

Minutes of a meeting of **the PLANS COMMITTEE** held at The Winter Gardens, Ventnor, I.W. on 14th **May 2007**

Present: Councillor C.J.Elvers Chairman

Councillors **A.C.Bartlett, Mrs.M.Cawley, Mrs.B.Lawson, B.M.Lucas, R.J.Mew**, S.B.Milford, **Mrs.S.J.Scoccia** and Mrs. V.Taylor

Apologies for absence were received from Council lrs.J.S.Fitzgerald-Bond and C.D.Mortimer.

## **1 VENTNOR ESPLANADE**

At the request of Councillor Mrs. S.J.Scoccia, Mr.K.Burton of the Highways Department of the Isle of Wight Council attended the meeting as a matter of urgency to discuss the current problem relating to the setting out of tables and chairs on The Esplanade and to present details of a proposed experimental traffic order designed to address the issues of safety and allow tables and chairs to remain. Such an order could be introduced quickly and would enable the scheme to be continually evaluated over a period of up to 18 months after which the order could be revoked or be replaced by a permanent restriction. The proposed experimental order would reduce the number of parking spaces by 13 and would provide to licensed areas on the landward side of The Esplanade on which tables and chairs could be placed and a designated pedestrian walkway. There would also be a loading/unloading bay.

Members welcomed this proposed order but suggested that the loading/unloading bay should be subject to a maximum user time of 30 minutes. Mr.Burton said that this condition would need to be covered by a separate procedure.

It was Resolved - That the Town Council fully support the making of this experimental order which will improve the present position and enable a longer term solution to be assessed.

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2007 were approved and signed.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs.Scoccia declared an interest as a member of the Development Control Committee and did not vote upon planning applications.

## **4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was Resolved -

(a) That the Planning Authority be informed that the Town Council see no reason why planning consent should not be issued in respect of the following applications:

**P/00912/07 TCP/17082/D** Demolition of former bus depot, construction of 21 flats in P/00913/07 CAC/17082/C a 3 storey block with parking & alterations to vehicular access (revised scheme) - former garage/depot site Pound Lane

**P/01035/07 TCP/09877/G** Conversion of basement into two flats - 18-20 High St.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Continued)

(b) That the Planning Authority be recommended to refuse planning consent in respect of the following application for the reason listed:

**P/00892/07 CAC/08040/R** Conservation Area Consent for demolition of public house; construction of 1/5 storey building to form public house, retail unit and 14 flats with parking and alterations to vehicular access (revised scheme) - The Mill Bay Inn, The Esplanade - the proposed redevelopment of this site is out of keeping with the conservation area being an over-development of the site; from the areas above the site the views will be obstructed and the terraced aspect of the landscape will be lost and the proposed vehicular access will create a traffic hazard.

5. **PARKING PLACES AT VENTNOR**

The Committee discussed the number of developments and proposed developments in Ventnor which consist of the creation of multiple units of accommodation which do not include the provision of self contained parking spaces. This is placing an increasing demand for parking spaces on and off street which cannot be met by the present level of parking spaces within the town. Problems exist for persons needing to use their vehicles to go to and from places of work particularly because the timings of public transport were unsuitable and therefore not available to them.

The Town Council recognised that the power of the Planning Authority to require the provision of parking spaces in association with development is now limited although in the past this was a means by which demand could be foreseen and met.

**It was Resolved** - To raise this matter with the Isle of Wight Council and request that a detailed study of the requirements for additional parking spaces in Ventnor be undertaken in order that a long term scheme can be drawn up to meet what has become an urgent problem.

Chairman