



Minutes of a meeting of the Plans Committee held on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm  
REMOTE MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

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

Cllr. S. Mayhew  
Cllr. C. Macve

Cllr. B. Cox

**IN ATTENDANCE:** -

1 member of the public  
1 member of the press – recording  
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, but none were forthcoming.

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

None.

**3.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. K. Bedwell and J. Beesley.

**4.0 MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

**P48.04.21** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Plans Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Action List

Members noted no change to the action list.

**5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**WD/2020/2112/F LAND ADJOINING 10 BROWNS PATH, UCKFIELD, TN22 1LH**

Proposed new dwelling.

**P49.04.21** It was **RESOLVED** to **strongly object** to the application on the following grounds:

- Although it was noted the design build was smaller than the previous application, it was maintained that the size of the build would be tight within the size of the plot;
- Infilling would be detrimental to the open plan design and layout on the Manor Park Estate to which Uckfield Town Council have always been opposed;
- The proposed dwelling would detrimentally affect the street scene, traffic flows and parking;
- We would support the comments of objection made by the Tree and Landscape Officer of Wealden District Council, which state that the

development would present an unsustainable relationship between retained and TPO trees contrary to WDC saved policy EN12.

**WD/2021/0203/P04 HEMPSTEAD FARM, HEMPSTEAD LANE, UCKFIELD, TN22 3DL**

Change of use of agricultural barn to 2no. 4-bedroom larger dwelling houses.

**P50.04.21** It was **RESOLVED** to **object** to the application on the following grounds:

- Access to the site, being a very narrow lane, would not be suitable for construction traffic nor would it be suitable for any additional private vehicular movements. It is also a popular lane for walkers, used to access Sandy Lane and the introduction of vehicular movements on such a narrow lane would be a danger to pedestrians.
- The Change of use from agricultural to residential would set a precedent for further residential development.
- Concerns that the loss of use of the agricultural structure would make the surrounding fields and facilities redundant for agricultural use in the future.

A member also drew attention to the fact that the owners of Hempstead Oast stated that the boundaries within the application were incorrect and this would be something that needed to be checked.

It was also noted that when Sussex Horse Rescue had in the past wanted to work on the barns, they had to follow very strict guidelines. A member subsequently queried whether the barn was listed.

## **6.0 DECISION NOTICES**

### **Approved:**

WD/2020/1244/MAJ PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR ELECTRIC FORECOURT®, COMPRISING 24 CORE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS, A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FARM OF UP TO 5.5MW AND ENERGY STORAGE. THE HUB BUILDING WILL CONTAIN A MIX OF ANCILLARY DWELL FACILITIES INCLUDING WCS, COFFEE SHOP, RETAIL, SEATING AREA, MEETING ROOMS/ WORKSPACE AND A DISPLAY AREA. PROVISION OF CAR PARKING, HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING AND ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS OFF THE COPWOOD ROUNDABOUT. DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH. LAND SOUTH OF COPWOOD FARM AND TO THE WEST OF THE A22 UCKFIELD BYPASS, UCKFIELD TN22 3PT

### **Appealed – Dismissed:**

WD/2019/2691/F - 52 BROWNS LANE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1UF  
WD/2020/0277/F - 66 TOWER RIDE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1NU

### **Appealed – Allowed:**

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

Members noted the decision notices.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.