

- 147/18 1. **Chairman’s opening remarks:** David Caswell provided a summary of progress to date. He asked that community groups should continue to send any priorities for the refreshed Neighbourhood Plan. The Council have updated their standing orders to allow new committee members who are not specifically members of community groups to be part of the committee.

Action for Clerk – include content to reflect change in Standing Orders in the next Newsletter.

- 148/18 2. **Attendance Register**
Present: David Caswell (Chair & Uppingham Town Council), Margaret Simpson (Beeches Residents Association), Ron Simpson (Uppingham Town Council), Pat Taylor (Limes, Firs & Spurs Residents Association & Methodist Church), Sharon Aumais (The Uppingham Partnership and 1st Uppingham Scouts) Richard Reeve (Uppingham Town Council), David Ainslie (Uppingham Town Council), Kath Gilbert (Uppingham Business Forum), Marc Oxley (The Uppingham Partnership), Miranda Jones (Uppingham Town Council) and Jane Lang (Uppingham Business Forum).

In the public gallery: Mr. G Thompson

Apologies for Absence – Phil Wignell, Howard Thompson (Limes, Firs & Spurs Residents Association), Ryan Breslin (Uppingham School), Pam Dalby (Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum), Stephen Taylor (Uppingham School), and Edward Baines (Uppingham First) Chris Merricks (Leighfield School) - these were noted. Janet Thompson of Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum will be attending but will arrive later.

- 149/18 3. **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation:** None.

- 150/18 4. **To confirm the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on 28th March 2018.**
Resolution: Minutes recommended to be approved. Proposed by David Caswell, seconded by Miranda Jones, 10 in favour and 1 abstention.

- 151/18 5. **Democratic 15 minutes – an opportunity for the public to speak.**
No statements made.

- 152/18 6. **Consider any feedback and possible next steps following receipt of the report from OPUN East Midlands**
Resolution: Proposed by David Ainslie that Committee recommends to full council that the OPUN East Midlands Report is made publicly available and is specifically issued to ward councillors and Rutland County Council staff. We also recommend that the Clerk is authorized to commence the necessary background work to scope and investigate funding for the 8 evidence requirements recommended. Seconded by Ron Simpson and unanimously agreed.

7.46pm Christine Edwards (Uppingham Town Council) and Janet Thompson joined the meeting.

- 153/18 7. **Consider a paper recently put before Uppingham Town Council relating to the terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee which Council have asked for the committee’s feedback.**

Resolution: Proposed by David Ainslie that committee wishes to remain part of Uppingham Town Council's governance and proposes that the committee be allowed to recommend a Chair to Full Council and to appoint its Deputy Chair. Seconded by Miranda Jones and unanimously agreed.

Proposed by David Ainslie that Edward Baines is nominated as Chair, seconded by Mark Shaw.

Proposed by Marc Oxley that David Casewell is nominated as Chair, seconded by Richard Reeve.

Marc Oxley requested a recorded vote.

Votes for Edward Baines: Mark Shaw, Kath Gilbert, Margaret Simpson, Janet Thompson, Jane Lang, Christine Edwards, Pat Taylor, David Ainslie and Ron Simpson. (9)

Votes for David Casewell: David Casewell, Richard Reeve, Marc Oxley, Sharon Aumais and Miranda Jones. (5)

Outcome: David Casewell asked that Edward Baines goes forward as the nomination for Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to Full Council for consideration.

Resolution: Mark Shaw proposed Ron Simpson as Deputy Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, seconded by David Ainslie. With no other nominations Ron Simpson was appointed Deputy Chair.

8.31pm Marc Oxley left the meeting.

154/18 8. **Neighbourhood Planning Champion Update.**

National revalidation of Neighbourhood Planning Champions and at the moment there are two left in the East Midlands.

The minister has changed again, yesterday £1.67bn has been put forward for to deliver 23,000 affordable homes. It says the funding will go to areas in part for areas of high unaffordability. We could with finding out if RCC will be putting in a bid on behalf of Uppingham and collaborate with them. Clerk to approach RCC.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.