



UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Notes of a General Meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum held on Thursday January 20th 2022 at 7.30pm in the Garden Room of The Falcon Hotel

Present

UNF Chair Janet Thompson BEM; County Councillor Lucy Stephenson; High Sheriff elect for 2022/23 Geoff Thompson, Town Councillor and UNF Executive Members David Ainslie BEM, Christine Edwards, Mark Shaw and Ron Simpson BEM; UNF Executive Members Trevor Colbourne, David Greengrass, Carl Kropacz, Margaret Simpson BEM, Sue Streeter and Tony Streeter; representatives, volunteers and members of the following institutions and community groups: -

Beeches Residents' Association, Uppingham Methodist Church, 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, Rutland County Council, UppWatch, the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium, the Uppingham Surgery Patient Participation Group and the Hopper Heroes.

Apologies for Absence

Andrew Mankowski. Lis & Nick Townsend, Sue & John Handbury, Liz & Nick Clarke.

1. Roll Call of Organisations and Residents

67 attendees were recorded as being present. Attendees were advised that the meeting was to be photographed at some point in the evening.

2. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Janet Thompson BEM welcomed everyone to this the first UNF public meeting of 2022 and noted the excellent attendance and how nice it was to be able to conduct the meeting face to face and hoped that all events will recommence in Uppingham this year. Janet was delighted to see that so many of the associations in Uppingham were represented. Janet explained that the UNF Newsletter had been distributed to all households and that the minutes of this meeting will be available via email and the Uppingham First Website.

3. Health and Wellbeing

a) RCC Health and Wellbeing Strategy Plan and Statistics

Forum Coordinator Ron Simpson BEM offered a short on-screen presentation of some of the informative local statistics underpinning the preparation of the county's new Health and Wellbeing Strategy being prepared by the RCC Health and Wellbeing Board in collaboration with health and wellbeing partners. Dialogue on the draft strategy was continuing with his particular interests including access to future services via community and public transport and the significant projected growth in the number of elderly who are not able to cycle or walk very far.

b) Uppingham Surgery and the PPG

Patient Participation Group Chair John Leslie delivered an excellent on-screen resume of the work and current challenges of the Uppingham Surgery and its Patient Participation Group (PPG). The workload changes since Nov 2019 were of particular note. John's slides are appended to these notes. John explained the role of the PPG 'Patient Participation Group', the structure and the input of the volunteers who bring forth issues and suggested solutions to the Surgery and expressing the need for clarity in notifications to patients. The PPG work together with the Surgery GPs and management to resolve issues on our behalf.

If you are interested in joining, please contact John at the PPG by email on Uppingham.surgery@nhs.net and your email will be forwarded to him. The minutes of PPG meetings can also be found on the web.

4. Rutland Conversation and Local Plan Update & Town Centre Matters.

Rutland County Council Deputy Leader and Uppingham Ward member Cllr Lucy Stephenson brought the meeting up to date with the start made on creating a new Rutland Local Plan, with a fresh call for sites expected in February and a refreshed effort to engage the whole community in its preparation. The outputs of the well

received Rutland Conversation to date would be used to help inform the new local plan. Lucy was also able to update the meeting on the ongoing dialogue regarding the further development of Baines Corner.

Janet gave an update from Liz Clarke (Deputy Mayor) on the Market Place toilets. Collaboration by RCC with the Town Council regarding the transfer of ownership and modernisation of the marketplace toilets is under way. It is hoped that work will be completed by the end of March. The Town Council have decided not to go ahead with the option of an ATM on the outside wall.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Matters

a) Where are we at?

UNF Coordinator and Neighbourhood Plan Vice Chair Ron Simpson BEM reported that the majority of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group (NPAG) working groups had now forwarded the results of their research to the consultant who was to undertake the first draft of the update plan for the community to consider. It was hoped that this draft may be ready by April.

b) Uppingham Artisans

Ron advised that significant efforts were being made to support the establishment of an Artisans Hub in the town with financial support and sponsorship initially coming from Rotary, Margaret and Ron Simpson, The Falcon Hotel and Uppingham First. The Town Council was also bidding to secure a £15K grant to help the Hub, currently located in The Falcon Yard courtesy of the Wills family, set up in an empty property in the high street.

c) Amenities, Transport and Open Spaces

UNF Chair Janet Thompson BEM reported that a detailed survey had been conducted by members of this group and had looked into the availability of parking spaces, possible future parking spaces on Ayston Road and Seaton Road. The group had made recommendations to the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

d) Housing and Employment Sites

Neighbourhood Forum Executive Member and Town Councillor David Ainslie BEM reported the progress on each of the housing and employment sites currently being considered for inclusion in the updated Neighbourhood Plan. Outline proposals for a number of the sites were now under consideration with Larkfleet, for example, indicating they expected to attend this meeting to consult the community about their expectations. (It was later learned that the Land Director of Larkfleet, who had hoped to attend the Forum, had been hospitalised and required an operation for kidney stones. Their consultation will be offered at a future date). It was reported that confirmation had been received from Rutland County Council that no additional consultation on the identified sites would be required ahead of that which would occur when the draft Neighbourhood Plan was consulted on (hopefully later in the year). Rutland County Council, as part of their Local Plan process would be issuing a fresh "Call for Sites" and if this threw up any additional sites in Uppingham that we were not already aware of, then these could be considered alongside those sites that we had already considered and communicated to the public.

e) Environmental Targets for Uppingham

Ron advised that it was likely that the updated Neighbourhood Plan would contain one or more policies aimed at moving toward new environmental standards in Uppingham. The outputs of an environmental working group were awaited.

6. 2022 Electric Car Survey and Charging Points

UNF Vice Chair and Town Councillor Mark Shaw advised that because of the apparently very rapid take up of electric cars in the town and the consequential need to plan ahead with suitable infrastructure, it was proposed that the Forum, in collaboration with CPRE Rutland, the countryside charity, undertake a community wide survey of electric car ownership and the town's future vehicle energy requirements.

7. Social Sundays, Events and the Platinum Jubilee

The following events are under development by their organisers or are being proposed: -

- Uppingham in Bloom Winter Warmer Lunch Saturday February 19th – 12 noon to 2pm Uppingham Town Hall - £6.50 Tombola donations to 50 Ayston Road/36 Stockerston Crescent
 - International Women's Day Breakfast – March 8th The Falcon Hotel. Call 01572 823465
 - Stilton Cheese Classic Vehicle Run – Sunday April 24th - Market Place and High Street. Book at www.stiltoncheeserun.uk
- Platinum Jubilee Weekend**
- Jubilee Beacon Lighting Event on Tod's Piece - Thursday June 2nd at 9pm

- Big Jubilee Lunch – Sunday June 5th – 2pm in The Falcon Hotel – Led by Rotary in Uppingham in partnership with Uppingham First, the Neighbourhood Forum and the Falcon Hotel team – Enquiries and Reservations to mjs@clara.co.uk
- Uppingham Feast Day – June 19th
- Uppingham Social Sundays – May to September – Market Place
- Uppingham Flower and Produce Show - August - TBA
- Round Rutland Classic Vehicle Run - September 14th - linked to Social Sunday. Book at www.stiltoncheeserun.uk
- Rotary Christmas Craft Fair – Friday November 4th in The Falcon Hotel - Call 01572 823465
- Uppingham Fatstock Show – November – TBC (Awaiting final decision on date of Melton Show)
- Christmas in Uppingham – December 1st
- Uppingham in December – December 2nd to 24th A new event to support Uppingham traders in the run up to Christmas.

8. Community Group updates

Methodist Church: UNF Executive Member David Greengrass informed residents that the Methodist Church is open for services and prayer; that they hold a drop in coffee morning on Fridays at 10.00am and that they have the ability to rent out the rooms for events. They also hold 'Kids Clubs' in the church rooms during the school holidays.

Uppingham in Bloom: UNF Executive Member Tony Streeter updated the meeting on this year's events: The Winter Warmer is being held on Saturday 19th February 2022 at the Town Hall from 12 mid-day to 2.00pm. Funds from this event will go towards a plaque commemorating the Queen's Green Canopy trees which will be planted on Todd's Piece. A Barn Dance is planned for 9th July 2022 in Caldecott and a welcome return of the Uppingham in Bloom Ball is on 5th November at The Falcon Hotel.

Women's Institute (W.I): UNF Executive Member Sue Streeter informed attendees that the WI have their first meeting since lockdown on Tuesday 8th February at 6.30 for 7pm at St. Peter and St. Paul Church Hall. The speaker is well known local photographer Richard Adams and his talk is entitled "Memories". Members new and old are welcome with fees this year set at £22.40. Guests are also welcome at a cost of £3.00.

For your information events are posted in the notice board next to Boots chemist in Uppingham High Street.

Uppingham Hopper: The timetable of the Hopper is currently being reviewed due to lower income and a fall in passenger numbers due to Covid-19 and the community consulted on possible changes. The board of Uppingham First will make a decision on any changes in February and the outcome will be widely published.

TERA: The Elms Residents Association: UNF Executive Member Trevor Colbourne introduced himself and stated that residents of The Elms now have their residents association up and running and a working arrangement agreed with the Bloor Management Company. Trevor asked for assistance with some groundwork which they would like to do on the children's play area and also with providing a notice board for the residents. They have issued their own newsletter for their residents.

Uppingham Brownies: Janet reported that Brownies had continue throughout lockdown on 'zoom' and numbers had increased. The Brownies returned to the 'Hut' in September and are delighted to have a full pack at present with the girls accomplishing many exciting badges.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Notes 6.2.2022

Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum - The Voice of Civil Society in Uppingham and a Founding Partner of UppWatch
A Member of One East Midlands (OEM) and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)

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Uppingham Surgery Patient Participation Group

Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum
20 January 2022

John Leslie
PPG Chairman

WHAT IS THE PPG?

- * A National Organisation representing Patients
- * Newly Formed Rutland PPG working with the Primary Care Network to help shape future NHS Services throughout the County
- * Local Committee of 12 for Uppingham Surgery
- * Wider group of 150 who have offered their services
- * A source of input and feedback to the Surgery on revised ways of working
- * A forum to highlight Issues affecting the general Patient population

WHAT DO WE DO?

- * The Committee meet with the Surgery several times each year
- * Support the Surgery with ideas on improving the Patient experience
- * Provide resource to help with Flu Clinics, e.g. Operate Car Parks, Manage the Patient flow etc.....
- * Act as a sounding board for the Surgery when changes are being planned
- * Provide the Patient perspective on the operation
- * Develop Patient Surveys

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- * Volunteer your time for a few hours a year
- * Provide constructive feedback on the Surgery operation through formal channels
- * Participate in the Patient Survey
- * Complete the Contact Slip, and we will be in touch
- * Email us at:
uppingham.surgeryppg@nhs.net

THE SURGERY IN NUMBERS

Contacts with GP, Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacist	Nov. 2019	Nov. 2021	% Change
Telephone Contacts	1530	2210	+44.4%
Face to Face Appointments	1689	1266	- 25.1%
TOTAL	3219	3476	+ 8.3%
Referrals to Secondary care	433	383	- 11.6%

NOTE: 1. Face to Face appointment times were increased from 10 to 15 minutes

CURRENT CHALLENGES AT THE SURGERY

- * Covid impact
 - Staff illness
 - Support for the Vaccine Programme
 - Volume of patients requiring assistance
 - Social distancing
 - Focus on keeping patients and staff safe
- * Patient expectation of being seen immediately by their own doctor
- * Imposition of change from NHS England
- * Patient access to technology