

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership 27.8.14**  
**7.30pm, Town Hall, Uppingham**

**Present:**

Marc Oxley	Business (Acting Chair)	<b>MO</b>
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	<b>PW</b>
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	<b>SB</b>
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council	<b>PR</b>
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DC</b>
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DR</b>
Rachel Watts	Community/Church	<b>RW</b>
Caroline Lawson-Dick	Uppingham School	<b>CLD</b>
Edmund Hockley	Community	<b>EH</b>
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	<b>JL</b>
Carolyn Cartwright	Community	<b>CC</b>
Andy Wylie	Guest	

1. **Apologies:** Lucy Stephenson, Terry King
2. **Minutes of last meeting 30.7.14:** Agreed unanimously
3. **Financial Report:** PW handed out a summary of last month's finances. Little activity. No large amounts due in or out. Barclays so far unable to explain the £4 direct debit.
4. **Matters of business:**
  - a) **Andy Wylie welcomed:** PC Wylie kindly came to give us an update on current criminal activity in Uppingham. There have been a few incidents (3 units in Station Road broken into, car damage, number plate thefts) & in each incident there has been one person – each from out of town - responsible and one of these people has been caught. Realistically, crime in Uppingham is down on 9 years ago. We now have a 'way marker' on Uppingham following the above events, which means a patrol car comes during the night at times and stays at least 15 mins. 2 of the 4 CCTV cameras have been out of action, but were repaired today. Sadly volunteers have not been found to cover the cameras in Oakham police station on Fri/Sat nights. It was unanimously agreed that UTP would like to recommend that Hugh Crouch (from the Community Safety team) be invited to a UTC meeting and that members of UTP be invited to attend the open session on that day in order to discuss the CCTV cameras. PC Wylie was also asked about the noise complaints regarding one of the town's pubs, mainly from live bands outside in the summer. We thanked PC Wylie for taking the time to come and update us – much appreciated.
  - b) **Signage:** Paul Slater from RCC has now quoted total costs for the removal & replacement of the 3 brown signs as £726.38p. This is a very large increase from the original quote, apparently due to a change of contractor. It was agreed that ideally there should also be a brown sign on the A47 at the Glaston Road turnoff – **MO** to try and get a quote to include this within the next week & forward to SB. SB has been in communication with Uppingham School, but as our final quote for the 3 brown signs and 2 fingerposts comes in at £3,219.60 (without the VAT as that is being reclaimed), then the agreement with Uppingham School that they would pay any excess from the extra wording if we went over £3,333 does not

apply. **SB** to let Fiona Bettles know – but also to say that we are trying to find out the cost of a 4<sup>th</sup> brown sign before their financial year ends.

- c) **Film Nights:** SB said that all support for the ‘grand opening’ of the new cinema screen on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> would be very welcome (August: Osage County) – please spread the word. SB also mentioned that help would be needed with delivering flyers door to door a week before hand – emails to be sent out. The D of E boy is hopefully helping again.
- d) **125/14 & 123/14 resolutions:** this is the bench-marking (footfall) survey planned by Uppingham First: they invited UTC to become involved, and UTC requested that UTP also be asked. Ron is to raise this at the next UF meeting.
- e) **First Aid evening:** So far, SB has the following people wanting to attend: EH, RW, SB, LS, DC + Owen (Church) & Drusilla (Uppingham Flower & Produce). SB has emailed Ron to see if anyone from UF wants to attend – any other ideas welcomed. 2 or 3 more would be good. **DR, MO or DC** to email contact details for Football Club to SB. Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 – 9.30, Town Hall.
- f) **LNS:** SB has volunteered to organise. SB has visited all local traders with invitation to meeting on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> in Town Hall, hoping to get ideas/people on sub-committee. **RW, CC, CLD & LS** have volunteered for sub-committee. **DC** agreed to run the crafts in Town Hall. **DR & EH** will attend meeting on 4<sup>th</sup>. The feeling from the traders visited (those showing interest) was that the stalls in the High St are not ideal and that the funfair isn’t Christmassy (though all said that LNS had improved in last couple of years). At the end of the meeting, £2,000 was allocated to help with expenses (same amount as last year): DC proposed, EH seconded & unanimously agreed. The funfair would bring in £500, but takes a lot of space and RW mentioned that parents find it expensive.
- g) **Website:** PW reported that Alistair Bell is keen to do a new website, and will make a start as soon as **MO** emails him the information he has requested.

5. **AOB:**

- a) **MO** reported that the bike trail will begin building in mid -September, and that the footpath needed for Uppingham will begin in January which is good news for the town. Although the millennium bike trail ends in Preston, it will hopefully be brought through to Uppingham.
- b) **JL** said that a couple of bus stops are going in on Ayston Road for easy access to the new surgery
- c) **SB** asked for people to think of a retailer who might like to join UTP

Meeting ended at 8.25. Next meeting Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Town Hall.