

## UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



### Minutes of a meeting of the Plans Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm

Cllr. K. Bedwell (Chairman)  
Cllr. J. Love  
Cllrs. S. Mayhew

Cllr. D. Bennett  
Cllr. B. Cox

Cllr. C. Macve  
Cllr J. Beesley

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:** -

Linda Lewis – Administrative Officer  
Minutes taken by Linda Lewis  
Cllr. D. French  
Cllr. P. Sparks (19.05pm)

#### **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. Under item 5.0 Planning Applications; Cllr J. Beesley declared a personal interest in application WD/2021/0912/F 58 Streatfield Road, Uckfield, TN22 2BQ, as he is a family friend of the applicant.

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

No members of the public were present.

#### **3.0 APOLOGIES**

None.

#### **4.0 MINUTES**

##### 4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**P56.05.21** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Plans Committee meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

##### 4.2 Action List

Members noted the two items on the Action List, which the Town Clerk is to follow up.

#### **5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr. J. Beeley reiterated his personal interest in application WD/2021/0912/F 58 Streatfield Road and therefore he took no part in the discussion or the decision, although he remained in the meeting.

##### **WD/2021/0912/F 58 STREATFIELD ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 2BQ**

Conversion of existing garage / utility to beauty salon.

**P57.05.21** It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. The committee were pleased to see a new business start-up.

A member also commented that they were impressed that the applicant was registering the premises as a business.

**WD/2021/0826/F 3 SPRING MEADOWS, UCKFIELD, TN22 1FB**

Rear ground floor extension. Conversion of roof void with rear dormer. Extend brick paving to front boundary.

**P58.05.21** It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as there would be no adverse effect to neighbours and there were similar extensions to other properties in the vicinity.

It was proposed that the following applications were taken together, which was agreed by the Chairman.

**WD/2021/0944/AI 1 BELL WALK, UCKFIELD, TN22 5DQ**

Internally illuminated fascia signage and an internally illuminated projecting sign.

**WD/2021/0561/F 1 BELL WALK, UCKFIELD, TN22 5DQ**

Change of use of ground floor commercial premises from betting shop (sui generis use) to a hot food takeaway (sui generis use) and associated installation of extraction system and replacement shopfront.

**P59.05.21** It was **RESOLVED** to support both applications and members commented that they were pleased to see another business coming into the town.

A member spoke of concerns that the vents of the extraction system appeared to come up to the dormer window of the adjoining building (Anytime Fitness) and another mentioned concerns of the smell to residential dwellings.

It was noted that there were no comments of objection from occupants of neighbouring premises.

Another member stated that it speaks highly of the town that vacant premises are being quickly taken up by go-ahead businesses, although another suggested it may be influenced by the housing development coming to the town.

Members also referenced the concerns on social media regarding anti-social behaviour but noted this was not a planning reason to object.

**WD/2021/0298/FA THE SEED HOUSE, BELL LANE, UCKFIELD, TN22 5DQ**

Variation of conditions 7, 8 and 11 of WD/2017/1973/F (change of use of the ground floor from Class A1 (shops) use to Class A1 (shops), Sui Generis (veterinary practice) and Class C3 (dwelling-houses) to create a residential access. Change of use of the first floor and part ground floor from Class A1 (shops) to Class C3 (residential) use and a side and rear extension to Seed House, along with associated refuse and cycle parking spaces) involving a relocation of the parking spaces and alterations to the cycle store, an amended arrangement of doors and windows, an increase in floorspace and other alterations.

**P60.05.21** It was **RESOLVED** to support the application for variations of the conditions 7, 8 and 11 of WD/2017/1973/F, although members wished to reference the Town Council's original objection to the application which were WD/2017/1973/F:  
*Uckfield Town Council object to the change of use of the first floor and part ground floor from class A1(shops) to class C3 (residential), as we would not want to lose valuable retail space in this central location. Members also strongly object to residential use as this area is highly liable to flooding.*

**6.0 DECISION NOTICES**

None.

The meeting closed at 7.21pm.