



Minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 26 January 2026 at 7.00pm

Cllr. J. Love (Chair)
Cllr. K. Bedwell
Cllr. P. Selby

Cllr. C. Macve
Cllr. K. Butler

Cllr. S. Mayhew
Cllr. D. Bennett

IN ATTENDANCE:

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 interest 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

None.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2026

P88.01.26 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Plans Committee of the 5 January 2026, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4.2 Action List

Members noted the Action List and all items were to remain at this time.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**WD/2025/2871/FA FASTENER HOUSE, BOLTON CLOSE, BELLBROOK INDUSTRIAL
ESTATE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1QW**

Variation of condition 2 of WD/2024/0298/F (2.6metre high security fence and gates).
change fence layout for reasons of practicality and compliance.

P89.01.26 It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Members commented that it was good to see a company of this size based in Uckfield and due to expand.

WD/2026/0005/F 1 FRAMFIELD GATE, FRAMFIELD ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 5FR

Removal of the glazed conservatory structure, extend the conservatory and raise in brickwork to match with a new tiled roof.

P90.01.26 It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as no impact would be caused to any other property and there were no planning reasons to object.

WD/2026/0008/LBR REDTILES, HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1EH

Installation of solid fuel burning stove within inglenook fireplace of sitting room and installation of flue terminal to chimney pot (Retrospective), removal of damp proofing plaster to one wall within the sitting room cupboard and application of lime plaster.

P91.01.26 It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as long as it met the approval of the Conservation Officer.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Approved:

WD/2025/2356/F

EXTENSION TO THE REAR FIRST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLOORSPACE TO HEALTH CLUB ALONG WITH STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS AND PARKING RETAINED BELOW
ISENHURST HEALTH CLUB, UNIT 8, BELL LANE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1QL

WD/2025/2309/F

INSTALLATION OF DOOR AND ERECTION OF AN EXTERNAL STAIRCASE ALONG WITH CYCLE AND REFUSE STORAGE STRUCTURES
49 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AN

WD/2025/2508/F

RE-SITING OF 2M HIGH BOUNDARY FENCE
26 SYCAMORE COURT, UCKFIELD, TN22 1TY

WD/2025/2794/F

SINGLE STOREY REAR FLAT ROOF EXTENSION
71 BAXENDALE WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 5GB

WD/2025/2477/MFA

VARIATION OF CONDITION 31 OF WD/2022/1303/MAJ (PHASED DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 9 NO. DWELLINGS, ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) TO ENABLE PLOTS 3 & 4 TO BE AMENDED FROM A PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES TO 2 NO. DETACHED HOUSES AND SEPARATION OF GARAGES SERVING PLOTS 7 & 8.

RIDGEWOOD HOUSE, LEWES ROAD, RIDGEWOOD, UCKFIELD, TN22 5SN

Members noted the decision notices.

7.0 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TM/2025/0345/TPO

OAK TREE (TOAK1) IN BACK GARDEN LESS THAN 5 METRES FROM REAR OF THE HOUSE, WITH THE MAIN WASTE PIPE RUNNING BETWEEN THE TREE AND HOUSE.
36 FORGE RISE, UCKFIELD, TN22 5BU

A member circulated an annotated drawing of the row of trees along the boundary and commented that if/when the boundary line was built upon, there would be even more of a need for these trees, which were an important landscape feature.

Members further commented that the oak would have been there before the house was built and as the species was slow growing it was likely that it had not increased in size greatly.

One member read facts regarding the oak tree species: -

Living in an oak tree there were typically 1, 700 types of invertebrates and 57 types of fungus, some of which only lived in oak trees;

An oak would take up approximately 100 gallons of water per day.

Members felt that from an environmental point of view the tree should not be cut down, especially as it was in an important position which helped with absorption of rainwater run off from the estate.

Members were not averse to some reduction only in accordance with the tree officer.

P92.01.26 It was **RESOLVED** to object to the removal of the oak on the following grounds: -

- The oak was an important landscape feature;
- Concerns for the loss of habitats that the tree supported;

- The oak was validated to be retained when the estate was built. The species was slow growing and likely would not have increased greatly in size since the estate was built;
- Due to the oak tree's substantial capacity to absorb surface runoff, it served as a critical element in local flood mitigation from the estate; a mature specimen was capable of taking up no less than 50 gallons (approximately 500 litres) of water per day.
- Members understood that the tree was otherwise healthy and not dying or dangerous.

The meeting closed at 7.19pm.