



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

SALISBURY GARDENS

5.30PM

10 MARCH 2025

PRESENT

Councillors: John Watkins (Chair), Steph Toogood, James Toogood, Sam Smith

ITEM SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

Ventnor West's County Councillor, Ed Blake was the only member of the public present.

- Cllr Blake raised enquiries about "The Rock", Belgrave Road – much of which fell away on the evening of Friday 7th March:-
 - approximately 850 tonnes of rock have fallen
 - the wall above Esplanade Road is now bowing with its weight and five or six properties are directly in line with that.
- Historically - just prior to the red and white plastic barriers placed under The Rock - there was a planning application regarding removal of the rock face.
- With ongoing concerns, Ventnor Town Council have highlighted to Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads - in particular in a letter to Gary Stretch several years ago - that The Rock is dangerous.
- Chair John Watkins has requested this item be listed on the Planning Action List and for Ventnor Town Council to contact Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads to clear away all of the rock debris and initially establish what damage has been done.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 20 January 2025 – having been previously circulated to members - were taken as read and approved.

4) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 25/00074/HOU: MOLE END, UNDERCLIFF DRIVE, ST LAWRENCE

It was unanimously resolved:

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

- b) 25/00236/HOU: PLEIADES, SEVEN SISTERS ROAD, ST LAWRENCE

It was unanimously resolved:

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

- c) 25/00189/HOU: 69 LEESON ROAD

It was unanimously resolved:

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

5) UNTIDY/DERELICT SITES IN VENTNOR:-

- OLD BUS GARAGE, PIER STREET

The developer is unable to progress works at this present time. Ventnor Town Council to follow up with the developer for updates.

- FORMER MILLMORE'S GARAGE, HIGH STREET

The Committee note that the site is surrounded by Heras fencing and padlocked. The Assistant Town Clerk is tasked by the Committee to write to the owner.

- WINTER GARDENS, PIER STREET

The Winter Gardens is a public asset; Ventnor Town Council to write to Mr Kevin Sussmilch to:-

- establish the short and longer-term intentions for the building.
- request a tidy-up of the exterior areas/grounds to make the building more welcoming and attractive to visitors and users.

- THE ROTUNDA/BANDSTAND, ESPLANADE (SOUTHERN WATER OWNED BUILDING)

The Assistant Town Clerk to write to Fisher German, property management consultants.

- THE ROSE, PIER STREET

Cllr Steph Toogood to update members of the Committee.

- FORMER ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL BUILDING, CHURCH STREET

The Assistant Town Clerk is tasked with looking into the possibility of listing this building as an Asset of Community Value.

The Committee unanimously agreed to move all of the above items onto the Planning Action List for future discussion/updates.

5) PLANNING ACTION LIST

The Action List was discussed and amended, with any items requiring further attention to be progressed as necessary with the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Enforcement department.

The Meeting closed at 7:00pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE:
