

Minutes of Uppingham Town Council Full Council Meeting, held via Zoom, 7pm, Wednesday 5 August 2020 (meeting commenced at 7.30pm) – DRAFT

Presentation at 7pm by Mark Bassett from Freeths LLP, regarding a proposal from Onesto to build a Roadside Services and Recharge Centre on land at the junction of A47 and A6003 on the outskirts of Uppingham. Councillors had the opportunity to ask questions.

043/20- CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair, Steve Rozak, welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased to note the completion of the new play area at Tod’s Piece. He informed Council that the official opening will take place at 11am on Tuesday 11th August, where it will be opened by the High Sheriff and all councillors are invited to attend.

The Chair also noted the first Social Sunday event had taken place and it was well attended in the afternoon.

The Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff are looking for nominations for people who have helped their community during Covid, and the High Sheriff is walking Rutland to promote the Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation. He will arrive at Uppingham Market Place at 1pm on Friday.

The Clerk is currently unwell and is unlikely to return to the office until the end of August and so the Deputy Clerk will be working on UTC priorities.

044/20 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

David Casewell and Cornelius Vincent-Enright. Resolution: It was proposed by Christine Edwards, seconded by Peter Rees and unanimously agreed that apologies be accepted.

045/20 - DECLARATION OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.

Application for dispensation received from David Ainslie regarding a non-pecuniary interest in item 7

Application for dispensation received from Mark Shaw, regarding a non-pecuniary interest in item 7

Application for dispensation received from Ron Simpson regarding a non-pecuniary interest in item 7

David Ainslie and Peter Rees declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

046/20 – RECALL OF DECISIONS BY COUNCIL

None

047/20 – PUBLIC SPEAKING – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK VIA ZOOM in accordance with Standing Orders 2.3.4-2.3.9

One member of the public present; Marc Oxley who requested that item 10 be moved to the end of the meeting.

048/20 – TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE AND 2020.

Resolution: Proposed by Peter Rees that these be accepted and seconded by Lindsay Cooper. Unanimously agreed.

049/20 – REVIEW WEEK ONE OF THE UPPINGHAM FIRST SOCIAL SUNDAY EVENT AND CONSIDER WHETHER THE EVENT SHOULD CONTINUE.

Resolution: Steve Rozak proposed that Uppingham Town Council allow Social Sunday events to continue for the remaining weeks in August, subject to a weekly email report from the organiser. Seconded by Sam Findlay with 9 in favour, 3 abstentions and 1 objection.

050/20 – TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2021

- **Annual Town Meeting – 12 May 2021**
- **Annual Council Meeting – 19 May 2021**

Resolution: Sam Findlay proposed that these dates be accepted, seconded by Lindsay Cooper and unanimously agreed.

051/20 – TO CONSIDER THE REALLOCATION OF THE TWINNING BUDGET FOR THE EVENT DUE TO TAKE PLACE IN 2020 TO BE UTILISED FOR A REVISED EVENT IN 2021.

Resolution: Peter Rees proposed that Uppingham Town Council allocate the sum of £1,500 from budgetary participation to cover the twinning event postponed from 2020 for an event in 2021. Seconded by Lucy Lewin. 10 in favour, 3 abstentions.

Agenda Item 10 - Item moved to end.

052/20– RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COVID GRANT APPLICATIONS. Deputy Clerk reported that 11 applications have been received.

053/20 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AND WORKING PARTIES.

- **Amenities Committee.**
Resolution: Miranda Jones proposed these be accepted, seconded by Peter Rees and unanimously agreed.
- **NPAG.**
Resolution: David Ainslie proposed these be accepted, seconded by Ron Simpson and unanimously agreed.
- **Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
Resolution: Sam Findlay proposed these be accepted, seconded by David Ainslie and unanimously agreed.

054/20– TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT MANAGED BY ROOT & BRANCH OUT.

Resolution: Proposed by Miranda Jones to support the Root and Branch project to open a community fridge in the Town Hall and review the opening date at the September Council meeting. Seconded by Peter Rees and unanimously agreed.

055/20 – TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM MEETINGS AND WORKING GROUPS.

- **Covid Group.** Update from Liz Clarke. Hand sanitiser machines are now in place around the town. UTC are still awaiting the promised equipment (hi-vis jackets/signs) from Rutland County Council.
- **Emergency Committee.** Ron Simpson reported that there will be a meeting between the committee and Uppingham School and UCC to consider how pupils can move safely around the town.
- **Market Place Toilet Refurbishment.** Steve Rozak informed the Council that a total of £77,000 funding has been approved from Barclays Bank, Rutland County Council and UTC to progress with the project. The Staffing Committee must now consider how to resource the cleaning once the refurbishment is complete as cleaning is currently undertaken by RCC.

056/20 – TO CONSIDER ANY CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- **2020/0735/FUL Resolution:** Mark Shaw proposed to recommend the application for approval. Seconded by Dave Ainslie and approved with 1 abstention.
- **2020/0768/CAT Resolution:** Richard Reeve proposed to recommend the application for approval. Seconded by Mark Shaw and approved with 1 abstention.
- **2020/0742/FUL Resolution:** Richard Reeve proposed to recommend the application for approval. Seconded by Mark Shaw and approved with 1 abstention.
- **2020/0798/CAT Resolution:** Mark Shaw proposed to recommend the application for approval. Seconded by Richard Reeve and approved with 1 abstention.

057/20 – CORRESPONDENCE.

- Jane Lang regarding bicycles in the High Street.
- Michael Reid regarding tree on Beast Hill

058/20 – TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THAT, BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS LEAVE THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

- **Consider the concept of a “Community Hub” in Uppingham. To create a working group with terms of reference, timescales and budget for reporting back on its feasibility.**
Resolution: Proposed by Mark Shaw to set up a working party to evaluate the feasibility of the concept of a community hub in Uppingham. The Committee will report back to September Full Council with terms of reference, timescales and budget. Members of the working group are: Steve Rozak, David Ainslie, Mark Shaw, Miranda Jones, Liz Clarke, Lucy Lewin, Ron Simpson and Christine Edwards. Seconded by Lindsay Cooper with 12 in favour and 1 objection.
- **Consider the need to employ a locum Town Clerk for a period of 8 weeks to support council operations.**
Resolution: Proposed by David Ainslie that a locum Town Clerk be appointed for a period of 4 weeks and reviewed at the end of this period. Seconded by Richard Reeve and unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.