**Uppingham Town Council, DRAFT Minutes of the Amenities Committee – 16th February 2022 (**Meeting commenced at 6.30pm)

1. **Welcome and apologies**

**Present:** Miranda Jones (Chair), Richard Reeve, David Casewell, Liz Clarke, Pete Rees, Charlie Pallett. **Apologies:** Steve Rozak, Cornelius Vincent-Enright, Tom Johnson.

1. **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation:** None received.
2. **Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 17th November 2021
Resolution:** It was proposed by Miranda Jones, seconded by Liz Clarke and unanimously agreed that these be approved.
3. **An opportunity for the public to speak.**  None present
4. **To consider a date for a tour of the Council’s strategic areas and requirements needed.**

Proposed by Richard Reeve, seconded by Charlie Pallett and unanimously agreed that a tour of Council assets (Leicester Road Cemetery, London Road Cemetery and land, Allotment sites at Tod’s Piece and Leicester Road, Tod’s Piece, Hog Hill and Beast Hill) for the benefit of Councillors and staff will take place this spring. This item will be passed to Full Council to agree a date and possible use of the Hopper as transportation.

1. **To receive an updated position on progress of CIL Champion groups.**

**Footpaths/cycleways**

David Casewell shared an update from the recent meeting with RCC and the committee debated the priorities for footpaths in the town which were agreed as follows:

1. Heritage and visual impact – Parking (There is a need for new signage on High Street East/West and the Market Place to highlight the additional parking on North Street East)
2. Robustness and ease of maintenance
3. Safety (slips and trips)

The overall strategy is to maintain Uppingham’s status as an historic market town which has integrity but is also forward-looking and is attractive residents and visitors. David Casewell will produce a paper to be discussed at Full Council in March 2022.

**RCC combined Projects**.

Peter Rees requested to defer the combined project update until UTC have received correspondence from RCC.

1. **Receive an update on the maximization of income for the Town Hall**

Proposed by David Casewell, seconded by Miranda Jones and unanimously agreed that the committee endorse the use of the members room by Leicestershire Police.

1. **To consider re-siting the sun dial from Tod’s Piece.**

Liz Clarke proposed that the committee fully support moving the sun dial from the sensory garden to the Scout Hut. Seconded by Richard Reeve and unanimously agreed.

1. **To consider support for a defibrillator at the Cricket ground.**

Proposed by David Casewell, seconded by Charlie Pallett and unanimously agreed that the Cricket Club make an application for grant aid through Uppingham Town Council’s scheme and that the club also seek alternative sources of funding.

**The meeting closed at 7.45pm**