



Uppingham Town Council
Town Hall, High Street East,
Uppingham, Rutland. LE15 9PY

Full Council (FC) Minutes recorded on
Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7pm.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr David Ainslie BEM (Chair). Cllr Trevor Colbourne. Cllr Christine Edwards.
Cllr Mark Shaw. Cllr Lindsay Cooper. Cllr Barry Read. Cllr Liz Clarke.
Cllr Barry Hobbs. Cllr Charles Pilcher

Also Present: Mr Adam Lowe (Clerk to the Council) Ms Cynthia Ondeng
Mr Colin Wilkinson (Planit X)

5 members of the public.

7.00pm

FC25/058 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone
The Chairman read out his prepared report. (Attached to the Minutes FC25/058i)
The Chairman waived SO 3.10. Councillors could remain seated whilst speaking.

FC25/059 Apologies: Cllr Hugh Illingworth. Cllr Geoff Thompson. Cllr Ron Simpson
Proposed: Cllr Edwards. Seconded: Cllr Hobbs. Carried. (voting to 9)

FC25/060 Declarations of members' interests and applications for dispensations
Cllr Shaw – 8i. (Cashbook 2 only) Payee. 7. Planning Recommendations.
Cllr Hobbs – 7. Planning Recommendations. 10. Grant Application
Cllr Ainslie - 7. Planning Recommendations

FC25/061 To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 5th March 2025.
Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.

FC25/062 The Clerk gave an update: The hearing loop was now installed, a brief demonstration of the microphones followed. A report of standing water at the allotment entrance was just that, no issues. Litter in the Brooke has been reported on Fix My Street. There was a letter asking for more bins, this would be passed to amenities to decide. Two bin requests to RCC were still awaiting an outcome. A replacement bench has now been installed at South View. The Skate park is complete, having been funded by the UKSPF. The end of year financial roll over has now happened, and the council have only £165.75 owing to them from 2024/25. A poster was held up regarding the travelling NHS Covid vaccinations.

7:14pm The meeting was suspended for public and County Council deputations.

FC25/063i One member of the public spoke, thanking the Council for pick up after your dog signs that had gone up in the Town to combat irresponsible dog owner.

- FC25/063ii County Councillor updated, library tenders have gone out. The new digital zone bus service had started and has been well received. Reports about the Fox Connect service may include Uppingham, we await confirmation. The Green bins software is now in place, with no stickers in 2025/26 there is a financial saving to the County Council.
- 7:17pm The meeting resumed. (3 minutes)
- FC25/064i Finance and General-Purpose Committee minutes were presented by Cllr Colbourne.
- Cllr Colbourne gave a brief overview and proposed that the minutes were accepted.
- Proposed Cllr Colbourne. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.
- FC25/064ii Planning Committee minutes were presented by Cllr Hobbs.
- Cllr Hobbs gave a brief overview and proposed that the recommendations of the planning Committee meeting Minutes PC25/05 (iv.a to iv.h).
- The remainder of the minutes also being accepted.
- Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.
- The Town Clerk will update the planning portal and would also ask when the Planning application is being decided at Rutland County Council.
- FC25/064iii NHP Sub Committee presented by Cllr Hobbs.
- Cllr Hobbs gave a brief overview before, through the Chairman, Mr Colin Wilkinson was invited to comment on the Town Council response to the examiner. Mr Wilkinson clarified the comments in the response and with one further amendment there was a proposal to accept the response, as amended, and the town Clerk submit this to the examiner.
- Proposed Cllr Clarke. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried with 6 for and 3 abstained.
- It was further resolved that the NHP Sub Committee minutes be accepted.
- Proposed Cllr Hobbs. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried
- FC25/065 Finance CB 2. The Clerk updated the Council that due to month and year end being so close to the meeting that only CB 2 was presented. There being no issues or question raised about the payments list the proposal was to accept and authorise the payments list, and that the Chairman is authorised to sign the: Bank Reconciliation to the payments lists with the figures stated, paid £61,102.32 banked £32,294.53. Bank Reconciliation Statement.
- Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Clarke. Carried with 1 abstention.
- FC25/066 Disabled door Access. Based on the Quote, following a short debate the Council resolved to accept the quote of £8229.00 + vat with the understanding there would be some minor works not to exceed £1000 that should also be undertaken.
- Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Clarke. Carried.
- FC25/067 Grant Request. Curtain Upp, following a short debate the Council resolved to award £700.
- Proposed Cllr Pilcher. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

- FC25/068 Grant Request. Uppingham First, following a short debate the Council resolved to award £1000.
Proposed Cllr Colbourne. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried with 1 abstention.
- FC25/069 Uppingham Framework. Following on from the two Town Centre discussions, following a short debate the council resolved to pass the proposal:
The Council agree this is the correct direction of travel.
The Council ask the NHP Sub Committee to review the document and approach to help ensure the direction of travel of the Town Council is not diverted.
Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Pilcher. Carried.
- FC25/070 The Council resolved previously to hold a beacon lighting; the finer detail being brought together by the Town Clerk. Following a short debate. The proposal:
The Council delegate authority to the Clerk to action the finer points of the event. Health & safety, liaison with the CFB and invitations to dignitaries and military.
The Council appoint the Town Clerk as the Town Crier.
The Council allocate a budget of up to £700 for advertising and other items that may help the event become a success.
Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.
- FC25/071 Planning Applications:
(i) 2025/0326./PNB
This was presented by the Cllr Hobbs. Following a discussion around the planning considerations there were concerns identified, and the Council would need more detail. The proposal is that, in the absence of any detail proposal of the use of building, in view of the fact the is proximity of housing the Town council object to the change of use.
Proposed Cllr Hobbs. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.
(ii) 2025/0375FUL
This was presented by Cllr Hobbs, there were no ground to refuse on planning considerations and the recommendation is to accept the planning application.
Proposed Cllr Hobbs. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

The meeting closed at 8:43pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Mayors Opening Remarks 2nd April 2025

1. Welcome to everyone to this meeting of the Town Council at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at the Town Hall. A special welcome to our latest Councillor to be elected to the Town Council, Cllr Charles Pilcher. I would also like to welcome our Neighbourhood Planning Consultant Colin Wilkinson who will be helping us with that item later in the agenda. Since we last met lots has been happening. I am very pleased to be able to report that work on refurbishing the Skate Park has now been completed and apart from looking much better, it is now a much safer environment for our young people to use. We have also undertaken four separate Fridays with the initiative Xplore Uppingham and whilst overall the number of visitors wasn't as high as we had hoped, I want to thank everyone who took the time and trouble to come and visit our town as part of this initiative. I also want to thank Adam and Cynthia for all their efforts in supporting this activity. It is always easy to be critical of activities such as this but I am firmly of the opinion that it is better to at least try to make things better rather than just give up. At our previous two meetings I have spoken about the remedial work to be undertaken by Davidson Homes on the Leicester Road allotments and I have to report that this has not yet taken place. Adam continues to chase the matter and received an assurance by email that this work will be done. The delay is apparently because the developers are trying to ensure that everything is done properly this time and are currently awaiting some formal permissions from Rutland County Council in connection with temporarily closing the footpath whilst the works are completed. We will continue to keep a close eye on this.
2. Turning to myself as Mayor, since we last met on 5th March 2025, a major undertaking has been the Mayor's Grand Charity Ball held at the Falcon Hotel on Saturday 15th March. I am very pleased to be able to report that the sum of £4,000 was raised for the running costs of the Uppingham Hopper bus and these funds have been transferred to the Hopper team. I would also like to remind everyone that there was no use of Council assets in arranging this ball as all the administration was undertaken by my wife Sheena, ably assisted by Mark and Amanda Shaw plus some of my other friends.
3. Cllr Liz Clarke has asked that I mention the upcoming Charity walk at Uppingham Community College, the details of which are as follows. On Friday 27th June all the students at UCC will be taking part in a 10.5 Km sponsored walk to celebrate the 105th anniversary of the school. Money raised will go to the charities each form supports. Some students will run, some do it twice!!... and there will be support stations at various points on the way. Once they get back to school there will be a festival style event with food and music for them all.
A bus, or hopefully two, will collect any who really struggle.
Stewards and encouragers are needed, particularly towards the end when they walk up the hill from Lyddington. If you want to offer any time on that morning, please let Liz know.
4. I would also like to remind people of the Town Meeting which will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 30th April 2025 at the Town Hall. I have arranged for the Police and Crime Commissioner Rupert Mathews to be present to take questions from the public.
5. Tonight I intend to exercise my discretion under Standing Order 3.10 to permit Councillors to remain seated whilst speaking.