

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk - Holly Goring

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO A MEETING OF UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

in

The Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.00pm

AGENDA

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda. Should any Member consider that they require a dispensation in relation to any prejudicial interest that they may have, they are asked to make a written application to the Clerk well in advance of the meeting.

Notice should be given at this part of the meeting of any intended declaration. The nature of the interest should then be declared later at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

- 2.0 STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE MAYOR'S DISCRETION
- 3.0. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 4.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 5.0 MINUTES
- 5.1 To **RESOLVE** that the minutes of the meeting of Full Council on 30th July 2018 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.
- 5.2 Action list For information only (Attached)

6.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES

6.1 To note the acts and proceedings of the following committee meetings:-

(a) Plans Committees 6th and 28th August 2018

(b) Environment and Leisure Committee 3rd September 2018

(c) General Purposes Committee 20th August 2018

7.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) The Uckfield Town Centre Regeneration Joint Committee (Minutes from last meeting attached)
- (ii) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Attached)
- (iii) Gatwick Airport Consultation Group (Nothing to report)

8.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- (i) Civic Centre Working Group (to be reported under confidential business)
- (ii) Dementia Friendly Working Group Uckfield Dementia Forum (Attached)
- (iii) Uckfield Events Working Group Celebrate (Attached)
- 9.0 TO CONSIDER A MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR D. MANVELL (Attached)
- **10.0 TO CONSIDER A MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR P. SPARKS** (Attached)
- 11.0 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT WEALDEN LOCAL PLAN PROPOSED SUBMISSION (AUGUST 2018)
 (Attached)
- 12.0 TO CONSIDER A NEW PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING SURPLUS LAND TO FORM AN APPENDIX TO THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018-23 (Attached)
- 13.0 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC

(Attached)

14.0 TO NOTE THE MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS (Attached)

15.0 SIGNING OF GRAVE CERTIFICATES AND TO NOTE TRANSFERS OF DEEDS OF GRANT

16.0 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED (Attached)

17.0 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

18.0 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

19.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

To consider whether to **RESOLVE** to exclude the press and public (pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) during consideration of the following confidential business to be conducted:-

19.1 Update on CCTV Installation (Attached)

Town Clerk

4th September 2018

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ACTION LIST – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

FULL COUNCIL

Resolution No.	Details	Date Raised	Actio n By	Date Complete
FC.105.02.17	14.0 To sign and seal the byelaws for Hempstead Meadows Local Nature Reserve and West Park Local Nature Reserve Members RESOLVED to sign and seal the byelaws for Hempstead Meadows and West Park Local Nature Reserves.	20.02.17	CW	The Town Council is still in liaison with DEFRA in regards to the byelaws.
FC.43.07.17	16.1 Update from Civic Centre Working Group Members noted the report and RESOLVED to approve the use of general reserves up to the amount of £5,000, if required, towards rebuilding a new Civic Centre website.	31.07.17	HG/ DN	The new Civic Centre website is now live www.civiccentreuckfield.com The Civic Centre will be taking forward a communication plan to promote the new website and social media accounts. NFA.
FC81.01.18	9.0 To review community safety within Uckfield and updates from Community Warden Schemes elsewhere It was therefore RESOLVED TO: (i) ask how the increase of the PCC precept would be used; (ii) invite the Interim District Commander for Wealden to meet with Uckfield Town Council, and; (iii) request that the Town Clerk investigate the powers that a community warden would have if they became accredited.	15.01.18	HG	In progress.

Resolution No.	<u>Details</u>	Date Raised	Acti on By	Date Complete
FC95.02.18	9.0 To consider the Draft Asset Management Plan for 2018/23 It was therefore RESOLVED to: (a) note the contents of the draft Asset Management Plan; (b) adopt the Asset Management Plan as a key strategic document which sits alongside the Budget and Strategic Plan; (c) give authorization for the Town Clerk to proceed with the recommended next steps listed in 1.6 and obtain external support from Pyxis Consulting to help with developing a key procedure for declaring assets surplus.	26.02.18	HG	A draft procedure is being presented to Full Council in September 2018.
FC.107.04.18	9.0 To consider a motion submitted by Councillor Paul Sparks It was therefore RESOLVED to accept the motion with the following additions: "It is widely accepted that plastics cause great environmental damage. In view of this, Uckfield Town Council will commence a process of undertaking an audit on current usage of single use plastics and exploring alternatives with the aim of becoming a plastic free Town Council by the end of 2018. This audit will cover all areas of the Town Council including the Civic Centre and events organised by the Town Council. The Town Clerk is requested to investigate the cost implications of using alternatives as part of this process. It is envisaged that this will be a catalyst to make Uckfield a plastic free Town working with the Chamber of Commerce and other local bodies."	09.04.18	HG	An update is being presented to Full Council in September 2018.
FC35.07.18	10.0 To note the consultation for proposed parking and waiting restrictions for Uckfield High Street (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) Members RESOLVED to: (i) note the areas incorporated in the proposed parking and waiting restrictions; (ii) agree to support the introduction of these parking and waiting restrictions, and forthcoming consultation; (iii) that clarification be sought regarding the areas of parking near to Southview Drive and outside Mojava/Fish & Chip Shop	30.07.18	HG	Feedback has been provided to East Sussex Highways. NFA

Resolution No.	<u>Details</u>	Date Raised	Actio n By	Date Complete
FC37.07.18	14.0 To note the end of year statement of Community Infrastructure Levy Funding for 2017/18 Members RESOLVED to: (i) note the income received in 2017/18 through Community Infrastructure Levy funding; (ii) consider potential projects that this funding could contribute towards and to bring those ideas to the informal business planning workshop, in September.	30.07.18	Mem bers	Members have been asked to consider potential new initiatives for the informal business planning workshop in September.
FC40.07.18	17.0 To sign and seal the licence for a temporary access between Victoria Pleasure Ground and St. Philips Catholic Primary School Members RESOLVED to: (i) request that alterations be made to the draft temporary licence agreement to reflect the points made regarding the school and Church, and end of the day; (ii) request that contact be made with the local planning authority to find out what the developers were required to provide in terms of a suitable and safe route of access for schoolchildren to the primary school.	30.07.18	CW/ HG	This matter is currently with the Town Council's solicitors.
FC42.07.18	20.0 Questions by members previously notified Following some discussion, 13 members voted in favour and 1 abstained to the proposal that a letter be written to the Leader of Wealden District Council requesting greater parish engagement and for encouragement to be given to District Councillors to attend Parish and Town Council meetings.	30.07.18	HG	Letter sent this week. NFA







Minutes of meeting of the UCKFIELD TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION JOINT COMMITTEE held on Wednesday, 11 July, 2018 in Council Chamber, Uckfield Town Council, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1AE (2.00 p.m. to 2.22 p.m.)

PRESENT: Councillor R Galley (Chairman), Councillor C Dowling (Deputy Chairman), Councillors L Eastwood, H Firth, Cllr Rupert Simmons and D Ward.

Also present: Councillors K Everett, D French and I Smith.

In attendance were the Clerk to Uckfield Town Council (H Goring), Uckfield Town Centre Regeneration Programme Support Manager (P Griggs), Children's Services Client Manager (S Hambrook), Director of Planning Policy & Economic Development (N Hannam), Democratic Services Officer (S Lawrence) and Head of Development Projects and Building Control (K Williams).

18/10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Given it was anticipated that this would be the last meeting of the Joint Committee for some time, it was proposed that the outgoing Chairman and Deputy Chairman be re-appointed.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That Councillor Roy Galley be appointed as Chairman for 2018/19; and
- 2. That Councillor Claire Dowling be Deputy Chairman for 2018/19.

18/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting

18/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

18/13 HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BOARD - ORAL UPDATE

Nigel Hannam (Director for Planning Policy and Economic Development, WDC) read out a statement from Chris Tree of East Sussex County Council following on from the recent meeting of the Highways Improvement Project Board.

The statement advised that in relation to stage 2 works, the snagging works and items identified in the post completion Road Safety Audit had been completed. The legal process associated with introducing the 20 mph speed limit was complete, and the electrical connections associated with the terminal signs

were programmed for the end of July. The terminal and repeater signs plus the red surfacing would be introduced by the end of August. It was confirmed that the Traffic Regulation Order would be sealed once all the works were complete and this would make the speed limit legally enforceable.

In relation to the parking restrictions in the High Street, the statement confirmed that the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order associated with the parking restrictions in the High Street would be advertised in September 2018 for a period of 6 months. During this period representations could be made about the proposed restrictions. These would be considered as appropriate and any amendments to the scheme would need to be advertised for a further six months before a final decision was made about whether to make the Order permanent.

In relation to Stage 3, it was confirmed that the design works associated with the bus station/hub was currently being progressed by East Sussex Highways in liaison with the Highways Improvement Project Board and the main bus operator. The introduction of a toilet facility in the vicinity of the bus station was being investigated. Once the preliminary design safety audit process has been completed East Sussex Highways would be liaising with the organisations that make up the transport hub working group.

Finally, in relation to Phase 4 of the town centre improvement scheme, this would build on the investment on the first three phases and would seek to address issues into and along the access corridors leading into the town centre. The design work to identify transport improvements along the corridors would be progressed in the following order:

- London Road/ High Street
- Church Street
- Bell Farm Road
- Ridgewood
- Framfield Road

The traffic and pedestrian surveys being undertaken to help inform the design work were now complete and the data was being validated.

Councillor Eastwood highlighted that the works carried out to the Town Square had been carried out to a very high standard and she thanked everyone who had been involved. Kelvin Williams (Head of Development Projects and Building Control, WDC) advised that this project had been jointly funded from \$106 contributions and by the land owner.

Councillor Dowling commented that the use of the York Stone and the quality of the work had been excellent in stages 1 and 2, and it was important that the same quality and materials were used in stage 3 and 4. It was agreed that this be raised at the next meeting of the Highways Improvement Project Board.

RESOLVED

- 1. The update from the Highways Improvement Project Board be noted; and
- The Project Board be informed of the importance to the Joint Committee that the same materials, including the use of York Stone, and the same quality of finish be employed for stages 3 and 4, as was used in stages 1 and 2 of the project.

18/14 UCKFIELD TOWN CENTRE RE-INVESTMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Kelvin Williams (Head of Development Projects and Building Control, WDC) presented the report setting out an update on the re-investment project, which showed that it was not possible to progress the project further at this stage.

It was noted that the current retail market was such that there was a lack of significant expansion plans by the major supermarkets and retailers to invest in the town in a way which could support a major re-investment. In addition, the quantum of housing proposed in the draft local plan was also insufficient to trigger such a regeneration.

In relation to a potential move of Holy Cross School, it was confirmed that East Sussex County Council was not in the position to support any scheme to move the school without a business case showing a substantial benefit, and which would not require cash input, and given the market position it was unlikely at this point. Sean Hambrook (Children's Services Client Manager, ESCC) highlighted that this was a very good performing school and had recently received Diocese investment and he could give parents wanting to select this school for their children certainty that there would be no changes in the near future, probably not until the mid-2020s. The County Council would look at it again when the need for primary school places to serve the new Welbeck development arises.

Councillor Dowling expressed her disappointment for the Town that it was not possible to progress a re-investment project at this point due to market conditions, but was pleased with the investment and changes that had been able to be achieved in the town centre to date in terms of highways and public realm improvements and those planned through the stages 3 and 4.

Kelvin Williams advised that there were 70 units allocated in the draft local plan. These schemes would result in development contributions which would allow for other public realm projects to be progressed in due course.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To ask Wealden District Council, through the Director of Planning Policy and Economic Development, to keep the potential to redevelop and regenerate Uckfield town centre under review:
- 2. To hold in abeyance any further Joint Committee meetings until the prospects for the viability of the project improves through an increase in the high street retail environment or sufficient increased housing numbers can be allocated to Uckfield town centre; and
- 3. To ask Wealden District Council, through the Director of Planning Policy and Economic Development, to arrange for the £16,000 remaining from the partner contributions made in 2014/15, to continue to be held ready for when the project resumes.

18/15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

1. A question was asked on the funding for stages 3 and 4 of the highways and public realm improvements. Kelvin Williams advised that the Section 106

- contributions had been drawn down by the County Council in respect of Stages 1, 2 and 3, and that contributions were available to be transferred for Stage 4 at the appropriate time. In addition, there could be further contributions received from the Mallards Drive Development.
- 2. Councillor French asked when the results of the traffic surveys for stage 4 would be available. It was agreed that County Highways Team would be requested to respond to members of the Joint Committee on this question.

18/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be identified in the future as and when required.

Councillor R Galley Chairman

Meeting of Full Council

Monday 10th September 2018

Agenda Item 7.0 (ii)

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group last met on Thursday 26th July 2018. At this meeting the group reviewed in detail, the reports created which support the draft policies by theme – Environment & Health, Local Economy, Infrastructure & Recreation and Transport & Access. These reports bring together all the key information and evidence to build a case for creating a specific policy.

Work has commenced on producing two further reports: the Character Assessment of Uckfield and the Local Green Spaces report. The Character Assessment pulls together a summary of a number of areas across the town and presents information on the setting, landuse, layout, vehicular and pedestrian routes, key spaces, building styles, landmarks, natural features and views into and out of these areas. The other main report is that of 'Local Green Spaces.' Any spaces listed in the 'local green spaces report' would be designated to protect them. There were three key criteria that had to be assessed for each green space:

- (1) Close proximity to community;
- (2) Demonstrably special to the local community (by beauty, history, recreation, tranquility and wildlife) although it was added that there needed to be a strong case and evidence available:
- (3) Extensive tract of land if the site was extensive it could not be included in the list.

A meeting was then held, with a representative of Action in Rural Sussex to fine tune the work that has been undertaken to date, to ensure that it meets the structure and requirements recommended for developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The draft reports will be circulated to steering group members and reviewed shortly.

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Agenda Item 8.0 (ii)

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM FULL COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS: 'UCKFIELD DEMENTIA FORUM'

The next meeting of the Uckfield Dementia Forum will take place on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 1.30pm, at Hurstwood View Care Home in Five Ash Down.

At the meeting, forum members will get chance to see the facilities offered by Hurstwood View. The Forum is also due to receive a presentation from the Alzheimer's Society, to hear about the 'Time for Dementia' Educational Programme.

The programme provides undergraduate healthcare professionals with on-going, regular contact with a person with dementia and their carer.

Funded by Health Education Kent, Sussex and Surrey, Time for Dementia in now embedded as a mandatory part of the curriculum for first year nursing and paramedic students at University of Surrey and for second year medical students at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS).

Prior to the meeting, an action plan would also be pulled together for the group to agree and work on, in the next 12 months.

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Agenda Item 8.0 (iii)

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM FULL COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS: 'EVENTS WORKING GROUP - CELEBRATE'

Well what a fantastic day! This year's Weald on the Field was another great success and saw people enjoy the tasty food and drink and great mix of entertainment that was on offer, on a lovely sunny day.

Big thank you's were provided online by the Town Council to those involved to make the day happen but to formally say thank you, please find a copy of this below:

"Wow so where do we begin...so many people involved in yesterday's #wealdonthefield event in Uckfield...thank you for your help and support!

Special thank you's go to local companies Duke Letting & Property Management, Uckfield FM, Uckfield Matters, Magnet Publications, Friday Ad and local printers, Print Matters for assisting us with our advertising and promotion of the event and a special thanks to Uckfield FM for your updates live on the radio throughout the day and keeping everyone updated on the music line-up and goings on!

To our events management specialists Just AGB Event Services who provided First Aid on the day and Dragon Event Services who provided security, generator support and ran two bouncy castles for the little uns!

We worked with fab local companies Truloo Event Hire and Southern Events to get in the essential main marquee and toilets, and Sussex Party Bales TM to provide you with hay bale seating on the day! The Bulletstage - Airstream Mobile Stage is a fab addition to the event providing you with a retro style stage to showcase all the fabulous musicians and acts that appeared! To C J Thorne & Co Ltd for lending us a number of heras fencing panels! To Uckfield & District Lions Club and the local Macmillan Group for letting us borrow your tents, to the Uckfield Grasshoppers JFC for lending us some very large cool boxes! To the Belmont Centre Holy Cross Church Uckfield for the use of some of your chairs and to the Luxfords Centre for the use of some of your tables!

Thank you goes to our Grounds staff who helped prepare the field on Friday morning, to Brighter Uckfield who did a sterling job on the day and supported us with regular litter picks to keep the field tidy, to Parker Building Supplies for providing us with sacks to dot about the field and to local waste contractors from which we hired three large green bins to fill!

A big thank you goes to Network Rail and APCOA for proving free parking in Uckfield's station car park all day yesterday and to the 2530 Air Training Corps squadron from Uckfield who helped to marshal the event and adjacent car parks. They did a fab job in very hot weather, thank you.

To our main sponsors on the day who played a big part... Uckfield Chamber of Commerce, CPJ Field, EMC Uckfield, Richard Green Funeral Services, Back on Track Injury Clinic, Uckfield Garage and the fab support of the Tesco's Bags for Help scheme.

And not forgetting the organisers who worked hard from early til late from Uckfield Town Council, Food Rocks, Wealden District Council and Uckfield Chamber of Commerce and brought it all together and made it happen!!

Well done everyone!

I hope you're having a well-deserved rest today, possibly in the shade!!

Posts to follow to give you insight into the music, food and drink stalls in case you want to look them up and see where they're heading to next!

A special thank you must go to our helpers on the day, which included people from the Air Cadets, Brighter Uckfield, Chamber of Commerce, Food Rocks, High Street Traders, Uckfield FM and Wealden District Council. Your time and dedication was much appreciated!

The working group held a de-brief meeting on Tuesday 21st August 2018, to review the practicalities of the day, what worked well and what could be improved for next time.

Work is now underway to start advertising the next key event in the diary – Uckfield Revival - the Classic Vehicle Parade on Saturday 6th October 2018.

Classic Vehicles have been asked to gather at the Highlands Inn from 9.30am, with plans for the vehicle parade to start at 10.15am, then travel through the town and into Luxfords Field, where vehicles will park up on display and there will be a range of stalls and refreshments on offer.

Meeting of the Full Council

Monday 10th September 2018

Agenda Item No. 9.0

TO CONSIDER A MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR D. MANVELL

1.0 Summary

1.1 The report sets out the motion submitted by Councillor Dan Manvell in accordance with the Town Council's Standing Orders.

2.0 The motion for consideration

- 2.1 Cllr. Manvell has given written notice of the following motion which was received on the 27th August 2018. He noted that with recent stories in the Press he would like to propose the following motion to the next Full Council meeting:
 - "Antisemitism is a scourge on society and recent media reports suggest that this pernicious sort of discrimination is on the rise. While we haven't had reports of this nature in Uckfield, Jewish people living in Uckfield and across Wealden should feel safe and protected against antisemitism. To this end, it is proposed that Uckfield Town Council adopts the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism in full, with all of its examples. A total of 31 countries have adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism, as well as more than 130 UK local councils, the police, the Crown Prosecution Service and the judiciary"
- 2.2 In accordance with the Plenary in Bucharest, a non-legally binding definition was produced for the term Antisemitism:

 Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.

 Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.
- 2.3 A report highlighting this definition and some examples of antisemitism in public life can be found at this weblink:

 https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/press_release_document_antisemitism.pdf

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to consider the above motion, and advise the Clerk accordingly.

Contact Officer Holly Goring

Meeting of the Full Council

Monday 10th September 2018

Agenda Item No. 10.0

TO CONSIDER A MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR P. SPARKS

1.0 Summary

1.1 The report sets out the motion submitted by Councillor Paul Sparks in accordance with the Town Council's Standing Orders.

2.0 The motion for consideration

2.1 Cllr. Sparks has given written notice of the following motion which was received on the 27th August 2018.

"Uckfield Town Council supports changes to by-laws that makes parking of vehicles on pavements illegal. London is the only area of the Country where the by-laws state that vehicles " must not " park on pavements whereas ours state " should not " and as such the police will not enforce it as this is only advisory and not illegal."

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to consider the above motion, and advise the Clerk accordingly.

Contact Officer Holly Goring

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Agenda Item 14.0

TO NOTE THE MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The report sets out the engagements of the Town Mayor.

Weald on the Field Event

AFC Uckfield Football Fixture (1st home game of season)

Judging of photographs for calendar competition

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4 august F AFC Uckfield Football FA Cup Fixture **Uckfield Theatre Guild Youth Event**

Drop In/Bus surgery at Uckfield Railway Station

Judging Fancy Dress Competition Uckfield Carnival and evening

parade

TO NOTE THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

4th August Weald on the Field event
11th August AFC Uckfield Football Fixture (1st home game of season)
25th August AFC Uckfield Football FA Cup fixture

Councillor S. Mayhew **Town Mayor**