

Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group

Minutes of meeting held by Zoom on 17th December 2020 at 7.30pm **DRAFT**

Present: Dave Ainslie, Edward Baines, Christine Edwards, Kath Gilbert, Miranda Jones, Dick Reeve, Mark Shaw, Margaret Simpson, Ron Simpson, Pat Taylor, Geoff Thompson, Howard Thompson, Janet Thompson
Also in attendance were Peter Leppard (Town Clerk's office), Clive Keble (from design:midlands) and Nick Townsend.

It was noted that Sharon Aumais had resigned from the Group; she was warmly thanked for her contribution.

1. **Apologies for absence:** These were received from Chris Merricks and Tony Streeter, both through illness, and from Steve Rozak. In the absence of Chris, Ron Simpson (vice-chair of the Group) chaired the meeting.
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were none.
3. **Chair's opening statement:** Ron Simpson noted that this meeting marked a key point in the Group's work towards a revised Neighbourhood Plan.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020:** It was resolved unanimously to confirm these as a correct record.
5. **Public speaking:** No members of the public wished to speak.
6. **Neighbourhood Planning Champion's update:** Ron Simpson noted that it was encouraging that Government had, in recent days, changed its stance on the proposed algorithm for determining future housing numbers by location.
7. **Consultancy support:** Clive Keble (design:midlands) spoke about the content of the eight detailed documents, on various topics, which he had provided to the group earlier in the week; the Group then discussed aspects of these. Clive noted that the wide range of issues will create the need for significant community consultation before the revised Neighbourhood Plan is finalised.
8. **Updates from sub-groups:** It was agreed that each sub-group will now take the elements from Clive's outputs relevant to them and incorporate these in their own work, with a view to presenting to NPAG's January meeting.
9. **Call for sites:** A number of responses had been received. The Call closes on 31 December.
10. **Locality grant:** Progress to date on spending this was reviewed.
11. **Date of next meeting:** This was agreed to be on Thursday 21 January at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.