



# UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



**Notes of a General Meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum held on Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm in the Garden Room of The Falcon Hotel**

## Present

UNF Chair Janet Thompson BEM; High Sheriff Geoff Thompson, Uppingham Town Mayor Liz Clarke, County Cllrs Edward Baines and Stephen Lambert, Town Councillor and UNF Executive Members, Christine Edwards, Mark Shaw and Ron Simpson BEM; UNF Executive Members David Greengrass, 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 Uppingham Surgery Patient Participation Group and the Hopper Heroes.

## Apologies for Absence

David Ainslie BEM, Sheena Ainslie, Trevor Colbourne, Andrew Mankowski, Lucy Stephenson

## Roll Call of Organisations and Residents

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

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

Chair Janet Thompson BEM welcomed everyone to this the second UNF public meeting of 2022 and noted the excellent attendance. 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. She said .....

*Welcome to everyone. I am Janet Thompson, Chair of the UNF. You will have had a UNF newsletter through your door. We have a packed agenda and a copy is on your seat. Please use the microphone if you wish to speak so we can all hear. We have police, the High Sheriff, developer and Gigaclear representatives present.*

*I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our Ukrainian friends to Rutland. I am informed that we have around 95 guests staying in Rutland and a big thank you to everyone helping them to settle in. They are sure to receive a warm welcome from us, which will hopefully start to ease the difficult transition of being uprooted from their own country and we pray for a peaceful end the war. I have a joke to start the meeting off.....*

*In 1950, at a very formal gathering, a distinguished gentleman saw a young lady in the crowd that he recognised but couldn't put a name to a face. He had the urge to speak to her but didn't want to appear rude. He was suddenly standing right next to her and started with some small talk. "How are you?" he asked, hoping to get some clue as to who she was; but her reply was "Very well thank you", he still had no idea of her name. He asked a few more inane questions and finally said "Oh, and what's your father doing now?", "Oh, he is still the King of England" Elizabeth replied.*

*Regarding the Jubilee, its great to see so much red, white & blue. We have lots of events over the Jubilee weekend. Lots in Uppingham and the big Rutland Show is on Saturday at the Showground. Henry Dawe has submitted an amazing poem to Her Majesty and this is also available on audio (let me know if you would like the link). Our Queen is an incredible lady who has had to put up with 14 PMs in her 70 years (sorry, entertained 14 PMs). What a woman. She is an inspiration to us all and we are so grateful for her leadership and it will be a joy to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee.*

*I would now like to hand over to The Queen's representative our very own Geoff Thompson, High Sheriff of Rutland to say a few words of welcome.*

## 2. Hello from the High Sheriff

Geoff Thompson, an Uppingham resident, introduced himself and explained a little of the history surrounding the role of High Sheriff. He also described the working relationship of his role with the judiciary, the police and statutory and voluntary sector partners. It was a self funding role but most enjoyable. He would be happy to receive invitations to attend and/or speak at other community organisations.

## 3. Crime and Policing Update

Local PC Anna Ingram sent her apologies but wanted the residents to know that she has been able to meet many residents on her walks around Uppingham and continues to check on the Market Place, Church yard and Tods Piece' after school time. In her absence PC Ben Orton and his colleague were present and gave a detailed updates on their roles and answered questions from the audience.

### Uppingham crime Statistics April 2021- April 2022

Crime	Quantity	Type
Burglaries	4	Stranger entering a dwelling
Burglaries	1	Shed <i>farm house</i>
Thefts	2	Theft of motor vehicle.
Thefts	6	Theft from motor vehicle
Thefts	4	Licence plate theft
Thefts	11 <i>(9 petrol stations)</i>	Theft from store
Criminal damage	5	Damage to dwelling
Criminal damage	29	General amounting under the value of £5000

## 4. Digital Uppingham – Expansion of Gigaclear Network

A short presentation by Roisin McGettigan, Community Engagement Manager with Gigaclear provided the meeting with an overview of the company's proposal to expand its fibre to the premise (fttp) broadband network to the whole of Uppingham. Work will commence in August with the Firs Estate being the first area to receive coverage.

## 5. RCC and UTC Elections Update

The meeting congratulated Cllr Stephen Lambert upon his election as a ward member for Uppingham and Ayston on Rutland County Council (RCC). Uppingham Ward Member Cllr Lucy Stephenson is now Leader of Rutland County Council. Uppingham Ward Member Cllr Marc Oxley is now a member of the Cabinet at RCC and Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Tourism. Uppingham First and Uppingham Homes CLT Chair County Councillor Edward Baines is now Chair of Planning and Development Control at RCC.

Cllr Liz Clarke is now Mayor of Uppingham and Uppingham First/Uppingham Homes CLT Vice Chair / UNF Executive Member Cllr David Ainslie BEM is now Deputy Town Mayor. The Town Council has 2 new members ( Mike Fish and Barry Hobbs) and one vacancy.

## 6. Uppingham Hopper

Janet Thompson, Hopper driver and UNF Chair reported that .....

*The Hopper passenger numbers are increasing which is encouraging and we get a lot of praise from residents. We (Uppingham First and the Hopper team) would like to encourage more residents to use the Hopper for travelling around Uppingham and save your own cars, fuel and the aggravation of parking.*

*The Hopper can also be booked for functions and special events by Uppingham residents and businesses weekends and evenings. So far it has been to the theatre, museums, football and rugby matches, parties and weddings. It gets out more than me! If you are interested in booking it call 01572 495050. You will have to cover the fuel cost and make a donation.*

*A big thank you to drivers who are all volunteers and give up their time to help the community. We are really stretched over the summer period because of drivers taking well earned holidays and two drivers having stepped down. So if you know someone who would like to join our team please tell us because, without volunteers, we cannot operate the bus.*

## 7. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Neighbourhood Forum Executive Member and Town Councillor Ron Simpson BEM supported by UNF Vice Chair and Town Councillor Mark Shaw (Now Chair of Planning at the Town Council reported the progress on each of the housing and employment sites proposed for inclusion in the updated Neighbourhood Plan. The total number of new homes to be built in the town would represent growth of between 15% and 20% over the 20 year period of the plan. The figure was likely to average out at just over 20 homes per year with the plan being reviewed every five years or so. Following questions from the floor about the possible offer of allotment land by the town council to Uppingham Homes CLT, Town Mayor Liz Clarke confirmed that this had not yet been agreed by the Town Council and was only one of a number of ways in which the Town Council might support the building of more affordable homes in the town. UNF Chair Janet Thompson BEM closed by reminding those present that the Forum was not the council and that queries and questions concerning UTC policy and practice must be directed to UTC itself.

## 8. CPRE Energy Workshops

CPRE Rutland, the countryside charity, Chair Ron Simpson BEM updated Forum attendees on the charity's proposals to run three funded workshops intended to ascertain community preference for future energy provision. Interested residents should contact him at chair@cprerutland.uk or 01572 823465.

## 9. Jubilee Sunday Lunch and other events

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

- Jubilee Beacon Lighting Event on Tod's Piece - Thursday June 2nd at 9pm
- Big Jubilee Lunch – Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 19<sup>th</sup>
- Uppingham Social Sundays – June to September – Market Place
- Round Rutland Classic Vehicle Run - September 14<sup>th</sup> - linked to Social Sunday. Book at [www.stiltoncheeserun.uk](http://www.stiltoncheeserun.uk)
- Rotary Christmas Craft Fair – Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> in The Falcon Hotel - Call 01572 823465
- Christmas in Uppingham – December 1<sup>st</sup>

## 10. Community Group updates

**Uppingham in Bloom:** Tony Streeter

*As you are probably all aware UIN have now planted the Town in readiness for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We have also entered the East Midlands in Bloom competition which is being judged during the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of July. An award that the Town has won on many occasions. We shall, as always, endeavour to keep our Town weed free. Your support would be very much appreciated as it would be a great help to the team if everybody could make a special effort to tidy & weed the outside of their premises. Our next major event is the Open Gardens to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. This will start at the Town hall where tickets are available at £10.00 each to include*

refreshments. There will also be a Tombola & plant stall to held at the entrance. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July we are hosting our Barn Dance at Caldecott, tickets available from Pam Dalby.

**Women's Institute (W.I):** Sue Streeter

*Uppingham WI meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly at St. Peter & St. Pauls Parish Church Hall (just off the Market Place) from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. On 7<sup>th</sup> June our speaker will be Stuart Chamberlain who will be talking about Anthony Blunt and the Windsor's "The Spy and the Royal family". Visitors and new members are always welcome, the entry fee of £3.00 includes refreshments. For a one-off evening, gentlemen are also included for Stuart's lecture.*

## 10. Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

## Notes 18.6.2022

Appendix: Road Maintenance

# Resurfacing

Location	Stud Removal	Surface Dressing	New lines / studs
Morcott, Wing Road	N/A	15/06/2022	28/06/2022
Morcott, The Cockpit	N/A	15/06/2022	28/06/2022
Edith Weston, Edith Weston Road	N/A	14/06/2022	N/A
Ketton, Wytchley Road	N/A	14/06/2022	23/06/2022
Seaton, Harringworth Road	N/A	15/06/2022	01/07/2022
Seaton, Seaton Road	N/A	15/06/2022	01/07/2022
Ryhall, A6121	09/06/2022	13/06/2022	20/06/2022
Barnsdale, A606	09/06/2022	14/06/2022	29/06/2022
Burley on the Hill, B668	10/06/2022	14/06/2022	30/06/2022
Empingham, Stamford Road	07/06/2022	13/06/2022	24/06/2022
Uppingham, A6003 Redhill	06/06/2022	15/06/2022	02/07/2022
Great Casterton, B1081	N/A	13/06/2022	22/06/2022
Little Casterton, Tolthorpe Road / Little Casterton Road	N/A	13/06/2022	21/06/2022
Manton, Wing Road / Station Road	N/A	15/06/2022	27/06/2022
Barrowden, Back Road	N/A	15/06/2022	23/06/2022

## **h. Weekly highways maintenance list**

### Road closures

Town/Village	Starts	Finishes	Company
Ketton, footpath	13/04/2022	13/10/2022	Beeson Wright Ltd
Ashwell, Langham Road	04/05/2022	20/05/2022	Network Rail
Clipsham, Main Street	10/05/2022	12/05/2022	Western Power
Uppingham, Market Place	15/05/2022	15/05/2022	Uppingham First