



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 17 July 2017 at 7.00pm, in Room 2, Sandown Business Centre, College Close.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Patel (Chair), Cllr. Andre, Cllr. Brading, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby
Cllr. Lawson, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Teasdale, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Young.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 4 Members of the Public

To allow 15 minutes for the Residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town matters.

Sharon Merrick, a resident from the Perowne Way area was concerned about a letter from Island Roads saying that they would be closing the road for repairs. Residents had interpreted this as the road would be closed for 6 weeks. She was assured that the road would be closed for 6 days only. She raised concerns about the fact that cars would not be allowed to move inside certain hours during the day, and they should find alternative provision. She wondered if the Rugby Club could provide parking? Cllr. Ward offered to speak to the Rugby Club and sort it out. Councillor Andre to speak to Bookers.

Sally McConkey referred to questions asked at the last meeting about the public toilets. The Mayor asked Cllr. Lawson (Chair of Environment to respond). He said there would be a proposal to Full Council later in the meeting to a) keep the toilets operational b) take the leases for Yaverland, St Johns and Eastern Gardens. Pier Street toilets, for which the Council has not received the lease yet, would be a different proposition. The amounts of money spent on Pier Street would be controlled until a firm decision had been made, but bearing in mind any safety issues etc. He said we would not be spending money unnecessarily in Pier Street, but the other three toilets we will be taking forward.

1515/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence

None received

1516/17 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1517/17 To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2017

On a proposal by Cllr. Young seconded Cllr. Cowley

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true and correct record.

1518/17 To consider any Planning Applications received prior to the meeting, and to note any correspondence, or decisions made by delegated function with regard to Planning applications or appeals.

Application No: P/00691/17 **Alt Ref:** TCP/31756/A

Parish (es): Sandown **Ward(s):** Sandown North

Location: Wight City Leisure Centre, 37 Culver Parade, Sandown, Isle Of Wight, PO36 8AT

Proposal: Demolition of three storey building; construction of 47 residential dwellings; provision of flexible commercial floor space (A2/A3/B1a) on part of the ground and lower ground floor floors; formation of vehicular access points onto Fort Street; parking, access roads, landscaping and bin stores.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this long overdue development. The request was made that as residential units there would be no credence given to anyone who bought them who might try to complain about noise emanating from, for example, the nearby entertainment premises or the Carnival which uses this area to form up.

Application No: P/00730/17 **Alt Ref:** TCP/29130/C

Parish (es): Sandown **Ward(s):** Sandown South

Location: Grafton House, 5 Grafton Street, Sandown, Isle Of Wight, PO36 8JJ

Proposal: Removal of condition 1 on P/01416/13 - TCP/29130/B to enable continued use of site as HMO

It was **RESOLVED** to support the continuation of this permission.

Application No: P/00759/17 **Alt Ref:** TCP/14992/D

Parish (es): Sandown **Ward(s):** Sandown North

Location: Costume Workshop, Station Avenue, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8HB

Proposal: Demolition of building; proposed six dwellings

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application

Application No: P/00771/17 **Alt Ref:** TCP/06496/V

Parish (es): Sandown **Ward(s):** Sandown North

Location: Fort Spinney, Yaverland Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8QB

Proposal: Demolition of an existing single storey building comprising of 8 bungalows and its replacement with two detached houses; continued use of remaining 10 bungalows for all year round holiday purposes (revised scheme)

It was **RESOLVED** by a majority to oppose the application on the grounds that the two detached houses were too large, and the uncertainty about the usage of the remaining bungalows.

(Cllr. Humby declared an interest and did not vote)

Application No: P/00778/17 **Alt Ref:** TCP/25165/G

Parish (es): Sandown **Ward(s):** Sandown South

Location: former Zanies Nightclub, Esplanade, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36

Proposal: Proposed terrace of five houses to include parking

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application

To note Planning Application decisions made under delegated procedure

Application No: P/00481/17

Parish: Sandown **Ward:** Sandown North

Location: J A Dempsey, College Close, Sandown, Isle Of Wight, PO36 8ED

Proposal: Proposed single storey building to provide 3 industrial units (Class B1, B2 and B8)

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

Application No: P/00373/17

Parish: Sandown **Ward:** Sandown South

Location: 63-67, High Street, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36

Proposal: Retention of non-illuminated ATM fascia

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

Application No: P/00374/17

Parish: Sandown **Ward:** Sandown South

Location: 63-67, High Street, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36

Proposal: Retention of ATM

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

Application No: P/00523/17

Parish: Sandown **Ward:** Sandown South

Location: Sandown Methodist Church, York Road, Sandown, Isle Of Wight, PO36 8ET

Proposal: Replacement of front and side doors

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

The Clerk reported that she had asked Planning Department for the current situation with Tarvic 2 and they had responded that 'the unauthorised extension, despite the efforts of the Council the Hotel owner has failed to date to comply with the requirements of the enforcement notice relating to the unauthorised development of the north east end of the Hotel. The Council's Senior Enforcement Officer has been instructed to write to the Hotel Owner this week advising that if no efforts are made to comply with the requirements within the next 28 days the Council will begin proceedings to take him back to court.'

Then the Café extension at the south west end of the Hotel is currently in breach of condition 2 of the 2010 permission which requires the development to be carried out in accordance with the plans approved by that permission. The rear wall has been constructed too high. Efforts to resolve this breach of planning control amicably with the Hotel Owner have been unsuccessful to date and so have the given Owner ample opportunity to correct the build. Officers have instructed the Council's legal team to prepare a breach of condition enforcement notice which will require the owner to reduce the height of the wall to this extension to the approved height. Should the Owner take no action to address this breach it is expected that this BCEN will be served early August.

1519/17

To receive an update on Sandown Bay Academy

Cllr. Brading reported that it was still progressing. He had had a conversation with the Head of the AET. He does want to arrange a smooth handover of the Academy to whoever it is going to be. Meeting was being arranged with Dominic Herrington, the Schools Commissioner, for the end of August and it is hoped that there will be some steer from above. Our Island MP Bob Seely is doing a lot of legwork behind the scenes. He is keeping Lord Nash the Under Secretary for State in the loop, and the Education Minister. The Officers and the Council have already put together a budget for the Schools. Everything is looking very positive at the moment. A lot is happening behind the scenes.

Cllr. Cowley thanked Cllr. Brading for the work he was putting in over the Bay Academy. He responded that it will be worth it if at the end of the day it is an educationally and financially viable establishment. Concerns were raised over 6th Form education and Cllr. Brading responded that 6th Forms are a separate piece of work and there are too many small 6th Forms on the Island, but this is work for the future. Current students at Sandown in the sixth form will be supported.

- 1520/17** **To confirm the membership of the Communications committee; the remit; and the date of the first meeting.**
The Clerk said Cllrs. Grandchamp, Lawson and Ward expressed an interest at the last meeting in being part of this new committee. Cllr. Humby and Cllr. Young expressed the wish to be included.
The remit is suggested as being incoming and outgoing communications review. It was suggested that this is a Working Party not a committee, and encompasses all methods and means of engagement.
The date was arranged for Tuesday 08 August at 10.00am.
- 1521/17** **To give permission to the Sandown Community partnership to install junior skatepark equipment in the fenced area to the east of the MUGA**
Cllr. Young in his role as Community Partnership Chairman asked for permission to install a junior skatepark, to be paid for by the Partnership. This would provide a safe for children up to 8 years old. This will be maintained by the Town Council after installation. It will become part of the free to use area, when Heritage UK takes over. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the offer from the Partnership with thanks, and to grant permission.
- 1522/17** **To consider any recommendations from the Environment Committee regarding the Public Toilets, and to make any decision.**
Cllr. Lawson said that after considerable discussion the recommendation from the Environment Committee was that this Council
a) accepts the freehold transfer on Yaverland, St. John's and Eastern Gardens and to keep them in as good condition as possible within the budget
b) pending the offer of the freehold, keep Pier Street toilets going until at least the end of the season, and for as long as possible thereafter, within a sensible budget, until the decision has to be made. If this doesn't prove practicable, alternative provisions to be considered. For example portaloos. Cllr. Teasdale suggested speaking to Wayne Peake.
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Environment Committee.
- 1523/17** **To receive and approve the schedule of payments**
The invoices were checked to the schedule of payments by Cllrs. Cowley and Mereweather, and queries were answered. The expense of Sandown in Bloom was discussed.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £34,750.39
- 1524/17** **To note verbal reports from Town Councillors**
Cllr. Lawson reported the problem discussed which the Environment Committee is trying to deal with, concerning jet skis in the Bay. There are no buoys in the bay to restrict jet skis coming in so close near to swimmers.
Cllr. Humby would like to congratulate the Green Towns on the work they are doing. The Clerk mentioned that they are meeting on the following Wednesday, and a littler pick would happen on Saturday 22nd July for which support from the Councillors would be appreciated.
- 1525/17** **To note written reports from County Councillors**
Written reports from Cllrs. Andre and Ward having been circulated prior to the meeting were discussed. (copies attached)

1526/17

To note information from the Town Clerk

The Clerk mentioned the following:

- a) Green Towns have joined the RHS 'Its Your Neighbourhood Scheme' and have had a visit from an assessor. Whilst not aspiring to any high award, they are keen to attend the Awards ceremony to be held in Gatwick in September. The Clerk asked for a maximum of £250 from the Sandown in Bloom budget for volunteers to attend. The Council approved this suggestion.
- b) Chris Weston of Salty Willy's, the Fish shack in Fort Street would like to try changing site to the grass area on Culver Parade by the Boating Lake. The Clerk knew that Heritage UK would approve the idea until such time as they wished to utilise the space themselves. Members also approved the idea if it would help this new business to succeed.
- c) Then queries from last meeting concerning the address etc on the Insurance documents has been resolved
- d) The Walking Football group would be meeting in Sandham Grounds during the 6 week holiday period on when their normal venue was not available. This would also give them the chance to be out and about in the fresh air.

1514/17

To note the date of the next meeting –14 August 2017 at 7.00pm

Noted.

Signed
Chairman

Date 14 August 2017