

# UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



## **Minutes of the 2023 AGM of the Executive Committee of Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum held on Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6.45pm in The Falcon Hotel**

### **In Attendance**

David Ainslie BEM (Limes Firs and Spurs); Trevor Colbourne (TERA); Andrew Mankowski (TERA) Christine Edwards (Limes Firs and Spurs); John Leslie (PPG); Mark Shaw (BRA); Margaret Simpson BEM (Rotary); Ron Simpson BEM (BRA); Janet Thompson BEM (Leics. Road Residents/Church/Brownies)

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

Janet Thompson BEM welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

David Greengrass (Methodist Church). It was noted that Uppingham in Bloom and the WI were appointing new delegates following the retirement of Sue and Tony Streeter.

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

The declared community, business and statutory sector interests of Executive members were noted. The Chair advised that any interest pertinent to an agenda item should also be raised when that matter was discussed.

### **4. Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

Circulated and accepted as a true record.

### **5. Matter Arising**

None.

### **6. Annual Report, Accounts and Financial Update**

The draft 2023 Annual Report was approved for publication subject to the UNF appointing its nominees and officers later in the meeting. It was acknowledged that the Forum no longer had its own bank account, but instead had a ring fenced budget heading in the Uppingham First accounts. This avoided Forum bank charges and insurance costs. The provision of administrative and banking support for the Forum by Uppingham First for the future was approved. The UF accounts and budget statement were noted.

### **7. Nomination and Elections**

The following were unanimously approved:-

- a) 2023/24 Chair – Janet Thompson BEM 2023/24 Vice Chair - Mark Shaw
- b) UF Community Director Nominees – Janet Thompson BEM (2026); Trevor Colbourne (2025)
- c) NPAG – Janet Thompson BEM and Andrew Mankowski
- d) 2023/24 Coordinator – Ron Simpson BEM

## 8. Uppingham Emergency Plan Update

It was agreed that this be delayed to enable the incorporation of learning from the forthcoming Flood Management event being offered by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Forum. Mark Shaw and Ron Simpson BEM are attending.

## 9. Neighbourhood Watch

The need for residents to now signup online, as recommended by the police, was noted as was the continuation of the Uppingham schemes under the UppWatch banner. It was agreed to confirm that our Uppingham schemes still benefitted from membership of the national N W association, given the current effort to restart an association in Leicestershire.

## 10. Data Management and Safeguarding Policies

The committee noted the need to revisit these policies even if no change was required. It was agreed that both be readopted for 2023/24. The need for an updated Equality and Diversity Policy was acknowledged.

## 11. AOB

Following acknowledgement of the public meeting agenda to follow at 7.30pm, the meeting was closed.

Ron Simpson 28.8.2023



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