



UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Notes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum held on Thursday August 29th 2019 in The Falcon Hotel, Uppingham

Present

Chair Janet Thompson; Town Mayor and Town Councillor David Casewell; Deputy Town Mayor Steve Rozak; Town Councillor Alec Crombie MBE; Town Cllrs and Executive Members David Ainslie, Christine Edwards, Mark Shaw (Vice Chair) and Ron Simpson BEM; UNF Executive Members Margaret Simpson, Sue Streeter and Tony Streeter; County Cllr Edward Baines, and a total of 41 other residents including representatives, volunteers and members of the following institutions and community groups:-

Beeches Residents' Association, St Peter & St Pauls Church, E J Toon Trust, Uppingham Bowls Club, Probus, Uppingham Rotary Club, Uppingham Business Forum, Uppingham First, Neighbourhood Watch, Uppingham Brownies, The Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents' Association, Uppingham in Bloom, UppWatch and the Hopper Heroes; Leicestershire Police.

Guests

PC Joshua Ace (Leicestershire Police); Margaret Demaine (UNF Dementia Champion); Robin Bromiley (Uppingham Postmaster); Andrew Robinson (Cinema for Rutland); Tony Gray (Rutland Community Ventures); Elizabeth Mills (For Rutland); Angela Moore (Rutland Admiral Nurse); Penny Stimpson (Age UK - Leics and Rutland).

1. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Janet Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the excellent attendance and the public display of community information at the rear of the room. Janet acknowledged the outstanding contribution made to the Forum by Robert Wills during his lifetime and confirmed his death was a great loss to the town.

2. Roll Call of Voting Organisations

Attendees were reminded to sign the attendance sheet if they wished the minutes to be e-mailed. Voting organisations were required to register if they wished to vote on any matter.

3. Notes of the 2018 AGM

These had been circulated and were posted on the notice board at the rear of the room. It was agreed that they be received.

4. 2018/19 Annual Accounts and Report

Agreed by the Executive Committee and posted on the noticeboard at the rear of the room

5. To confirm Key Decisions of the Executive Committee AGM

- a) **UNF Chair/Vice Chair/Coordinator for 2019/20** - Chair (Janet Thompson) and Vice Chair (Mark Shaw) and Coordinator Ron Simpson BEM
- b) **UNF Nominees to the Board of Uppingham First** - Janet Thompson, Mark Shaw and David Ainslie
- c) **To confirm UNF nominees to the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Committee** - Janet Thompson and Tony Streeter. Substitutes to be nominated by the Coordinator as required
- d) **East Midlands Women's Awards** – 2019 nominees to be Lucy Lewin and Margaret Demaine
- e) **Community Emergency Plan** – Minor updates agreed for September 2019 and published online at www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info
- f) **UNF Governance – Safeguarding and Data Management Policies** – minor updates agreed.

6. Presentations and Discussions

A series of presentations were next delivered to the Forum, with each being followed by a question and answer session

Surgery and health service update - Janet Thompson updated the meeting on a range of health service matters including the appointment of Dr Hilary Fox as Clinical Director of CCG, the departure of Dr Patel, the recent activities of the PPG and details of an important public meeting on future hospital provision organised by the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium to be held on September 4th in Rutland County Museum at 7pm.

Policing Update - Leicestershire Police – PC Joshua Ace circulated his quarterly crime report and answered questions on current concerns. Issues raised included the perceived value of mentioning a crime on the social media platform 'Next Door', the continuing role of Neighbourhood Watch, the value of reporting scam e-mails, the continued operation of tel number 1572, and the action being taken by his team to address a prolific offender in town.

Postmaster Update – Robin Bromiley briefly updated the Forum on progress at the post office on banking services and disabled access to the building. Following a query on depositing incomplete cash bags, he undertook to clarify the differing policies currently being applied by staff.

Dementia in Uppingham and Rutland - Margaret Demaine, UNF Dementia Champion, introduced a team of speakers to give a very comprehensive overview of the work being undertaken by a range of organisations to address the issue of Dementia in Rutland. Contributors included one of the county's two Admiral Nurses, Rutland Community Ventures, Age UK and For Rutland. Literature from all the organisations was distributed to Forum members

Cinema for Rutland (and perhaps Uppingham) – Company Director and Uppingham resident Andrew Robinson gave a brief overview of the efforts being made to bring a new boutique cinema to Rutland. Several sites in Uppingham are being looked at.

Uppingham Hopper – Uppingham First Vice Chair David Ainslie provided a brief update on the progress of the Uppingham Hopper project. Passenger journey and donations statistics for its first year were circulated for information

Neighbourhood Plan – Former Town Mayor Cllr David Ainslie provided a brief update on progress with updating the plan and reported the appointment of local businesswoman Jane Lang as the new Chair of the Uppingham N Plan Advisory Group.

Uppingham Homes CLT – Forum Coordinator and Secretary of the Uppingham Homes Community Land Trust Ron Simpson provided a brief update on this community led housing initiative which now had government support. Chair of this new Community Benefit Society was Edward Baines, with 5 of its directors being Executive Committee members of the Forum.

Cashless society, cash machine and the public toilet – Ron Simpson described how it might be possible at some future date to have a cash machine in the wall of the public toilet. Barclays were interested and discussions were ongoing. Rotary in Uppingham has plans to support a pilot group of elderly residents in a cashless society project. More news on this soon!

7. Community Group Notices

These were either on seats or on display at the rear of the room.

8. Open Forum

Event - September 21st 2019 - Race Night - Seaton Village Hall - Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, £10 per head, and payable on the night, to include supper. Please let David Ainslie or the UNF Coordinator know (ASAP) all names, together with food choices. A maximum of eight people can fit on a table. The food options are: fish and chips, sausage and chips, pie and chips, a vegetarian option, a gluten-free option.

There being no other matters for debate the meeting was closed by the Chair at 9pm.

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A Member of One East Midlands (OEM) and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)

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Crime Stats for 2nd Quarter in Uppingham 2019 – Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum

April:

07/04/19 – Graffiti on Tod’s Piece Skate Park

12/04/19 – Shoplifting, Budgen’s Garage

15/04/19 – Bilking, Central Garage

15/04/19 – Burglary, Wilkes Gardens

28/04/19 – Shoplifting, Co-Op

May:

21/05/18 – Criminal Damage, Upper Cricket Ground

25/05/19 – Bilking, Central Garage

27/05/19 – Burglary Non-Dwelling, Middle Playing Field

29/05/19 – Theft of Motor Vehicle, Leicester Road

June:

14/06/19 – Theft From Vehicle, Blackthorn Close

14/06/19 – Theft From vehicle, Metcalfe Cres.

28/06/19 – Theft, Orange Street

30/06/19 – Theft From Vehicle, Cottesmore Road

If you have any other concerns you would like made known to the police, then you can always report them through calling ‘101’ or ‘999’ if it’s an emergency, or by approaching Andy or I in the street when on patrol. You can also meet us by attending a “Beat Surgery” which we hold every month in various locations around Uppingham, which we will publish around the town and online closer to the time. We are also very active on social media and can be contacted at “**Rutland Police**” on **Facebook** and “**@UppinghamPolice**” on **Twitter**.

PC 2988 Joshua Ace | Eastern Counties – DNO NR38 Beat

Uppingham Community Beat Office



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Hopper Facts – August 2019

Uppingham Hopper Passenger Numbers - May to October 2018 (26 Weeks)

Example Analysis by Hour and Day of the Week

Hour	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Total			Notes
9 - 10	53	80	102	69	202	506			
10 - 11	97	200	134	78	186	695			
11 - 12	115	193	139	108	214	769			
12 – 1	59	169	123	89	187	627			
Sub Total	324	642	498	344	789	2597			
1 - 2	50	81	114	71	105	421			
2 - 3	50	73	113	53	95	384			
3 - 4	41	58	103	78	59	339			
4 - 5	28	32	64	32	43	199			
Sub Total	169	244	394	234	302	1343			
Totals	493	886	892	578	1091	3940			

Community Bookings Total - Year 1

	No.	of	bookings		Total Passenger Return Journeys	Notes
Totals		16			151	

Total Passenger Journeys - May 2018 to April 2019 (1 full year)

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total	Notes
Totals	1064	1617	1581	1272	2201			7735	

Total of 7886 passenger journeys in the first 12 months

Projected annual mileage circa 23000 miles

Route Daily - circa 89miles Route Weekly - circa 450miles

Start Odometer Reading 18056 miles Current Odometer Reading 46000 miles



Planning for our Children's Future

Do you live in one of the following parishes? Preston, Wing, Glaston, Bisbrooke, Seaton, Lyddington, Thorpe By Water, Caldecott, Stoke Dry, Belton, Wardley, Ridlington, Ayston and Uppingham. If so, you or your offspring may be eligible for membership and perhaps become a future beneficiary, of a brand new Rutland community benefit society (CBS) registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

The Uppingham Homes Community Land Trust is now a legal entity. The objectives listed in its rule book are to carry on for the benefit of the listed communities.....

- i) The business of providing and managing housing (including social housing) and providing assistance to help house people and associated facilities, amenities and services for the relief of financial hardship
- ii) The promotion for the public benefit of regeneration in the listed parishes by all or any of the following means

The relief of financial hardship (other than the provision of housing) in such ways as may be thought fit

The advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly amongst unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience

The provision of workspace buildings and/or land on favourable terms, financial assistance, technical assistance, or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help in setting up their own business; or to existing businesses.

As its first initiative, the society is therefore now actively pursuing becoming a government recognised registered housing provider to both build and manage 'community led' affordable housing. Future projects may include self-build sites, offsite manufactured housing projects and eco-led construction of work places and homes. The skill set of founding members of the society include local government, farming, building, information technology, finance, chartered surveying, planning, health and education.

Uppingham Homes has secured an initial government grant of £75K to design two 2 bed roomed and six 1 bed roomed dwellings on the site of a donated disused orchard. More funding is available to address the infrastructure needs of the site and last week the society was offered a further £50K grant to complete the project with the help of a Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO). If taken up, this approach would give the local community the final say on the project's go ahead rather than planning officials. A quicker alternative, however, is perhaps for the county council to consider the area as a rural exception site. A positive meeting with Cllr Gordon Brown, Deputy Leader of RCC and Portfolio Holder for Planning has already been held who will help explore the best way forward. Years of accumulated debris is currently being cleared from the orchard site to facilitate the necessary ground and ecological surveys to ensure suitability for housing.

Leading architects, GSS of Northamptonshire, have been engaged to design the society's first batch of homes such that they will particularly appeal to the under 35s and reflect the site's rural setting. Offers of other sites, if made, will be actively pursued where possible, whether they are in Uppingham or one of the beneficiary parishes.

Would you like to learn more about community benefit societies and what Uppingham Homes CLT could achieve with your help? Parish councils and community groups in the beneficiary parishes are offered a short presentation on the benefits of community led (in contrast to market led) housing, how CBS membership works and how the local community can become involved. If you would like to take up the offer please get in touch. Call Uppingham Homes CLT on 07710 328469 and one of us will respond.

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29.8.2019

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