



Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents Association

**Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents Association Committee Meeting held 7.30pm
On Monday 29th January 2018 at 22 Lime Tree Avenue**

Present: David Ainslie, Sheena Ainslie, Howard Thompson, Caroline Crombie, Pat Taylor, Olivia Revitt, Ruth Hurcombe, Christine Edwards and Margaret Lishman

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th September 2107 were agreed by the committee as a true record. CE proposed, HT seconded and it was unanimously agreed.
2. Matters arising from the meeting on 2017:-
DA reported that he had spoken to Ron Simpson regarding a storage box and there were all being used for the Emergency Plan items so it was decided that the Committee would buy one themselves
Response to Local Plan issued by RCC
RCC should respond to the Local Plan to all by end March 2018.
3. Treasurers Report
PT gave an up to date report showing that we have a healthy balance at the present time (£641.30). DA also reported that Sam Findlay has kindly audited the accounts and refused any monetary recompense for this service. It was agreed that DA would send a letter of thanks to Sam for all his hard work, CE proposed, ML seconded and it was unanimously agreed.
4. Quiz Night
DA advised the Committee that he had spoken to the Beeches Residents Association and the date for the Quiz Night would be Sunday 25th February 2018 to be held at the Uppingham Cricket Club at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. DA has contacted Danny Hearn (Rocky Road Music) to see if he would comper the evening for us, and is waiting to hear back from him (subsequent to the meeting Danny has now confirmed). It was discussed and decided that a leaflet drop would be best way to contact all residents and SA would produce one and email to RH and she would print them. OR, CE and HT volunteered to deliver them. It was also decided to put a poster on each of the notice boards as well.
5. The Big Lunch
A discussion took place to decide which date would be best for the Residents as the Big Lunch official date (3rd June) coincides with the Annual Rutland Show. It was decided that we would hold our lunch on Sunday 1st July 2018. The Committee then discussed whether we needed to buy a new marquee to replace the one that had broken. PT has researched various prices and it was decided that we would spend up to £350 on a 3x6m marquee, and that we would contact UTC to see if we could obtain a grant towards the cost, CE proposed, DA seconded and it was unanimously agreed.
6. AOB
Neighbourhood Plan
A discussion took place with regard to the above regarding the information that it was being renewed and refreshed. At a recent Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting it was proposed that a smaller working party would be formed and our 2 representatives on the Committee (PT and HT) together with the two Town Councillors (CE and DA) asked the opinion of the Committee as to their views about who should be on this smaller working party and if indeed this approach was considered to be a good idea.

A discussion took place and a view was offered by RH that narrowing the committee (via a smaller working party) would restrict the view of the residents of Uppingham and that this would have a detrimental effect on the overall Neighbourhood Plan. This view was discussed and it was decided that this would be put to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee as our official position, RH proposed, HT seconded and 7 were in favour, 1 abstention (OR had left the meeting by this time).

DA reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Chairman was seeking the views from participating organisations such as our Association about what items needed to be included in the refreshing of the Neighbourhood Plan. A discussion took place which detailed the following items to be included in the refreshed plan:-

Parking in Uppingham

Youth/Teenage facilities, the need for a 6th form in Uppingham

Tod's Piece, more multi functional use and better safety for the children's playground areas, including fencing along Gainsborough Road

The need for more children's play areas spread around town rather than concentrating on Tod's Piece.

Comments were made that some families can find the accumulation of motor cyclists in the town at weekends intimidating.

Our 2 representatives made the point that they needed more exposure to the underlying issues covered by the Neighbourhood Plan in order to fully understand them and be able to contribute. This was particularly important as neither had been involved in the original Neighbourhood Plan. This view was echoed by other members of the Residents Association Committee and RH spoke passionately about the need for the Community to feel that their involvement in the process was genuine, and with this in mind she proposed that the both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee should be chosen annually by the members of that committee rather than by the Town Council. DA explained that as the committee is a formal Town Council committee the Chairman would have to be a serving Town Councillor. RH accepted this amendment and ML seconded the motion to include this caveat. Vote 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

DA explained that we would need to put forward our views and motions to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and ask for these to become formal agenda items for that Committee to debate.

CC suggested that it would be a good idea to hold an Open Meeting for all residents of the Association to discuss the Neighbourhood Planning process. All members of the committee thought that this was an excellent suggestion and it was agreed that this would be progressed at the next committee meeting. In the meantime, our representatives would make this known to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

RH wished to discuss the recent bad weather and suggested that a rota of volunteers to spread grit using the Association's hand gritter should be drawn up. The committee thought that this was an excellent suggestion and would include it in the next formal newsletter and put a notice on the two notice boards as to where the gritter was stored for future use.

DA advised that the purchase of a Hopper bus was imminent with the funding now secured. We are awaiting the identification of a suitable vehicle.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm