

Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Council held at the Town Hall, High Street East, Uppingham, Rutland – 7.30 pm WEDNESDAY 6th January 2016. *(Ahead of the meeting members were updated by Max Whitehead of Bloor Homes with the latest site layout for the proposed development to the South of Leicester Road).*

230/15 **1 - Chairman’s Opening Remarks:** David Ainslie proposed to suspend standing order 2.3.10 (standing to speak) and this was seconded by Richard Reeve. 11 votes in favour, 3 votes against. The Chair wished Cllr. Roger Begy a speedy recovery having learned recently of his illness.

231/15 **2 - Attendance Register:** David Ainslie (Chair), Alec Crombie, David Casewell, Christine Edwards, Sam Findlay, Miranda Jones, Bill O’Leary, Peter Rees, Richard Reeve, Stephen Rozak, Ian Salt, Mark Shaw, Ron Simpson and Cornelius Vincent-Enright.

232/15 **3 - Apologies for Absence:** None

Lindsay Cooper joined the meeting at 7:32pm

233/15 **4 - Declaration of members interests and requests for dispensation:** None

234/15 **5 - To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2015.**
Resolution: Proposed by Cornelius Vincent-Enright, seconded by Peter Rees and unanimously agreed.

The Chair advised he had been asked to delay the ‘Democratic 15 Minutes’ to allow for a member of the public to make a presentation. **Resolution:** David Ainslie proposed the item be deferred to later in the proceedings, seconded by Christine Edwards and unanimously agreed.

235/15 **7 - Clerk’s Report and actions since last meeting:**

1 - Holidays

Dates taken – 29th to 30th Dec 2015 (2 days)

Booked – 16th Feb 2016 (1 day)

2 - Clerk Training

None currently planned

3 - Priorities for January

CilCA qualification complete by end of month for submission

Ensure all town hall bookings are entered on to the diary and website

Get the Neighbourhood Plan Committee running through its ‘transition’ period to Annual Council Meeting

Present a clear view of town forums back to council before year end.

4 - Priorities to Year End 31st March 2016

Pensions provision for remaining staff

Reach decision point on refurbishment of Town Hall

Present a clear view of town forums back to council before year end.

Issue rules for operating an allotment to current holders of allotments

Commence review of Market and Town Hall user agreements and terms and conditions

Increased use of electronic media and website to support councillors in full and committee meetings – full refresh of website by end of year

Start to collate supporting material to support Local Council Award Scheme accreditation

5 - Meetings scheduled: None currently

6 - Additional support:

- I will be helping support the Mayor's Ball scheduled for 30th April 2016.
- I will be co-ordinating the meetings leading up to The Freedom of Uppingham Event in May.

236/15 8 - To receive reports from representatives working with external bodies:

All meeting papers have been circulated by email between meetings.

No reports to receive.

237/15 6 – Democratic 15 minutes – an opportunity for the public to speak

The Chair invited any members of the public to speak:

Former Councillor Robin Schlich made a statement to Council about his perception of the numbers using the Uppingham Hopper Bus during the pilot period. He expressed his concern at the numbers using the service and posed two questions about whether the figures he'd read were the very latest and had thought been given to the impression the reporting of the figures creates with Rutland County Council.

Cllr. Ron Simpson gave a short response to indicate there had been very positive feedback and a lower level of data is available to show the high and low demand times for the service.

238/15 9 - Neighbourhood Plan – Update to be provided and consideration of any actions required from the discussion.

Update: Cllr David Ainslie gave a brief update and reminded members that Rutland County Council will finally approve and make the Neighbourhood Plan on 11th January 2016.

- a) Receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee ahead of submitting a response to Rutland County Council on their 'Issues and Options' document relating to the Local Plan Review. (Deadline for submission is 12th January 2016). **Resolution:** Peter Rees proposed we adopt the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee as amended and submit then to Rutland County Council by the 12th January 2016. Seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright and unanimously agreed.

239/15 10 - To receive an update on Income and Expenditure. Resolution: Proposed by David Casewell that the accounts to 31st December 2015 be accepted, seconded by Peter Rees and unanimously agreed.

240/15 11 - To receive the following reports from committees of Uppingham Town Council:

- a) Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 7.30pm. **Resolution:** Sam Findlay proposed that these be accepted, seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright and unanimously agreed.
- b) Planning Committee held on Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 7.00pm. **Resolution:** Richard Reeve proposed that these be accepted, seconded by Christine Edwards and unanimously agreed.

- 241/15 12 - To consider the draft budget for 2016/17 recommended by The Finance & General Purposes Committee so that the precept can be set for the next financial year. Submission deadline to Rutland County Council by 18th January 2016. Resolution:** Sam Findlay proposed that the income and expenditure budget be accepted for the year 2016/17, seconded by Ron Simpson, 14 in favour and 1 against.
- Resolution:** Sam Findlay proposed that the precept be set at £105,393 net of Local Council Tax Support Grant for the year 2016/17, seconded by Cornelius Vincent-Enright, 13 in favour and 2 against.
- 242/15 13 - To consider a way forward to resolve the completion of the skate park as soon as practicably possible. Resolution:** Richard Reeve proposed that The Clerk, David Ainslie and Alec Crombie be authorised to investigate the best and quickest way to resolve the completion of the skate park within a maximum spend of £15,000 which would be taken from general reserve. Seconded by Mark Shaw, 13 in favour and 2 against.
- 243/15 14 - Consider Uppingham Town Council's strategic view on affordable and social housing. Resolution:** David Ainslie proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee be tasked with investigating options for the provision of affordable housing that could be put to Council at some point in the future. Seconded by Richard Reeve and unanimously agreed.
- 244/15 15 - Consider the provision of 1, possibly 2 new lamp posts on Firth Park / Tod's Terrace to improve lighting for residents. This is subject to resident feedback on a) the need for the lamp posts and b) the suggested positions. Resolution:** Proposed by Cornelius Vincent-Enright that the Clerk be empowered to consult with local residents and following feedback proceed with one or two new lamp posts. Additionally consult the CCTV operatives to ensure no issues. Seconded by Mark Shaw, 13 in favour and 2 against.
- 245/15 16 - Consider the proposal from Rutland County Council on the contribution by Uppingham Town Council towards the new CCTV installation. Resolution:** David Casewell proposed Council accept the proposal from Rutland County Council, seconded by Mark Shaw and unanimously agreed.
- 246/15 17 – Accounts for payment. Resolution:** Proposed by Richard Reeve that these be accepted subject to the query for the Clerk on the Steve Cheeseman invoice, seconded by Sam Findlay and unanimously agreed.

Payment Schedule – 6th January 2016

Cheques/Debit Card (Lloyds)

No. / DD	Payee	Description	Amount
000732*	Quality Office Supp	Shredder and recording eqpt	£754.80
000733*	M Cerrone	Winner Xmas in Uppingham	£150.00
000734*	LOROS	Winner Xmas in Uppingham	£50.00
000735*	Peter Richardson	Winner Xmas in Uppingham	£50.00
000736*	Sarah Harding Int	Winner Xmas in Uppingham	£150.00
000737*	AGE UK	Winner Xmas in Uppingham	£50.00
000738*	Cath Gilbert	Winner Xmas in Uppingham	£50.00
000739*	ANPR Ltd	Gainsborough Rd Signage	£36.00
000740*	LITE	Transformers for Xmas lights	£276.00

000741*	E.ON	Street Light Maintenance	£198.96
000742*	Bourne Electrical	Installation and removal of lights	£3600.00
000743*	E.ON	Street Lighting elec supply	£168.02
000744*	CORY	Allotment tree / waste / rubbish clear	£623.06
000745*	NALC	Local Council Award Scheme reg.	£30.00
000746*	CORY	Annual contract	£927.90
000747*	E.ON	Car charging point elec supply	£43.55
000748*	ESPO	New Hoover for Town Hall	£106.80
000749*	Quality Office Supp	Address labels	£56.42
000750*	Play Inspection Co.	Skate Park inspection	£354.00
000751*	Stonecraft Rutland	Final payment for toilet project.	£5703.82
000752*	E M Dorman	Subsoil clearance at London Rd	£324.00
000753*	RCC	Nov Payroll	£3163.98
000754*	Amanet	Anti-virus software Office PC	£45.60
000755*	Quality Office Supp	Minute paper	£21.59
000756*	ESPO	Cleaning materials	£52.14
000757*	Buyer Direct Ltd	Portable market stall – branded	£805.98
000758*	Steve Cheeseman	Building regs and plans for toilets	£1171.32
000759	ESPO	Toilet roll holder and large key cab	£81.10
000760	RCC	2015/16 CCTV contribution	£2000.00
000761	BT	Broadband charges and call package	£212.13
000762	E.ON	Street lighting elec supply	£173.63
104905*	Transfer to Lloyds	Top up for main trading acct from HSBC Account	£25,000

*Paid between meetings

229/15 22 - CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Letter from Caudebec-en-Caux, France in response to our letter in the days after the Paris attacks. The Chair wished to bring to the meetings attention the response to our letter from our Twin Town in Caudebec-en-Caux in the aftermath of the Paris attacks. Translated the response was:

To the Mayor

We are extremely touched by your gestures of sympathy and support towards our country.

Once again France has experienced a wave of attacks. After attacking our freedom of ideas, this time it was towards our youth, our lifestyle and our values of tolerance and humanity that the attacks were perpetrated.

Through solidarity and unity perhaps, one day, we shall be able to eradicate terrorism and fanaticism.

Thank you again for showing us your friendship.

Yours sincerely,

*Hans Stoll, President of Caudebec Cultural Exchanges Committee
Brigitte Malot, Town Councillor in charge of exchanges
Bastien Coriton, Mayor*

Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

