



Minutes of a meeting of the Plans Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.00pm

Cllr. D. French (Chairman)
Cllr. B. Cox
Cllr. C. Macve

Cllr. J. Beesley
Cllr. J. Love
Cllr. D. Bennett

IN ATTENDANCE: -

1 member of the press – recording
5 members of the public
Minutes taken Linda Lewis – Administrative Officer

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.

Councillor Macve declared a personal interest in the following applications as he knew the applicants:

WD/2020/0313/F Heather Bank, Puddingcake Lane, TN22 1BU
WD/2020/0376/F Dean Bank, Snatts Road, Uckfield, TN22 2AN

Councillor French declared a personal interest in the following application as she knew the applicant:

WD/2020/0277/F 66 Tower Ride, Uckfield, TN22 1NU

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

P75.03.20 It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

Ms Graham spoke in objection to WD/2020/0277/F 66 TOWER RIDE. She stated that the plans were not accurate and did not reflect the true impact the development would have on the parking in the area, which is already very full. She was also concerned that the new property would flood and advised that there is already a great deal of run off. The fence was already in situ and was 2metres high. They noted that there was also an error in the application where it is claimed that no habitual rooms were affected in neighbouring properties. This was incorrect.

Ms French again objecting to WD/2020/0277/F also stated that habitual rooms within her house would be in view and affected by the proposed design. She had concerns for the access of refuse vehicles to the road which was really a small service road leading onto car parking and no turning space. The new houses, being detached were also out of character with the rest of the estate as the proposed design was typically found in terraced properties on the Manor Park estate.

P76.03.20 It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders

3.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors D. Bennett and J. Love.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2020

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It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Plans Committee of the 24th February 2020, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Action List – none

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/2020/0240/F 30 SYCAMORE COURT, UCKFIELD, TN22 1TY

New 3 bedroom, 2 storey dwelling.

A member commented that this application had likely been re-submitted due to the withdrawal of the Wealden Local Plan with the belief that this would help with the number of houses that needed to be built.

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It was **RESOLVED** to Object strongly to this application on the following grounds:

- The parking problems in the area would be exacerbated if this application went ahead;
- Members considered this to be infilling to the detriment of the character and open plan nature of the estate, and to which Uckfield Town Council continued to oppose;
- Concerns for traffic dangers on this corner and for the safety of pedestrians;
- The development would be to the detriment of neighbouring properties as it is changing a semi-detached property into terraced houses.

Councillor Macve reiterated his personal interest in application WD/2020/0313/F Heather Bank, Puddingcake Lane, TN22 1BU and took no part in the discussion or the vote for this application.

WD/2020/0313/F HEATHER BANK, PUDDINGCAKE LANE, TN22 1BU

Erection of detached standard single sloping roof garage on existing driveway.

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It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as it would not be detrimental to neighbouring properties.

Councillor Macve reiterated his personal interest in application WD/2020/0376/F Dean Bank, Snatts Road, Uckfield, TN22 2AN and took no part in the discussion or the vote for this application.

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WD/2020/0376/F DEAN BANK, SNATTS ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 2AN

Erection of a timber frame garage.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application, as it would have no effect to neighbouring properties.

Councillor French reiterated her personal interest in application WD/2020/0277/F 66 Tower Ride, Uckfield, TN22 1NU and took no part in the discussion or the vote for this application.

Members therefore nominated Councillor Mayhew to take the Chair to discuss the application for 66 Tower Ride.

WD/2020/0277/F 66 TOWER RIDE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1NU

Proposed one two-bedroom residential development to include a cycle store and 1.8m high fence.

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It was **RESOLVED** to object on the following grounds:

- Concerns that the development will cause increased run-off of surface water and lead to flooding;
- Over development of the site;
- Concerns regarding the loss of a parking space;
- Consider this to be infilling and to the detriment of the original character and open plan nature of the estate;
- Detrimental to the adjoining properties as the development would cause overlooking and the application is incorrect when it states that the windows would not overlook habitual rooms in neighbouring properties;

Councillor. French resumed to chair the meeting.

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WD/2020/0046/F LAND ADJOINING 22 KELD DRIVE, UCKFIELD, TN22 5BS

Proposed development of 7 dwellings (1 x 4 bed & 6 x 3 bed) with associated access, parking and landscaping (amended scheme following approval of applications WD/2016/1990/O & WD/2018/1533/RM for 7 dwellings).

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the following grounds:

- Would object that this has been amended to dwellings for larger house sizes denying the opportunity for those starting on the housing ladder that may only be able to afford two bedroom properties;
- The larger three bedroom property would increase traffic flow, leading to more vehicles on an already tight site;
- Development would exacerbate the problems with street parking in the area.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Approved:

WD/2019/2348/MFA UCKFIELD COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE,
DOWNSVIEW CRESCENT, UCKFIELD, TN22 3DJ
WD/2020/0020/F 125 ROCKS PARK ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 2BD

Refused:

WD/2019/2691/F 52 BROWNS LANE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1UF

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/2019/2715/F UCKFIELD METHODIST CHURCH, FRAMFIELD ROAD, TN22 5AJ

Change of use, refurbishment and first floor extension to convert into 3 no. high quality, low energy flats.

WD/2020/0125/F OLIVES YARD, MALTMEAD COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, TN22 1QP

Proposed new dwelling.

Public notices were put up on the 11th February 2020:

WD/2013/0415/MRM LAND NORTH OF MALLARD DRIVE, UCKFIELD TN22 5JQ

Submission of reserved matters in pursuance of conditions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 17 of application WD/2012/0806/O additional plans received date stamped 17 January 2020.

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm.