



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

Full Council (FC) Minutes recorded on
Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7:00pm.

MINUTES

- Present: Cllr David Ainslie BEM (Chair). Cllr Trevor Colbourne. Cllr Christine Edwards.
Cllr Mark Shaw. Cllr Geoff Thompson. Cllr Barry Read. Cllr Geoff Thompson.
Cllr Ron Simpson BEM. Cllr Liz Clarke. Cllr Lindsay Cooper.
- Also Present: Mr Adam Lowe (Clerk to the Council). (Voting to 9)
Mr Colin Wilkinson
20 members of the public.
- FC24/809 Chairman and Mayor of Uppingham opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. The Chairman read out his prepared report. (Attached to the Minutes FC24/809i)
- FC24/810 Apologies. Cllr Hugh Illingworth.
Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.
- FC24/811 Declaration of Members' interests and applications for dispensation.
Cllr Shaw – 8ii. (Finance) Payee. 14 Uppingham First.
Cllr Colbourn – 14Uppingham First.
Cllr Thompson – 14 Uppingham First.
Cllr Simpson – 14Uppingham First.
Dispensation to debate and vote as non-pecuniary for all declarations.
Except Cllr Shaw will not be voting on 8 vii (Payment List)
- FC24/812 To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 7th November 2024.
Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.
- FC24/813 The Clerk gave an update. The Christmas Lights are up and working. The Bins for LNS have now arrived. The bar area was repaired. Other works are outstanding as we wait for quotes. Grant request for the Skate Park has been submitted. NHP Plan grant request being processed. EXPO, recruitment has generated some interest with an interview on Friday.
The meeting was suspended at 7:08pm to allow public deputations.
7:08pm Cllr Cooper joined the meeting (Voting to 10)
- FC24/814 (i) Five members of the public spoke – (i) UIB requested a public notice board on Dairy Corner. They are also completing their Grant request for watering. (ii) Scheme of delegation – the Staffing Committee has 6 Cllrs, the Council resolved to have 5. Was a Cllr going to stand down? Town Clerk to check into this matter. (iii) Congratulations on the newsletter. Reference to the Chairman's previous report at the previous meeting the member of the public gave a response and shared their view. (iv) Observations and opinions regarding the vape shop were shared, this was not an agenda item, the Chairman allowed the member of public to continue where their comments were received, and the Chairman thanked all those that had contributed during this part of the meeting. The Chairman asked that the Vape shop be a future agenda item. (v) Concern was raised over the apparent loss of two staff at the library.

FC24/814 (ii) The County Councillor gave a verbal update, this touched on the concerns over the vape shop. The Uppingham Library Plan passed by RCC is out for Tender. A reminder of free bus travel throughout December. Two consultations are coming up: Local Nature Recovery Strategy Draft and the review of Travel to Education Policy. Interested parties can find these on the RCC website.

The meeting resumed at 7.23pm (15 minutes)

FC24/815 (i) Finance & General-Purpose Committee Minutes.
Cllr Colbourne gave an overview and proposed minutes be received.

Proposed Cllr Colbourne. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

(ii) Staffing Committee Minutes
Cllr Simpson gave an overview and proposed minutes be received.

Proposed Cllr Simpson. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

FC24/816 (i) To receive and accept reconciliation, November 2024.

Proposed Cllr Colbourne Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

(ii) To authorise the payments list. November 2024.
The Chairman read out the total £40424.68

Proposed Cllr Hobbs Seconded Cllr Colbourne. Carried. 7 for 3 abstained.

(iii) To accept the latest Bank Statements. November 2024.

Proposed Cllr Colbourne Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.

FC24/816 (iv) To authorise the payments over £2K (ex-vat)

£13,321.60 Blachere (from UKSPF)
£10,075.81 Rutland County Council

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.

FC24/817 Item 14 on the agenda the NHP update was brought forward, and Mr Colin Wilkinson was invited to present the summary of the report by the Chairman. Mr Wilkinson presented the report, and the Chairman invited debate following which the following proposal was made:

The Town Council supports modifications to the submitted neighbourhood plan and in doing so is submitting it in six documents to Rutland County Council for consultation, and onward submission to the External Examiner; these documents are: (1) Retail Evidence paper. (2) Housing Evidence paper. (3) A Modified version of the submitted neighbourhood plan. (4) A Modification schedule. (5) A Document that compares the modified neighbourhood plan alongside the submitted version. (6) The strategic environmental appraisal addendum.

Proposed Cllr Simpson. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.

FC24/818 Communication paper – Cllr Colbourne presented his paper and following a short debate it was proposed that a Working Group would be set up to develop a strategy and policy. Consisting of Cllr Colbourne. Cllr Clarke. Cllr Shaw. Cllr Read. An officer.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

FC24/819 The Chamber kitchen refurbishment. The paper recommended removing the dated cupboards and installing a kitchen at a cost of £7k. Following a short debate, it was proposed to have the work undertaken with a budget of £7K (with a 10% leeway) using CiL money.

Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Colbourne. Carried.

FC24/820 The Leicester Road Cemetery Notice Board needs replacing and a recycled double noticeboard was suggested. Following a short debate, which included ensuring the location was reviewed, the Council recommended replacing the noticeboard to the value of £3k (10% leeway) includes installation. Using CiL money.

Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Clarke. Carried.

FC24/821 Tod's Piece Toilet – cost of electricity and water. The Council have previously covered the cost of the utilities, however without a written agreement in place it was proposed that the Council arrange to meet with the football club to identify a way forward. The meeting would include. Cllr Colbourne. Cllr Thompson and the Clerk. The Amenities Committee should review other options and come back with recommendations. Total Cost not to exceed £423.90

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

FC24/822 Football club lease – due to the issues with the previous agenda item it was suggested to defer this item to January 2025.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

FC24/823 Planning Application and Updates.

(i) 2024/1221/ADV – PROPOSAL – The Town Council have no comment to submit except to refer this to the Conservation officer.

Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.

(ii) 2024/1221/ADV – PROPOSAL – The Town Council comment is that they support the views of the Highways Department.

Proposed Cllr Hobbs. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried

(iii) The Council noted without comment the following decisions.
2023/1101/FUL - REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION
2024/1081/FUL - GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION
2024/1206/RG3 – GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION

FC24/824 Grant request – Tod's Piece allotment. The Council agreed to support the request where the weed barrier is purchased by the Council and given to the Allotment Society.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried

FC24/825 Uppingham Expo – Cllr Shaw. There was an expression of interest in the one off role of event organiser and there is a meeting planned for Friday. The meeting will be at 11am on Friday. This is for noting.

FC24/826 Next Meeting of Full Council Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7:00pm

The meeting closed at 8:54pm.

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

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Mayors Opening Remarks 4th December 2024

1. Welcome to everyone to this meeting of the Town Council at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at the Town Hall. Since we last met the Town Council has been working extremely hard on behalf of the people of Uppingham. We have now successfully repaired the London Road Cemetery fence, undertaken a major clearance of overgrown sites on the Tod's Piece Allotments and installed our new Christmas Lights in time for tomorrow's Christmas in Uppingham Event. I would like to thank Adam and Cynthia for their tireless work in ensuring that the lights were installed on time. At times it was quite a challenge. I am sure that all the Town Council wishes the very best for the Late Night Shopping event and trusts that it will be a success. Normally I would not speak about individual members of staff but on this occasion I wish to publicly congratulate Cynthia on successfully passing her ILCA qualification (Introduction to Local Council Administration). Many congratulations to her on this fine achievement.
2. Turning to myself as Mayor, since we last met on 7th November 2024, I have attended a number of remembrance events, including the Lord Lieutenants Poppy Appeal concert, the service for Uppingham at Uppingham Church where I laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council and the County service at Oakham Church. I attended, along with Cllr Barry Hobbs a meeting with the Chief Executive of Rutland County Council to discuss the future vision of Uppingham and afterwards we both attended a further remembrance service at Oakham Castle. I have also attended as Mayor, the annual awards evening at Uppingham Community College and it was great to see so many talented youngsters from our town receiving recognition for their fine achievements. Finally, earlier this week I attended at the Local History Study group for the launch event of a new book by Dr Vivian Anthony entitled The History of Ayston Road.
3. We are joined tonight by our Neighbourhood Plan Professional Advisor Colin Wilkinson and so I intend to change the running order of the agenda and will be taking item 14 (Update on Neighbourhood Plan) straight after item 8 so that we have plenty of time to access Colin's knowledge.
4. Tonight I intend to exercise my discretion under Standing Order 3.10 to permit Councillors to remain seated whilst speaking.