



Minutes of a meeting of the Plans Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.00pm

Cllr. Macve (Chairman)
Cllr. D. Bennett
Cllr. J. Beesley
Cllr. L. Eastwood

Cllr. J. Love
Cllr. S. Mayhew
Cllr. D. French

IN ATTENDANCE: -

Cllrs. K. Everett and P Sparks.
Cllr. P Waldock
1 Member of the Public
2 Press (both recording)
Holly Goring – Town Clerk

Christine Wheatley – Assistant Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Minutes taken by Christine Wheatley

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to any item on the agenda. None were forthcoming.

2.0 STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

P42.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr. P Sparks to speak on planning application WD/2018/1650/MAJ Uckfield Community Technical College, Downsview Crescent, Uckfield, TN22 3DJ.

Mr P Sparks stated that he was speaking as the Chairman of the Manor Park & Hempstead Fields Residents Association. He stated that after consulting with residents there were various issues of concern, however the most contentious issue was parking, and unless solved would be of great detriment to the local community. With three schools in the area parking and traffic congestion are ongoing major problems. These problems are worst at drop off/pick up times and with more 6th formers driving to school and parking in nearby roads is adding to road safety and residents' frustration.

Although proposing to retain the same number of existing dedicated parking places it is felt this is a missed opportunity to provide more spaces. The question was also asked as to whether, if development occurs in the future would more spaces be made available?

It is understood that on-site parking will not be available for at least six months during the construction phase and it is essential that suitable alternative provision is made other than simply displacing these cars into the local area.

P43.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate Standing Orders.

3.0 APOLOGIES

None.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held 28th August 2018

P44.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Plans Committee of the 28th August 2018, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Action List

None.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/2018/1800/F 22 STREELE VIEW, UCKFIELD, TN22 1UG

Proposed single storey front and side extensions.

P45.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

WD/2018/1835/F 61 NEVILL ROAD, UCKFIELD TN22 1NX

Proposed lean-to roof over existing extension.

P46.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

WD/2018/1750/F WHITEHAVEN, MANOR PARK, UCKFIELD, TN22 1PB

Extension to and conversion of garage to provide ancillary accommodation.

P47.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support this application providing there is a planning condition that the ancillary accommodation is not severed from the main residence creating two separate dwellings.

WD/2018/1669/F UCKFIELD TAXI SERVICES, NEW TOWN, UCKFIELD TN22 5DL

Removal of the existing painted timber staircase and replace with galvanized steel staircase and handrail.

P48.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

Cllr. D. Bennett wished to be recorded as being strongly against the recommendation.

WD/2018/1397/FA 79-81 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AS

Variation of condition 2 of application WD/2017/0082/F (change of use from A1 (shop) to D2 (yoga studio) change to opening hours.

P49.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

WD/2018/1696/F 53 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD TN22 1AP

Replacement of existing shopfront.

P50.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

WD/2018/1650/MAJ UCKFIELD COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, DOWNSVIEW CRESCENT, UCKFIELD, TN22 3DJ

Demolition of existing main school building and development of a new 2/3 storey main school building, detached building to south and associated landscaping.

P51.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Business Manager from the Community Technical College to speak.

It was stated that although some parking spaces would be lost the majority would be retained during the build including parking on the Freedom Leisure site which belonged to the college.

Contractor vehicle timings were to be a condition of the planning application.

P52.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate Standing Orders.

Members although supportive of the application expressed concerns regarding the chaos that the construction would cause to parking in the area, and the displacement of traffic not only in the near vicinity but around the town. From the plans it appears that the amount of parking on site will reduce which again caused concern especially as more 6th form pupils were driving to school. Concern was also expressed regarding the timings of contractor vehicles entering and leaving the site and stipulated that there should be a planning condition regarding vehicle movement times.

P53.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** that although Members welcomed and supported the application they expressed the following: -

- i) concerns regarding the impact of additional parking in the area during the construction of the new college and the displacement of vehicles, not only in the immediate area but the town as a whole.
- ii) a planning condition to be placed on the movement of construction traffic to ensure that drop off and pick up times are avoided.
- iii) concerns that the plans appear to split the college campus into a north/south divide.
- iv) to support the concerns of the Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Approved:

WD/2018/1390/F LITTLE BIRCHES, 13 BIRCH CLOSE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1UE

WD/2018/1437/F 9 THE JAYS, UCKFIELD, TN22 5YG

WD/2018/1290/FR OAKRIDGE HOUSE, NEW TOWN, UCKFIELD, TN22 5DL

WD/2018/1567/FR 29 WOODPECKER WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 5NE

WD/2018/1392/FA MEADOW VIEW, 13 ROMAN WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 1UY

Withdrawn:

WD/2018/1144/F 61 NEVILL ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 1NX

Members noted the decision notices.

7.0 TO ADVISE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE THE USUAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS.

WD/2018/1567/FR 29 WOODPECKER WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 5NE

Retrospective application for a loft conversion.

Plans Committee members of Uckfield Town Council wish to support this application, as they feel the homeowners have satisfied the neighbours' concerns.

WD/2018/1068/F 5 MANOR HOUSE COURT, REGENCY CLOSE, TN22 1DS

One storey decorative brick extension with timber or aluminium glazed windows. *Plans Committee members of Uckfield Town Council have raised their concerns with this application and therefore wish to object, on the grounds that the proposed development is not compatible with the street scene or building line. It is overbearing to adjacent properties and concerns were raised with regard to its design (stark angular design and brick mass) within the terrace and adjacent to the Conservation area.*

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm.