

Minutes of Uppingham Town Council Full Council Meeting, held via Zoom, 7.30pm, Wednesday 2 September 2020 – DRAFT

Present: Stephen Rozak (Chair) David Ainslie, David Casewell, Lindsay Cooper, Liz Clarke, Christine Edwards, Sam Findlay, Miranda Jones, Lucy Lewin, Peter Rees, Richard Reeve, Mark Shaw, Ron Simpson, Cornelius Vincent-Enright.

Also Present; Kellie Sabin, Deputy Clerk and Peter Leppard, Project Officer.

059/20 1 - CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair, Stephen Rozak, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that he had attended the opening of the new children's play area at Tod's Piece along with Rutland High Sheriff Richard Cole and lots of children, who all seemed to enjoy using the new space.

The Chair praised the work of the 'Social Sundays' team who have been running the event throughout August.

Peter Leppard has returned to Uppingham Town Council as Temporary Projects Officer and has put plans in place to reopen the Town Hall.

The Chair reported that as the Clerk is unwell the Deputy Clerk would take the minutes for the meeting.

It was noted that Councillor Alec Crombie has resigned from the Council due to ill health. The Chair offered sincere thanks for all Alec has done during his eight years' service to the town.

It was noted with sadness that Janet Wignall passed away this week and the Chair expressed his deepest sympathy for Phil Wignall and his family at this difficult time.

The Chair requested that item 11 be brought forward and item 16 put back to the end of the meeting. This was agreed.

060/20 2 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

061/20 3 - DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

David Ainslie, David Casewell, Miranda Jones, Ron Simpson, Peter Rees declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

062/20 4 – RECALL OF DECISIONS BY COUNCIL

None

063/20 5 – PUBLIC SPEAKING – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK VIA ZOOM in accordance with Standing Orders 2.3.4-2.3.9

Bee Bell from the Cottesmore Hunt was present to discuss the Hunt meeting in Uppingham Market Place on New Years' Day 2021. Ms Bell stated that since the Hunting Act in 2004, Cottesmore Hunt have operated legally by trail-hunting and noted the need for the event in the town to be safe for the public.

Ward Councillor Marc Oxley requested the recommencement of monthly surgeries in the Members Room at the Town Hall.

- 064/20 6 – TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2020.**
Resolution: Proposed by Sam Findlay seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright that the minutes be received. Unanimously agreed.
- 065/20 7 – CLERK’S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING** – In the Clerk’s absence this item will be discussed at the next Full Council Meeting.
- 066/20 11 – (Item moved forward) TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM THE COTTESMORE HUNT TO HOLD AN EVENT IN THE MARKET PLACE ON NEW YEARS’ DAY 2021.**
Resolution: Richard Reeve proposed to grant permission, subject to compliance with Covid regulations at that time and subject to Uppingham Town Council receiving an Event Plan from the organisers.
 Seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright with 11 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.
- 067/20 8– TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL ISSUES:**
a) TO APPROVE A FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE CLERK to 30 June 2020, 31 July 2020 and 31 August 2020. **Resolution:** It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of Full Council
b) TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT for June 2020, July 2020 and August 2020.
Resolution: Liz Clarke proposed to approve the accounts for payment for June 2020 (£23,920.90), July 2020 (£10,980.41) and August 2020 (£7,963.81). Seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright and unanimously agreed.
c) TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM EMR 319 CIL/S106 of £500 (ex VAT) in respect of payment of fees to Setfords Solicitors as a holding fee for the Market Place toilet project.
Resolution: David Casewell proposed funds be released, seconded by Liz Clarke. 13 in favour and 1 abstention.
- 068/20 9- TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON 24TH JUNE 2020 TO APPROVE REQUESTS FOR GRANT AID AS PER RESOLUTION FGP 10/20.**
Resolution: Stephen Rozak proposed to approve the following requests and amounts for grant aid:
 Rutland Community Ventures £750
 Root and Branch Out £600
 Uppingham Bowls Club £1,000
 Uppingham First £1,050
 Uppingham Town Partnership Events £1,200
 Uppingham Children’s Christmas Party £400
 Uppingham Covid Fund £5,000
 Seconded by Richard Reeve with 9 in favour and 5 abstentions
- 069/20 10 – RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM TEMPORARY PROJECT OFFICER ON THE PROJECT TO RE-OPEN THE TOWN HALL, ITS OFFICES AND SPACES SAFELY.**
 Peter Leppard confirmed that he has contacted the Town Hall hirers and asked them to complete risk assessments before classes and events can recommence. Desks in the Clerk’s office have been moved to allow a safe distance between them and there is now a maximum of two members of staff to work in the office at one time. The Town Hall has been open since Tuesday however most classes will recommence w/c 7 September 2020.

- 070/20 12 – TO CONSIDER HOW TO RESPOND TO THE WHITE PAPERS ON PLANNING CHARGES PUBLISHED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.**
Resolution: David Ainslie proposed to form a working group (David Ainslie, Cornelius Vincent-Enright, David Casewell, Lucy Lewin, Peter Rees, Mark Shaw) to produce suggested answers to the White Paper for consideration by Full Council. Seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright and unanimously agreed.
- 071/20 13 – TO AUTHORISE PRELIMINARY EXPENDITURE AS PER THE REPORT ON THE MARKET PLACE TOILET PROJECT.**
Resolution: Richard Reeve proposed that £2,500 be released from EMR. Seconded by Liz Clarke and unanimously agreed.
- 072/20 14 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT AND CONSIDER THE OPENING DATE TO THE PUBLIC.**
Resolution: Miranda Jones proposed that the community fridge opening date be delegated to Peter Leppard to discuss with Root & Branch. Seconded by Liz Clarke and unanimously agreed.
- 073/20 15 - TO DISCUSS THE FIRE AT UCC AND CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FROM THE SCHOOL FOR ASSISTANCE.**
Resolution: Richard Reeve proposed the item be deferred until the next Full Council meeting. Seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright and unanimously agreed.
- 074/20 17– TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES.**
a) Emergency meeting with Uppingham School. Ron Simpson reported a positive meeting with Uppingham School and Highways regarding the large number of pupils in the town at certain times of day. The school will publish a timetable to inform the community of peak times of pupil movement in town.
b) Covid Group. Liz Clarke reported a bike rack has been installed in the Iron Market and unfortunately a hand sanitiser at Tod’s Piece has been vandalised. **Action:** The Clerk’s office to replace the hand sanitiser and Ron Simpson and Liz Clarke to work together on bike rack signage around the town.
- 075/20 18 – TO CONSIDER ANY CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.**
2020/0870/FUL. PROPOSAL: 1 no proposed storage unit to comprise 10 no. storage containers. Unit 9A Station Road Trading Estate, Station Road, Uppingham Rutland.
Resolution: Proposed by Richard Reeve to support the application, seconded by Christine Edwards. 12 in favour, 2 abstentions.
- 076/20 16 – (item moved down) TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES OF UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL.**
a) Staffing
b) Amenities
c) Planning
Resolutions: Richard Reeve proposed that b) and c) are deferred until the next meeting. Seconded by Christine Edwards and unanimously agreed.

David Ainslie proposed that the Temporary Projects Officer remain for a further four weeks and apply for a grant for NPAG. Seconded by Mark Shaw and unanimously agreed.

Lindsay Cooper proposed the meeting move to a private session at 9.20pm. Seconded by Christine Edwards and unanimously agreed.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 October 2020 to be held remotely via ZOOM.