

**Minutes of Uppingham Town Council Full Council meeting, held at Uppingham Town Hall on
Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllrs. Liz Clarke (Chair), David Ainslie, Barry Hobbs, Lindsay Cooper, Daniel Clayton, Christine Edwards, Sam Findlay, Mike Fish, Charlie Pallet, Dick Reeve, Mark Shaw, Ron Simpson

Also present, Cynthia Ondeng Administration assistant.

Members of the public: 9

- 401/23 1. **Mayor's opening remarks.**
Cllr Liz Clarke opened the meeting by wishing all present a happy new year. She also advised all members that the Town Clerk, Sharon Coe was quite poorly and had been to the hospital emergency room. Sharon is currently indisposed; however, she is now at home recovering for the next couple of weeks. Owing to this, Cynthia, the Admin Assistant, will be clerking the meeting in her absence. Please bear with us as we respond to emails and requests.
The Neighbourhood Plan was now in every household and drop-in session dates were announced. All residents were urged to complete the questionnaire before the deadline.
The Settlement Hierarchy Methodology was received from RCC 2 days prior, would need to be responded to by 16/1. This is to do the Local Plan in which the issues have been addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.
Rutland Folk Dancers, who have now left, would be meeting with Cllr. Liz Clarke and Cllr Ron Simpson regarding their issues at the Town Hall. Cllr Liz Clarke requested the Councillors who had received letters from the Rutland Folk Group not to respond to the letters in light of the impending meeting. Cllr. Dick Reeve requested that an officer be present in the meeting.
On a lighter note, Gogglebox is looking for families that wish to participate in the program.
- 402/23 2. **Apologies for absence.**
Apologies had been received from Cllrs Peter Rees, Dave Casewell and Tom Johnson. It was proposed by Cllr Christine Edwards, seconded by Cllr Mark Shaw and **resolved unanimously** that these be accepted.
- 403/23 3. **Declarations of members' interests and applications for dispensations.**
Cllr Barry Hobbs declared interest relating to the Bowls Club.
- 404/23 4. **An Opportunity for the public to speak, in accordance with standing orders 2.3.4-2.3.9**

Bob Fisher:
Bob thanked all the Councillors for the effort and dedication employed on the Neighbourhood Draft Plans. He felt that the Neighbourhood Draft Plan does not adequately protect the allotments at Tod's Piece. He read out a letter from Tod's Piece Allotment Society which he later handed in. Cllr Dave Ainslie

advised Bob that the Allotment was already designated as a greenspace but all public comments through the consultation would be considered.

Ramsey Ross:

Ramsey expressed concern about the siting of a Crematorium in the proximity of Uppingham and whether the Town Council consulted the residents of these plans. He also enquired whether a planning application will be made to Uppingham Town Council by an operator in 2023/2024

Kenneth Stewart:

Kenneth suggested that the percentage allocated for Affordable housing on the Neighbourhood Plan did not seem affordable. He was further concerned that affordable housing could end up using the allotment space. Cllr Liz Clarke assured him that this was not the case.

- 405/23 5. **To confirm the minutes of the full council meeting held on 7th December 2022.**
It was proposed by Cllr Mark Shaw, seconded by Cllr Sam Findlay to confirm the minutes with a minor amendment and **resolved unanimously.**
- 406/23 6. **To receive minutes and recommendations from the Council's committees.**
Finance and General Purposes 14th December 2022
Amenities 14th December 2022

Finance and General purposes committee:

The minutes were received with the following recommendations:

Bank Mandate:

Cllr Dave Ainslie to get the paper & online mandate to authorise both him and Cllr Sam Findlay. Cllr Dave Ainslie has sent a confidential email to all Councillors detailing all the names of the people on the bank mandate. Proposed by Cllr Sam Findlay and seconded by Cllr Christine Edwards.
Resolved unanimously.

Bowls Club:

It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

Air Conditionings

This item was deferred. We are still in negotiations about this.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator belonging to Uppingham School has gone missing.

Coronation

Cllr Liz Clarke read out an email to the effect that there are no plans in place to celebrate the Coronation therefore, we do not need to have a budget.

407/23 7. **To discuss, approve and formally adopt the budget for 23/24 for Uppingham.**

Cllr Findlay gave an overview of the work and thoughts behind the figures proposed. Questions were posed and answered. This would equate to an increase per household of £3.79 per month.

Proposed by Cllr Findlay, seconded by Cllr Christine Edwards and **resolved unanimously.**

408/23 8. **To approve the issue of a precept on Rutland County Council for the amount required.**

It was proposed that the precept request in the sum of £148,428 be requested from Rutland County Council. Proposed by Cllr Sam Findlay and seconded by Cllr Dave Ainslie. **Resolved unanimously.**

Minutes

Cllr Lindsay Cooper advised that a member of the public noticed that the previous minutes were not on the website. These would be on the website in 24-48hrs. Cllr Dick Reeve suggested that draft minutes be uploaded on the website before final version is confirmed. The Admin Assist will contact LRAC & Town Clerk about this.

409/23 **To receive minutes and recommendations from the Councils Committees.**

Amenities Committee

The minutes were received, and recommendations approved including maximising income from the Town Hall. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay Cooper and seconded by Cllr Mark Shaw . **Resolved unanimously.**

410/23 **To receive and review an update on the applications currently being considered.**

022/1440/PTA | T1, T2 & T4 - 3 no. Sycamore - Sever and strip ivy from ground level to 2m, remove epicormic growth and crown lift to 3m. Reduce height of tree by approx. 5m or previous pruning points and target prune sides to reduce overhang to garden by approx.. 2m or suitable growth points. T3 - 1 no. Sycamore - Sever and strip ivy from ground level to 2m, remove epicormic growth and crown lift to 3m. Reduce height of tree by approx. 5m and target prune sides to reduce overhang to garden by approx.. 2 m or suitable growth points, further investigate cavity once ivy has been stripped. | Land To The Rear Of Willow Close Uppingham Rutland.

Council recommends this application for approval.

Proposed by Cllr Mark Shaw and seconded by Cllr Dick Reeve. **Resolved unanimously.**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them all a Happy New Year. The meeting closed at 7.53pm.

SignedMayor/Chair

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