



Minutes of a meeting of the Plans Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.00pm

Cllr. D. Bennett (Chairman)
Cllr. J. Beesley

Cllr. D. French
Cllr. S. Mayhew

Cllr. J. Love.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

1 member of the press
3 members of the public
Cllr. I. Smith
Holly Goring – Town Clerk
Linda Lewis – Administrative Officer
Minutes taken by Linda Lewis

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.

Holly Goring addressed the committee and those present to explain the Town Council's position regarding commenting on the Ridgewood Village Hall application as the Town Council actually owned the building which it leases to The Ridgewood Village Hall Management Committee. She explained because of this the Town Council had sought advice from the planning officer. The advice received was that as long members had no declaration of a 'personal interest' then they were able to comment on the application and the declaration of interest under the code of conduct would not come into play as the proposals would be of benefit to the 'Town Council' and not to them as individuals.

It was pointed out the Cllr. Beesley has recently become the Town Council's representative to the Ridgewood Village Hall Committee but that, as yet, he had not attended any of their meetings. The Clerk therefore considered that he need not declare an interest at this time.

Holly Goring then left the meeting.

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

P03.05.18 It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak. Karen Bedwell, Chair of the Ridgewood Village Hall Committee spoke in support of application WD/2018/0683/F Ridgewood Village Hall, New Road, Ridgewood TN22 5TG. She had provided the committee with a report regarding the need for the extension and the proposals for works. She explained that Uckfield's growing population is challenging the current infrastructure. She stated that it was necessary to bring the facility up to the 21st century in order that it continue to be a pivotal community amenity, able to provide for Uckfield into the future, particularly in the area that serves Ridgewood with the coming of the housing development of 1000 homes. She explained that Ridgewood Village Hall is a registered charity and that the management committee had raised the funds for this project. Mrs Bedwell described the improvements that were required to the building and how this would benefit the users of the hall and the community. She explained that by extending out on the east wall the extension would not have any

adverse effect to the houses to the rear with regards to light or views and that consideration had been given to soften the current austere brick building by choosing a wood clad and to plant shrubs and bushes.

Mrs Bedwell concluded that these plans had been drawn up after long and hard consideration and it was hoped that they would be supported so that the facility would work for the community for many years to come.

P04.05.18 It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate standing orders.

3.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Macve.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held 24th April 2018

P05.05.18 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Plans Committee of the 24th April 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/2018/0760/F 4 WOODLANDS CLOSE, UCKFIELD TN22 1TS

Erection of single storey utility room extension and single storey replacement extension.

P06.05.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

WD/2018/0683/F RIDGEWOOD VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD, RIDGEWOOD TN22 5TG

Proposed extension and internal alterations.

P07.05.18 It was **RESOLVED** to support the application which would give the facility much needed improvement.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Approved:

WD/2018/0527/F	33 MANOR WAY, UCKFIELD TN22 1DF
WD/2018/0526/F	35 MANOR WAY, UCKFIELD TN22 1DF
WD/2018/0284/FR	85 ROCKS PARK ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 2BD
WD/2018/0150/F	71 AND 73 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AP
WD/2018/0151/AN	71 AND 73 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AP
WD/2018/0326/AI	SUITE 4, BELL WALK HOUSE, BELL WALK, TN22 5DQ
WD/2018/0362/F	15 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AG
WD/2018/0363/AI	15 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AG

Refused:

WD/2018/0471/F	71 BAXENDALE WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 5GB
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Response to Town Council:

WD/2018/0284/FR 85 ROCKS PARK ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 2BD
The application has been amended from the original application and driveway reduced in height to mitigate impact to the neighbours. The reduction in height brings the driveway down to 300mm from the height of the existing driveway. It is considered that the amendments made here are an improvement to the original scheme which was for a driveway 457mm from the existing driveway.

Members noted the decision notices.

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.