



UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Notes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum held on Thursday August 25th 2022 at 7.30pm in The Falcon Hotel

Present

Uppingham residents, UNF Chair Janet Thompson BEM, Uppingham Town Mayor Cllr Liz Clarke, County Councillor and Ward Members Lucy Stephenson and Stephen Lambert, Uppingham Town Clerk Sharon Coe, 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

87 attendees were recorded as being present.

1. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Janet Thompson welcomed everyone to the 2022 AGM and noted the excellent attendance. She said,

"Welcome to you all, I hope that you have all been having a bright summer so far, and we still have the BANK HOLIDAY to come! Talking of holidays:....."

A couple hadn't been on holiday for 3 years (sound familiar?) and were really excited about going to The Caribbean, as they were in the queue at Heathrow check-in desk. The husband said to his wife: I wish we had brought the piano". The wife asked 'Why, we have our maximum allowance already'. "yes I know said the husband but the tickets are on the top of the piano.

This week celebrates 77 years since the liberation of Singapore, and the commemoration 40 years since the end of the Falklands War. Geoff (The High Sheriff) and I attended the service at 'Rocks for Rail' in Cottesmore this morning and it was very moving 'Lest we forget'.

Today It's a big day for the GCSE results and so best wishes to them in returning to 'exam' assessment. UCC Headteacher Ben Solly has put a press release out congratulating the school's students in achieving great results especially with the adverse conditions over the last 3 years.

A message from a Harrington Governor: Congratulations to all our students today on their outstanding A level results. Nearly fifty per cent of all grades achieved were at A-A standard and over 90% of all grades A*-C. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination. Good luck for your next stage of the journey.*

So, the Agenda tonight is interesting and relevant. If you wish to speak to the audience please indicate this so that we can get the microphone over to you rather than you shouting out. I want to keep the meeting to time but don't want anyone to miss out with information or suggestions.

You will see from the Market Place that the toilets are well under way, I have been informed that the colour of the doors are up for decision so let the Town Council know your choice!

Our County and town are supported by some great public services and we will have reports in Section 3 of Agenda.

The Neighbourhood Forum is representative of many community organisations: UIB, WI, Churches, Brownies and other Youth Organisations, residents associations etc. If you wish your community group to be represented at meetings of the Forum Executive please let us know.”

2. Executive AGM Report

The 2022 AGM of the UNF Executive Committee was held at 6.45pm prior to the public meeting. In addition to receiving and approving the annual accounts and 2022 Annual Report (distributed in this meeting and published online at www.uppinghamonline.co.uk) the following appointments were made.....

UNF Chair/Vice Chair for 2022/23

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

UNF Nominees 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.

UNF nominees to the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group

Janet Thompson BEM and Tony Streeter

Forum Coordinator for 2022/23

Ron Simpson BEM

3. Emergency Services Update

Policing and Crime Report: The Chair advised that, unfortunately, none of the town’s police beat team were able to join us this evening but the force has forwarded the recent crime stats. See Appendix A.

The Chair next said “This is not a police report but a resident wishes me to bring a matter of concern to you and this will be included in the Forum notes and available to the Police and RCC2.

“I would like to raise the issue of continuous speeding along the stretch of London road from the top of the hill at the UCC leading down to the first speed humps towards the town and reverse.

There’s no speed calming measures apart from a tired LED sign which flashes “Slow Down”...when someone approaches over 30MPH. Needless to say, it’s continually flashing as most vehicles, including large HGV’s are averaging 40 - 45MPH as they pass given the momentum from the steep hills in both directions.

This stretch of road is extremely hazardous for pedestrians as the paths are very narrow. So, vehicles are passing inches away from people on the footpaths. Even more concerning, as it’s the main route for the pupils of UCC and the boarding houses for Uppingham School.

*I’ve never seen any mobile speed cameras operate on this stretch of road. Urgent measures need to be put in place i.e. speed cameras (ideally fixed), speed humps, 20MPH speed limits (especially during the busy period before schools start and finish” ** This was read out by the Chair at a resident’s request.*

The Uppingham Beat Officer, PC 1560 Anna Maria-Ingram, hopes to attend future meetings of the Forum. Her e-mail address is anna-marie.ingram1560@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Uppingham Fire Station Report: Kevin Robb from Fire Dept briefed the Forum on how the town's volunteer based station operated. While fully operational, the station was currently below the ideal number of volunteers. Kevin said, "Our station should run on 19 and we only have 11 so are currently recruiting firefighters. If anyone wants to join, look at our Facebook page." Other issues addressed by Kevin included:

- An increase in call outs during the hot weather
- A fire skills course ran in April has helped identify the need for fire cadets (like the scouts they meet every week)
- A learner driver course is being held on Oct 15th at Uppingham motors. A police virtual reality kit and biker will be attending. ** All are invited to attend this event on 15th October 2022 at the Uppingham Fires Station.

A member of the public stood up and thanked the team for their diligent service on the recent fires. This was echoed by all present. As Kevin's presentation ended his bleeper activated to call him out on a shout!

Rutland Memorial Hospital: Cllr Lucy Stephenson provided an update on an RCC and Melton BC funding bid to combine a new community transport hub with a revamped Memorial Hospital. Additional comment on concerns regarding the size of the site was added by Jennifer Fenelon of the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium.

Janet Thompson also read out the update from Rutland Memorial Hospital on their refurbishment plans: The wards are being moved to Loughborough but all out-patient appointments will continue to be run from the Memorial Hospital.

4. Community Emergency Plan

The Executive decision to update the town's Community Emergency Plan in the autumn was noted and residents invited to get involved.

5. Rutland Local Plan

Lucy Stephenson delivered an informative PowerPoint presentation on the importance of the community responding to the current RCC online consultation regarding the Issues and Options believed to be pertinent to the new Rutland Local Plan. Ron Simpson asked responding residents to include a request that the new Local Plan include the policy: - That the development sites to be supported in Uppingham be those approved in the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan..

6. Health and Wellbeing

John Leslie, Chair of the Uppingham Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) presented a PowerPoint presentation in which he provided a range of statistics relevant to the workload of the surgery and ended with the excellent news that the surgery had now removed the outside gazebo and installed a new indoor waiting area for patients with appointments. He asked that if anyone wishes to put any issues and points to the Surgery they are able to do this through the PPG email address: Uppingham.surgeryppg@nhs.net

7. Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan

Ron Simpson provided a brief overview of the Regulation 14 public consultation stage of updating the Neighbourhood Plan and stressed the importance of a public response. It was hoped this stage would commence in November.

8. Community Group Updates

Uppingham in Bloom: Sue Streeter reported: This year has been very challenging for the Bloom team not only from the hot weather but the graffiti and vandalism to our sensory garden and surrounding area on Tod's Piece. It is thanks to the resident ladies that the daily rubbish, left by some inconsiderate people, is cleared. The regular youths who use the skate park have been very supportive to the residents. The bins are not emptied often enough which has exacerbated the problem.

On a happier note we are holding a fundraising Ball at the Falcon Hotel on Saturday evening the 5th November. Tickets are £50.00 each. If anyone is interested there is a purple folder at the back for names and contact details for further information or contact Karen Emery-Downing on 07980 832415. Thanks also to all our sponsors and volunteers for their invaluable support and hard work. East Midlands in Bloom awards are on the 21st September. Fingers crossed for another gold.

Women's Institute: Uppingham Evening WI meet on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter and St Paul's Church hall just off the Market Square. Meetings are 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Our speaker on Tuesday 6th September will be WI member Mrs Lynne Pewtress who is giving a presentation on quilting and will be displaying some of her beautiful award winning work. Guests are always welcome so why not come along and meet some new friends.

9. Any Other Business

None. Janet Thompson thanked everyone for attending and stated the committee would be around if anyone wished to speak to them.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Uppingham Crime Report August 2022

Date	Location	Crime
01/08/22	TODS Terrace	Criminal Damage
01/08/22	Wades Terrace	Criminal Damage
02/08/22	Ayston Road	Theft
03/08/22	Station Road	Theft
06/08/22	TODS Terrace	Public Order
06/08/22	TODS Terrace	Criminal Damage
06/08/22	Newtown Crescent	Assault
07/08/22	Thring Terrace	Public Order
07/08/22	Thring Terrace	Assault
08/08/22	High Street West	Theft
11/08/22	Ayston Road	Theft
15/08/22	North Street East	Criminal Damage
21/08/22	Barfield Street	Assault
27/08/22	The Quadrent	Criminal Damage
29/08/22	Leicester Road	Assault
31/08/22	Glaston Road	Theft

As part of our ongoing drive to reduce demand did you know that you can report a "NONE EMERGENCY" crime and find lots of useful information on our new improved web site.

www.leics.police.uk

We are promoting neighbour Link and would like you or anyone you know to sign up for it.

Neighbourhood Link is a free email messaging service from Leicestershire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you.

Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys, where the information you provide is used to set our priorities for the forthcoming month.

<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/#signup-section>