

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, UPPINGHAM, ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY 2014.

136/14 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS: Proposed by Dave Ainslie, seconded by Peter Rees to suspend standing order(3.i) 'Standing to speak': Unanimously agreed

137/14 ATTENDANCE REGISTER: Cllr's Dave Ainslie (Chair), David Casewell, Lindsay Cooper, Alec Crombie, Christine Edwards, Sam Findlay, Julie Lewis, Peter Rees, Richard Reeve, Ian Salt, Robin Schlich & Ron Simpson.

138/4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Peter Ind & Cornelius Vincent-Enright. Proposed by David Casewell, seconded by Christine Edwards, that these apologies be accepted. Unanimously agreed.

139/14 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION: None

140/14 TO RECEIVE NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TASK GROUP MEETING THURSDAY 10TH JULY 2014: Proposed by David Casewell, seconded by Ron Simpson, that the notes be received. Unanimously agreed.

141/14 TO CONSIDER THE QUEEN ON THE APPLICATION OF LARKFLEET HOMES LIMITED V RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL; TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE TO BE PRESENTED PRIOR TO THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PLANNING COURT IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT BEFORE 25TH JULY 2014:

The referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan had taken place on Thursday 10th July 2014 with a 92% yes vote and electorate turnout of 25.9%.

Dave Ainslie and Ron Simpson had attended a round table discussion at No. 10 Downing Street on Friday 11th July 2014 after which there was an opportunity to discuss the challenge from Larkfleet Homes Ltd with Gareth Bradford, special advisor to David Cameron, who had written the legislation for Neighbourhood Plans.

Prior to these meetings Dave Ainslie and Ron Simpson met with Trevor Griffiths of Sharpe Pritchard and handed over the bundle received from Marrons Shakespeares who are acting on behalf of Larkfleet Homes Ltd. Trevor Griffiths agreed to act on behalf of Uppingham Town Council once council had passed the necessary resolutions.

Proposed by Richard Reeve, seconded by Sam Findlay to endorse the £500 expenditure for preliminary legal advice from Trevor Griffiths of Sharpe and Pritchard and the appointment of that firm to represent the council in this matter. Unanimously agreed.

Proposed by Ron Simpson, seconded by David Casewell, that a protective Judicial Review Acknowledgment of Service be completed on behalf of Uppingham Town Council as an interested party, by Trevor Griffiths of Sharpe Pritchard, as recommended in point 5 of their letter dated 14th July 2014. Unanimously agreed.

Proposed by Dave Ainslie, seconded by Ron Simpson to empower the clerk together with either Dave Ainslie, Alec Crombie or Richard Reeve to spend an initial amount up to the

sum of £5,000 for legal services if required, depending upon developments in this matter and advice from Sharpe Pritchard. Unanimously agreed.

Proposed by Dave Ainslie, seconded by Richard Reeve, that council recognises the strong support from the community via the referendum and plans to take all reasonable steps to uphold the integrity of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Unanimously agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.