



Uppingham Town Council
Town Hall, High Street East,
Uppingham, Rutland. LE15 9PY

Full Council (FC) Minutes recorded on
Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7pm.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr David Ainslie BEM (Chair). Cllr Trevor Colbourne. Cllr Christine Edward.
Cllr Mark Shaw. Cllr Ron Simpson BEM. Cllr Lindsay Cooper. Cllr Liz Clarke

Also Present: Mr Adam Lowe (Clerk to the Council). Mr Peter Leppard (Locum Clerk)
Cynthia Ondeng. 20 members of the public.

- FC24/751 Chairman and Mayor of Uppingham opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Chairman welcomed Mr Lowe as the new Clerk to the Council. The Chairman welcomed and thanked Mr Leppard for his support as Locum Clerk and invited the Council and public to acknowledge this with a round of applause. The Chairman gave an update on events he attended representing the Town. The Chairman announced he would be organising a charity event with net profit going toward the Hopper Bus, no public funds or time will be used in this venture.
- The Chairman waived SO 3.10. Councillors could remain seated whilst speaking. The Chairman amended the order of the agenda bringing forward item 15 and 12 iv.
- FC24/752 Apologies. Cllr Barry Hobbs was on holiday.
- Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.
- FC24/753 Declaration of Members' interests and applications for dispensation.
Cllr Simpson – Non-Pecuniary Item 9 as advertised – Road Closure.
Cllr Shaw – Non-Pecuniary Item 9 as advertised – Road Closure.
- FC24/754 Item 15 as advertised brought forward. The Proposal is: The Council formally confirms the appointment of Adam Lowe as the proper officer and Responsible Financial officer to the Uppingham Town Council in accordance with resolution 751/24 made at Full Council in July 2024.
- Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.
- FC24/755 Item 12 iv as advertised brought forward the Clerks report. The Clerk gave his report as circulated with the minutes.

19:10 Cllr Cooper joined the meeting.

FC24/756 To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 16th July 2024.

Proposed Cllr Clarke. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

The meeting was suspended at 7.19pm to allow public deputations.

FC24/757 An opportunity for the public to speak. The Chairman read out a prepared statement due to the up-and-coming election.

A concern was raised about a Hearing Loop in the Council. Clerk to action.
A concern was raised that Fire Exits should be identified to the public.

Update about Uppingham Bloom judging results due to be announced.
Uppingham in Bloom were planning a fund raiser event.

A request was made that details about the people and organisations being chosen was openly communicated regarding, Item 8, to the NHP Sub Committee.

A request was made regarding Councillors involvement who are on Uppingham First, do these Councillors have nothing to do with Uppingham late Night Shopping.
The Clerk would respond outside the meeting directly to this member of the public.

A point was raised about last year's grant from Uppingham Town Council for the late-Night Shopping. The Chairman confirmed the 2023 grant of £1500 has been returned to the Council by Uppingham First.

The Chairman advised two items raised regarding an issue of funds and land that may have been mishandled were not a Council matter and any concerns of inappropriate activity should be reported to the correct authority.

A point raised concerning the Hopper Bus and Voluntary Action Rutland was clarified by the Chairman, there were no issues, as the two service operate on different models.

A point was raised regarding Uppingham CLT around funds that were said to be sat in an Uppingham First account. The Chairman declared his interest in Uppingham CLT and corrected the misinformation, the two organisations are not connected. A further question was raised concerning an investment of £8500 made in the CLT by the Council and Chairman responded that he (would in his capacity on Uppingham CLT) be bringing a further update to this Council from the public gallery at a future meeting.

A question was raised about the Fire Exit and Fire procedure. Clerk to action.

A request that the Chairman on behalf of the Council and Town congratulate Canon Rachel Watts on her recent appointment to the Diocese of Manchester.

FC24/758 County Councillor gave a brief update on local issues.
The updates covered the Uppingham Library. Housing numbers due to a change in national policy would affect Uppingham and Rutland. A mass tree planting campaign would be headed up with a meeting in October. Update on the Junior footballers.

The meeting resumed at 7.37pm

- FC24/759 Grant Application was deferred to the October meeting to allow the Council to have a conversation with the Bowls Club.
- Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.
- FC24/760 NHP Sub Committee – The report as tabled was received and presented by Cllr Simpson. The decisions are expected to be made in the October meeting.
- Proposed Cllr Simpson. Seconded Cllr Clarke. Carried.
- FC24/761 To agree Road Closures for 2025 as tabled with the addition of:
Fatstock – 25/11/25 from 6am to the 26/11/25 at 6pm.
Late Night Shopping Thursday evening 4/12/25
- Proposed Cllr Cooper. Seconded Cllr Clarke. 4 in favour 3 abstained. Carried.
- FC24/762 To consider the report as tabled by Cllr Shaw regarding Tod's Piece Allotments. Proposed that the work is undertaken with some council and some external funding, with that the detail to follow, the Town council would undertake this project.
- Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Edward. Carried.
- FC24/763 Councils Complaint procedure is deferred to October to allow input from the Clerk.
- Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.
- FC24/764 Receive reports and minutes from Council Committees. These are for noting.
- (i) EIAC was presented by Cllr Clarke
 - (ii) FGPC was presented by Cllr Colbourne
 - (iii) PC was presented by Cllr Edwards
 - (iv) Clerks report was covered in minute FC24/754
- The Minutes will be accepted at the next appropriate committee meeting.
- FC24/765 Christmas Lights. The Clerk gave a verbal update. The contract to purchase light has been awarded to Blachere. The lighting infrastructure will require an upgrade, and a quote has been received. The cost of the purchase, installation and electrical upgrade would be recovered from the UK Shard Prosperity Fund. The total cost is £21552.06.
- The proposal is to receive this report, with the cost being recovered from the UKSPF.
- Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

FC24/766 Finance. The Council were asked to accept the following Cashbooks, 2. 3.5 & 9.

(i) Proposal to accept Reconciliation as presented.

Proposed Cllr Colbourne. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

(ii) Proposal to authorise payments list August 2024.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Colbourne. 1 abstention Cllr Shaw. Carried.

(iii) Bank Statements were not available – deferred to be presented in October.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

(iv) The Clerk presented payments due to renewals or quotes.

Quote to renew Council Insurance £3712.13
(£3536.42 subject to 3-year agreement option being accepted.)
Proposal with agreement to remain with Clear Council for 3 years

Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Cooper. Carried.

Cllr Clarke left the meeting.

Quote to install a bench on Leicester Road £320.00
Quote to install lighting infrastructure £2664.00
Renew Parish online XMAP service required for the NHP £260 + vat
Quote to renew Council insurance £3526.42.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried. (Cllr Clarke was not present)

FC24/767 Next Meeting notified Wednesday 2nd October 2024

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Signed..... Date.....