



Minutes of a meeting of the Plans Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Cllr. D. French (Chairman)
Cllr. B. Cox
Cllr. J. Love

Cllr. J. Beesley
Cllr: S. Mayhew

IN ATTENDANCE: -

Minutes taken by Cllr. J. Beesley

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, but none were forthcoming.

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

None received.

3.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Macve and D. Bennett.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2019

P43.11.19 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Plans Committee of the 21st October 2019, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Action List – none.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/2019/2131/F UNIT 7 BELL LANE, BELLBROOK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TN22 1QL

Proposed change of use from B8 and A1 to B2 (automotive repair and MOT centre).

P44.11.19 It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Members felt it was good to see a local business expand and make use of vacant premises.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Approved:

WD/2019/0872/LB THE MANOR HOUSE, REGENCY CLOSE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1DS

WD/2019/0197/LB 91A HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1RJ

WD/2017/1734/LBR 97-99 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1RJ

WD/2019/1891/F 29 RINGLES CROSS, UCKFIELD, TN22 1HG

WD/2019/1841/F 52 BROWNS LANE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1UF

Refused:

WD/2019/1637/F OLIVES YARD, MALTMEAD COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, TN22 1QP

Response to Town Council:

WD/2019/1637/F OLIVES YARD, MALTMEAD COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, TN22 1QP

Whilst the site is located within the defined development boundary for Uckfield and is in a sustainable location, the proposal represents an overdevelopment of a restricted backland site, and appears as an attempt to introduce a total of two houses onto a site that is simply not big enough to accommodate development of this scale. The contrived parking arrangements add to this cramped characteristic. In terms of providing an additional dwelling, the proposal would provide only one additional unit and benefits of a social, economic and environmental nature are thus very limited, and do not outweigh the harm identified to the character of the immediate area. The proposal therefore conflicts with the Councils approved policies and the NPPF.

WD/2019/0197/LB 91A HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1RJ

The site was previously two cottages, and only became hotel accommodation in the recent past. It is not a particularly established accommodation for tourism use, and is currently vacant. The emerging Local Plan 2019 does not contain specific tourism policies to retain tourism accommodation within built-up areas, and as such, there is no policy presumption against the proposal.

Members noted the decision notices.

The meeting closed at 7.04pm.