street, residents of West Street stated that they had sent a letter to Isle of Wight Council's Planning Department. Questions were raised as to whether there has been an updated ecology report undertaken as the previous report was over two years ago, prior to "lockdown." There is now more wildlife on site, namely badgers, lizards, slow worms, grass snakes. The bank is full of well-established trees, supporting the bank and wildlife living there. Severe concerns are raised as to when the trees are felled, what will happen to the supporting bank and therefore residents' gardens which abut the boundary wall. What about the decontamination report? This cannot be found on the Isle of Wight Council's Planning website, or it has not been done. Residents feel that they have not been sufficiently informed to properly address this planning proposal due to the Covid situation and "lockdown" starting in March 2020.

Councillor James Toogood mentioned that most of the issues raised will be dealt with by Building Control and not directly by the Planning Department.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 27 June 2022 - having been previously circulated to Members - were taken as approved.

4) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 22/00962/FUL: GADSHILL, UNDERCLIFF DRIVE, ST LAWRENCE

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council see no reason to oppose this application however, much concern is raised because this is the only essential community resource in St Lawrence.

b) 22/00748/HOU: 10 ZIG ZAG ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application, but questions are raised about safety issues for oxygen under pressure and its potential commercial use.

c) 22/01053/FUL: 53 GILLS CLIFF ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application.

d) 22/01021/HOU: BROADVIEW, STEEPHILL ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council strongly supports this application, which is sympathetic to the art-deco style of the original building. Furthermore, there are strong green credentials with heat pump, solar panels, and capture of rainwater.

e) 22/01026/RVC: 32 ZIG ZAG ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application.

f) 22/01126/FUL: OLD CENTRAL STORE, VICTORIA STREET

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council request sight of the plans which are the non-material part of this application plus updated reports which are necessary to answer the concerns raised.

There were a number of extremely concerned residents present who were seeking answers to questions about this development's impact on wildlife, existing vegetation and boundary wall stability. Revised, current reports are needed to answer these questions, especially because of the time that has elapsed since the first planning application was submitted in February 2020.

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There were no members of the public present.

The Meeting closed at 5:55pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE:
