**Uppingham Town Council**

**Minutes** **of the Amenities Committee – Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm**

Present. Mike Fish (Chair), Barry Hobbs, Ron Simpson, Trevor Colbourne.

Sharon W Coe – Town Clerk, and Cynthia Ondeng Admin Assistant were also in attendance.

1. **Chairman’s Remarks**

Cllr Fish welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence, Declaration of Members’ Interests and Requests for Dispensation:**

Apologies had been received by Cllrs Clarke, Rees, and Johnson.

Proposed, seconded, and resolved unanimously to accept.

Cllr Simpson declared an interest in E V Chargers.

**3. An opportunity for the public to speak.**

None present**.**

**4. To receive the report from the Chair regarding the allotments and associated meetings.**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

The Chair asked if he could attend the meetings for a constant dialogue, this was considered important. However, it was also important that all actions/requests should come through the Clerk, who would agenda these if required. The Chair would liase with the Clerk going forward.

Proposed, seconded, resolved unanimously.

**5 To consider a report on the Open Green Spaces in Uppingham and associated recommendations.**

The Chair and Cllr Rees had not completed their report, and this should be brought back to the meeting at a future time.

Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously.**

**6. To consider the following.**

**A)** Council Newsletters – In the S/O it does allow for this. Decisions would need to be made as to delivery and costs. The Chair and Clerk would liase on this.

B) Remembrance Poppies - Do we look at refreshing this next year? White Poppies and Tommy statues. This would be dependent on budget requirements. The Clerk and Chair would liase.

**7. To consider in principle the future use of baines Corner should the asset be transferred into UTC ownership.**

Since agreeing to the transfer, the Clerk had received notification that this would not be forthcoming, instead she had been told in writing that, Regarding the transfer “as this is highway land, there is a possibility it may be needed for future road and or junction improvements, legal have advised granting a license (for Baines Corner) would be a better solution. A license could be in place by April 24.

There is an issue with UNF/UIB regarding rising damp in the planters which needs to be dealt with under their license with RCC. The Clerk had communicated that she was not happy with this solution but had asked for all opportunities to be explored.

The committee further understands that RCC has instructed consultants to do a survey on the Public Realm in Uppingham. The committee instructed the Clerk to write to the RCC Chief Executive to invite the Portfolio Holder for Highways to come and talk urgently with this committee in the first instance.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the EV Chargers and the host agreement and the ongoing problems that she had been dealing with for the last five months. She had hopefully found a solution.

Proposed, seconded, and **resolved unanimously.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Signed ………………………………………………………………….

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