



# UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



## Notes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum held on Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm in The Falcon Hotel

### Present

Uppingham residents, UNF Chair Janet Thompson BEM and UNF Executive Members David Ainslie BEM, Christine Edwards, Mark Shaw and Ron Simpson BEM Trevor Colbourne, David Greengrass, Andrew Mankowski, Margaret Simpson BEM, Sue Streeter and Tony Streeter; representatives, volunteers and members of the following institutions and community groups: -

Beeches Residents' Association, St Peter & St Pauls Church, E J Toon Trust, Uppingham Bowls Club, Uppingham Rotary Club, Uppingham Business Forum, Uppingham First, Neighbourhood Watch, Uppingham Brownies, The Elms Residents Association The Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents' Association, Uppingham in Bloom, Uppingham WI, Uppingham Town Council, UppWatch, the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium and the Hopper Heroes.

### Apologies for Absence

None

### Roll Call of Organisations and Residents

43 attendees were recorded as being present.

### 1. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Janet Thompson welcomed everyone to this the first UNF public meeting of 2021 on Zoom and noted the excellent attendance.

### 2. Annual Report and Forward Plans

- a) 2021 Annual Report - Copies of the 2021 report on the work of The Forum and its community and business partners were circulated in the meeting (also distributed to every household in the town)
- b) RCC Local Plan – This is now to be re-written over a period of approximately three years at a cost of circa £1M
- c) Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan – This is in the process of being updated with Forum representatives actively involved. The town's Vanguard Board is liaising with housing developers regarding the town's actual growth needs and meeting government housing targets. UTC has created a N Plan Advisory Group to lead the updating of the plan. The housing section of the plan is being led by Cllr David Ainslie BEM who updated the meeting on the progress made.

### 3. Executive AGM Minutes, Recommendations and Forum Elections

The meeting approved the appointments and recommendations documented in Appendix A: -

### 4. Policing and CCTV Update

Janet reported on the absence, due to post appointment training, of the new Uppingham Beat Officer, PC 1560 Anna Maria-Ingram, who hoped to attend future meetings of the Forum. Her e-mail address is [anna-marie.ingram1560@leicesterhsire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anna-marie.ingram1560@leicesterhsire.pnn.police.uk)

Forum Coordinator Ron Simpson reported that the Uppingham First Community Partnership was hoping to install at least one more camera in the high street.

### 5. Community Emergency Plan

The Executive decision to update the emergency Plan for 2022 was noted and approved.

## 6. Defibrillator Training

Registrations for defibrillator training, to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 were taken after the meeting.

## 7. Rutland Conversation Update

Forum attendees were updated on the progress being made with the County Council's Rutland Conversation on the future of the county and were encouraged to remain involved. Draft outputs are due to be published for comment in November.

## 8. Health and Wellbeing

Residents were updated on the Rutland Health and Social care Policy Consortium concerns about the Health Plan for Rutland due to be published and considered at the next meeting of The Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board. A short report from the Chair of the Consortium detailing a number of issues was circulated.

## 9. High Street Update

As Chair of the town's Business Forum, Ron Simpson provided a brief overview of the business movement and new arrivals in the high street. Of particular interest is a creative crafts hub being established in the town centre by AU (The Artisans of Uppingham). This will initially be at the rear of The Falcon Hotel.

## 10. Social Sundays and other 2021 Events

A brief resume of the 2021 events undertaken was described. This included the innovative Social Sundays events which had begun in May and featured an August 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Big Picnic' on Tods Piece supported by Live and Local, a new classic car event and a Rotary Christmas Fair. Full details of forthcoming events are published on the Uppingham First website at [www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk](http://www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk)

### The following events are scheduled

- a) Social Sundays – May 17<sup>th</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup> – Market Place
- b) Round Rutland Classic Vehicle Run – September 19<sup>th</sup> - linked to Social Sunday
- c) Family Social Sunday – September 26<sup>th</sup>
- d) Rotary Christmas Craft Fair – Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> in The Falcon Hotel
- e) 2021 Fatstock Show – Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>
- f) Christmas in Uppingham- December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

**Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Executive Committee  
Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum - Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> 2021  
The Falcon Hotel, Uppingham Commencing at 6.45pm**

**In Attendance**

David Ainslie BEM (Limes, Firs & Spurs) Trevor Colbourne (TERA), Christine Edwards (E J Toon Charitable Trust), David Greengrass (Methodist Church), Mark Shaw (BRA), Margaret Simpson BEM (Rotary), Ron Simpson BEM (Neighbourhood Watch), Sue Streeter (WI), Tony Streeter (Uppingham in Bloom), Janet Thompson BEM (Chair) (Brownies, Guides and Church).

**1. Chair's opening remarks**

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting saying how pleased she was that colleagues could all be together once again. The meeting would be short and succinct as the full public AGM followed at 7.30pm.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Andrew Mankowski

**3. Declaration of Interests**

The business, council and community sector interests of colleagues were noted.

**4. 2020/21 Covid Actions**

RS reported on the community support arrangements organised by the Forum during the pandemic. In addition to all the work undertaken by volunteers through UppWatch, the Forum had been successful in organising a number of online meetings including a PCC Candidate Hustings and a Valentine Night musical evening. Forum members had continued to help operate a community transport service during the pandemic with the Uppingham Hopper transporting passengers to the surgery and high street while delivering medicines for Boots and collecting food for the Rutland Foodbank.

**5. Matters Arising**

None

**6. To acknowledge UNF Executive Member BEM Awards and EMWA 2021 Nominations**

Executive members were pleased to note that the public recognition afforded to the work of the Forum and its lead members. Janet Thompson and Margaret Simpson had both been awarded BEMs for their voluntary sector work. It was also a pleasure that guide leader Helen Swift had been nominated for the East Midlands Women's Awards this year.

**7. 2021 Annual Report, Accounts and Financial Update**

RS reported on successful year with an UppShop grant being received from the Coop Community Fund, joint working with Rotary in Uppingham on its UppShop programme and the production and delivery of a number of newsletters. The Annual accounts were approved with expenditure of £2415 and income of £3167. Current bank balance was noted as £520. The work of the Forum was to be featured in a combined Annual Report prepared by the Uppingham First Community Partnership and delivered to every household in the town.

**8. To nominate a Chair/Vice Chair for 2021/22**

Agreed as: -

- a) Chair – Janet Thompson BEM
- b) Vice Chair - Mark Shaw

## **9. To elect/re-elect an UNF nominee to the board of Uppingham First**

Given the absence of any other nominees, the three UNF nominees to the board of Uppingham First were again agreed as David Ainslie BEM, Mark Shaw and Janet Thompson BEM.

## **10. To elect/confirm UNF nominees to the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group**

Agreed as Janet Thompson BEM and Tony Streeter

## **11. To consider: -**

- a) Uppingham Community Emergency Plan – It was agreed that this required updating to establish stronger links with the education sector and LLRF primary partners. Emergency Committee to action for 2022
- b) UppWatch (Incorporating Neighbourhood Watch) – It was noted that to the credit of the volunteers involved, UppWatch had continued to operate throughout the pandemic in contrast to many other public services and charities that had essentially shut down
- c) Rutland Neighbourhood Watch CIC – The deteriorating position of this CIC was noted. It was agreed that the Forum should keep N Watch alive in Uppingham, supported by its individual schemes, which should all continue to register with the national N Watch organisation to keep their public liability insurance in force
- d) Member organisation updates – The hard work undertaken by all involved in Uppingham in Bloom was noted and every success wished for 2021. (*Note the achievement of a Gold Award subsequent to the date of the meeting.*)

## **12. To approve updated Data Management and Safeguarding Policies**

Unchanged and approved.

## **13. To appoint the Forum Coordinator for 2021/22**

Ron Simpson was appointed for 2021/22

A Public AGM of the Forum is to be held at 7.30pm.

Ron Simpson BEM  
Co-ordinator