**Minutes of Uppingham Town Council Full Council meeting,**

**held at Uppingham Town Hall on Wednesday 5th October 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Present, Cllrs Liz Clarke, David Ainslie, Christine Edwards, Lindsay Cooper(arrived 7.15), Pat Dalby, Sam Findlay, Mike Fish, Barry Hobbs, Tom Johnson, Godfrey Jennings, Peter Rees, Ron Simpson.

The Town Clerk Sharon Coe, Cynthia Ondeng Administration Assistant.

7 members of the public

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| 545/23  546/23  547/23  548/23  549/23  550/23  551/23  552/23  553/23  554/23  555/23  556/23  557/23 | |  |  | **Mayor’s opening remarks**  The Mayor (Cllr Clarke) welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that this meeting was being audio recorded and placed on the website, therefore if members of public wished to speak at item 4 then it was possible that they may be identified.  **To receive apologies for absence**.  It was proposed and seconded that the apologies from Cllrs Colbourne, Rees, Shaw and Sutton (holidays) be accepted. **Resolved unanimously.**  **Declarations of members’ interests and applications for dispensations**  Non-pecuniary declarations were declared by:  Cllr Johnson item 10c.  Cllr Hobbs item 13  Cllr Simpson item 12  It was noted that the disclosures on the website were not updated but should be on the RCC website.  **An opportunity for the public to speak, in accordance with Standing Orders 2.3.4 – 2.3.9**  Uppingham in Bloom thanked the Town Council for funding and had won Gold in the small-town category. A round of applause was given and many congratulations.  A question was raised regarding lighting on Tod’s Piece.  Statement made regarding observation of the democratic 15 minutes and observance of the Council’s standing orders.  Questions regarding the Town Hall regulations and proposed charges, AGAR progress and the possibility a hearing loop being installed.  Statement regarding an incident that had taken place regarding a confused gentleman and the service that had been received at the doctor’s surgery. The Town Clerk to write to the Doctor’s surgery for advice for the general public when the surgery is closed.    **To confirm the minutes of the full council meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2023**  Proposed, seconded, and resolved. **Resolved unanimously.**  The link on the August audio had appeared to stop working, this was believed to be a technical issue that the Clerk will investigate.  **Finance**   1. To authorise accounts for payment on 10th October.   Proposed and seconded that the payments for September be authorised the value of which was £8821.32. **Resolved unanimously.**  initial payments for October be authorised £1992.94. **(10 for, 1 abs)**   1. to authorise two extra signatories on both the paper and electronic mandates for Lloyds bank to ensure the continuity of business and payment authorisations**.** It was agreed to add Cllrs Cooper and Simpson to both mandates**. Resolved unanimously.**   **To receive reports and consider recommendations for Full Council from UTC committees/working parties.**   1. Staffing 8th September that the minutes be received. Proposed, seconded (10, 1 abs) 2. Finance and General Purposes committee. 20th September   **Resolutions proposed.**   * To identify in order of priority the spending needed and what can be achieved this year and needs to be precepted next year. * The Clerk as RFO will set an initial budget and then bring back to the next F & GP for review at the next meeting. The Clerk will circulate members for an elected member steer prior to her initial figures. * Allotments - an increase to £30.00 for a full plot and £17.50 for a half plot. * Hall Hire - an increase to £20.00 ph for the hall and £12.50ph for the chamber. * Cemetery – this work had not yet been fully completed and will be brought back to the next meeting.   The rules and charges to be effective from 1st April 2024, and reviewed annually. Proposed, seconded, and **Resolved unanimously.**   1. Planning 6th and 27th September.   That the minutes be received. Proposed, seconded – **Resolved unanimously.**   1. Update on the Standing Orders working party.   That the Clerk will produce a working draft for all members, and it will be discussed at the November Full Council meeting.   1. The email correspondence received 26th September from the football club following informal meetings held.   The Clerk read out the proposal for members. It was proposed that the Clerk, Cllrs Ainslie and Findlay progress these discussions prior to 2025 in order to give all parties some certainty. Any proposal reached would be brought back to this body for decision, via the Amenities Committee input.  Proposed, seconded, and **Resolved unanimously.**  To consider adoption of the Uppingham Town Council Co-option policy.  The Clerk to check the eligibility clause regarding the EU clause. Subject to this possible amendment the policy was accepted. Proposed, seconded, and **Resolved unanimously.**  **To receive the Clerk’s report and any recommendations within it.**  The Clerk’s report had been sent to all members prior to the meeting.  She updated members on the update on Polling station from RCC.  The phase three electricity quote was in with a six-week lead.  She updated members on the Talking Therapies Bus and NHS Ambulance.  The Clerk’s report was received.  **To receive the updated rules/regulations/hire charges for Allotments, Town Hall and Cemetery rules.**  Members had previously received all documents for consideration. Following discussion, the following resolutions were made.   1. Allotments **Proposed, seconded, and resolved unanimously** 2. Town Hall **Proposed, seconded, and resolved unanimously.** 3. Cemetery(rules, regulations) **Proposed, seconded (10 for 1 abs)**   **2023/0802/RES | Application for Reserved Matters (site layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping) of Outline Planning Approval 2019/0524/OUT - for 163 no. dwellings with associated internal road layout, car parking, drainage, and landscaping. Discharge of Conditions 4 (Updated Tree Survey), 10 (Programme of Archaeological Works) and 12 (Land Contamination) of 2019/0524/OUT. | Land North Of Leicester Road Uppingham Rutland** [**https://publicaccess.rutland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RYO1TGNNFFL00**](https://publicaccess.rutland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RYO1TGNNFFL00)  **Resolution**: That the Clerk confirms to Rutland County Council that our objection to the application is still as the previous resolution 539/23 but with the caveat that we are happy to engage with the design review panel review with an open mind. The Clerk asks an officer from RCC to attend the meeting.  Proposed, seconded, and **Resolved Unanimously**.  **To note correspondence**  All correspondence was noted.  Cllr Barry Hobbs left the meeting.  **To consider the following resolution : “That, in view of the confidential nature of the following agenda item, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960,section 1.**  To consider the proposal by UTC and counter proposal by Uppingham Bowls Club.  Following a discussion, the following resolution was made.  To accept the offer from the Bowls Club, to purchase the club for £51,000 over a 34-year period. The Clerk will work on the legal documents. Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously.**  The meeting closed at 8.50pm.  Signed………………………………………………………………………… Chair of Council  Dated…………………………………………………………………………. |
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