**Uppingham Town Council**

 **Minutes** **of the Amenities Committee – Thursday 11 April 2024 at 6pm**

 Present: Cllrs Mike Fish (Chair), Liz Clarke, Barry Hobbs, Peter Rees, Ron Simpson

 Also in attendance were 5 members of the public and Locum Clerk P Leppard.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

These had been received from Cllrs T Colbourne and T Johnson.

1. **Declaration of Members’ Interests and Requests for Dispensation** None
2. **An opportunity for the public to speak**

Several members of the public commented on aspects of allotments management which they felt needed attention.

1. **Minutes of meeting of 13 December**

 It was resolved to adopt these as an accurate record of the meeting.

**5. Allotments**

1. It was noted that there is little that can be done about parking difficulties in the vicinity of Leicester Rd allotments.

b-e. It was resolved that there will shortly be a site-meeting to address the issues of grass-cutting

 of main thoroughfares, marking-out of plots, unattended plots and general maintenance.

f. It was felt that the Council’s “no meetings on Sundays” rule may be unhelpful as regards

 allotments, and that consideration should be given by full Council to changing it. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Open Green Spaces report**

It was resolved that, while most of the possible actions arising from this report would best be dealt with by the substantive Clerk in due course, the Locum Clerk will ensure as soon as possible that there is clarity as to ownership (and thus insurance responsibility) for all play areas. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Baines Corner**

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact RCC’s Estates department to understand the current position re the Town Council wishing to take some control, via a licence, of the Baines Corner site.

 **Action: Clerk**

1. **Disabled access to the Town Hall**

It was resolved that (i) Cllr Hobbs’ report on this subject will be circulated to Committee members, for discussion at the next meeting and (ii) the Clerk will research possible grant opportunities to support a potential project to improve building accessibility through the back door. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Fencing repairs, London Rd cemetery**

It was resolved that the Clerk will (i) circulate quotations previously obtained for this (however, they may be unaffordable at present) and (ii) obtain new quotations for just those repairs which are considered essential safety items. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Possible relocation of sundial, Tod’s Piece**

 It was resolved that Cllr Rees will make contact with the family concerned, to seek their current

 views. **Action: PR**

1. **Market Place noticeboards**

 It was resolved that the 2 derelict noticeboards opposite the side of the Post Office be removed,

 after giving users 30 days’ notice. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Gritbin on Ayston Rd**

 It was resolved to ask RCC to replace the missing bin at the Poplar Close junction. **Action: Clerk**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.05pm.

Signed ……………………..……………………. Dated ……………….