

**Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group.
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2022.**

Present: Ron Simpson, Christine Edwards, David Casewell, Margaret Simpson, Nick Townsend, Andrew Mankowski, Liz Clarke, Edward Baines, Mark Shaw

Also In attendance Sharon Coe Town Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

1. **Welcome**
As the chairman was delayed due to work issues Ron took the chair pending his arrival and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the Mayor in her new role.
2. **To nominate a candidate to Uppingham Town Council, for the chair of NPAG.**
A proposal was made for Chris Merricks to continue in his role as Chairman of NPAG for the coming year. This was resolved unanimously, and the nomination will therefore be presented to Uppingham Full Council that Chis Merricks be appointed Chair.
3. **To elect a deputy chair of NPAG**
A nomination was received that Ron Simpson be elected as Vice Chair of Npag. This was resolved unanimously.
4. **Apologies for Absence**
Received from Jim Day, Howard Thompson, Janet Thompson, Stephen Taylor, Tony Streeter.
5. **Declarations of interest.**
These would be declared if an item of interest on the agenda became apparent.
6. **An opportunity for members of the public to speak (limited to 15 minutes total)**
None.
7. **To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2022**
These were received as a true record and **resolved unanimously.**
8. **To continue the review of the draft policies for the new Neighbourhood Plan.**
Ron Simpson overviewed the work that had taken place on version 8 of the plan which members had received for perusal. There were still some issues with mapping, but the document was really taking shape.

Members felt that we were implementing a vision with clearly structured objectives and that phasing was critical. It was acknowledged that proof reading was vital, and explanations of rationale clearly defined with appropriate links to documents inserted in the text.

Members went through the document page by page; amendments and clarification were made as needed.

Salient points:

- Insertion of Glossary but mindful of possible size.
- It was noted that Rutland County Council will fall short on affordable housing numbers.
- Ask developers for up-to-date maps of possible sites.
- Change to the table of proposed housing allocation made it much easier to read and digest.
- Relook at the design policy and strengthen where appropriate.
- To clarify the difference between a proposal and a policy for understanding. This could be included as an introductory paragraph.
- List of planning uses could be found on the planning portal and the document would be checked for accuracy.
- Clear standards needed for green parks.
- Foreword and introduction from the Town Mayor would be required.

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To Clarify which subgroups are still active, the chair and members of each subgroup.

Housing – Dave Ainslie, Mark Shaw, Christine Edwards, Ron and Margaret Simpson.

Local Economy – Dave Ainslie, Mark Shaw, Dave Casewell.

Transport/Community facilities/ Services/Open spaces (merged as one group) - Howard Thompson, Margaret Simpson, Andrew Mankowski, Dave Casewell.

Environment – Ron and Tony.

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Summary of next steps.

A proposal was made that the draft plan as amended be recommended to the Town Council at the Full Council Meeting on 8th June, with a further recommendation that the Town Council approve the listing of the CIL policies agreed. This would give a good indication of the direction of travel. This was resolved unanimously.

It was noted that we need to get to regulation 14 as soon as possible, to get the benefit of formal feedback from RCC, developers and the public.

It was hoped that a sign off would occur in July.

Date of next meeting

TBC

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm