

**MINUTES OF THE UMBERLEIGH VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7pm**

Present:

Clare Alexander
Ronnie Alexander
Paula Alford
John Andow (Caretaker)
Nigel Brown
Christine Dring
Colin Dring
Linda Holt
Gareth Homfray-Davies
David Hyde
Jeanie Hyde
Jane Laming (Secretary)
Sue Lewis
Ann Page
Rob Page
Sally Rowe
Geoff Shallcross (Acting Chair)
Pat Shallcross
Bernard Wignall
Penny Wignall (Treasurer)
Mary Wilson
Trevor Wilson
Steph Wyeth

Before the meeting commenced Trevor Wilson introduced Clare & Ronnie Alexander, who have recently moved to the Village.

No	Item
1	Apologies for Absence Eileen Beer, Sally Ann Murch, Andy Alford, Pauline Alford
2	Minutes of 2020 AGM Agreed and signed by the Chairman & Secretary
3	Matters arising from those Minutes None

<p>4</p>	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Geoff Shallcross welcomed everyone to the meeting. Geoff took over from David Hawkings when David moved house in December 2020. Geoff presented his report, which is attached to these Minutes. Key points included reference to the Coronavirus and the closure of the Hall for much of the year. Special thanks were given to Penny for securing a number of grants to assist in the running and reopening of the Hall. Also thanks to Sue Lewis, Tony Sanders, David Hyde, Mike Champion & John Andow for their ongoing support of the maintenance and running of the Hall.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Penny Wignall presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021, which are attached to these Minutes. Key points included securing a number of Covid related grants which raised our income to £13,000, from the usual £7-8,000. Penny is applying for a further £7,000 and an £8,000 reopening grant. One item of planned expenditure for 2021 is a new dishwasher.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Fundraising Committee's Report</p> <p>Ann Page advised that on this rare occasion she had nothing to say! No fundraising events were held in the year. However, the fundraising team will be meeting to discuss social events for the Village and to welcome our many new residents.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Election of the Committee</p> <p>Andy Alford resigned from the Committee</p> <p>The Committee were elected as follows:</p> <p>Penny proposed Paula Alford, seconded David Hyde Penny proposed Nigel Brown, seconded David Hyde Geoff proposed Penny Wignall, seconded Ann Page Geoff proposed Jane Laming, seconded Sue Lewis Geoff proposed Ann Page, seconded Penny Wignall Geoff proposed Sue Lewis, seconded Ann Page Geoff proposed David Hyde, seconded Jane Laming Jane proposed Geoff Shallcross, seconded Penny Wignall</p>

8	Any Other Business Fibre Broadband Penny advised of an initiative to bring fibre broadband to Umberleigh. The Community Fibre Partnership is offering grants of £1,500 for each household, £3,000 for each business and £30,000 for the School, to support installation. Penny has requested residents show their interest by providing her with their surname, house name & postcode. 13 businesses are on the list so far. The cost of installation has yet to be advised. Umberleigh school are taking the lead and writing to our MP Selaine Saxby to complain of the lack of broadband. More people should write to our MP to push the case for fibre broadband.
9	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 25 th May 2022 7pm