

**MINUTES OF THE UMBERLEIGH VILLAGE HALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm**

**Present:**

Paula Alford  
John Andow (Caretaker)  
Eileen Beer  
Nigel Brown (Treasurer)  
Linda Holt  
David Hyde  
Jane Laming (Secretary)  
Stella Levy  
Sue Lewis  
Sally Ann Murch  
Ann Page  
Geoff Shallcross  
Pat Shallcross  
Sam Stobbs  
Bernard Wignall  
Penny Wignall (Chair)

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Andy Alford, Margaret Alford, Pauline Alford, Mary Wilson, Trevor Wilson
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of 2021 AGM</b>  Agreed and signed by the Chairman & Secretary
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising from those Minutes</b>  None

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Chair's Report</b></p> <p>Penny welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented her report, which is attached to these Minutes. Key points included reference to the reopening of the Hall (following the Coronavirus) and its increased use. Penny highlighted the improved appearance of the Hall following decoration, the good attendance at the Garden Show and the completion of the Park &amp; Play project in conjunction with Umberleigh School. She expressed her thanks to everyone who has given up their time to help in the running of the Hall and associated events.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Nigel presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, which are attached to these Minutes. The cash balance at the end of the year was £17,131. A number of Covid related grants were received over the year. This has enabled a number of works to be carried out including the painting of the exterior, purchase of a new dishwasher, picnic benches, garden troughs and new railings.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>Jane presented her report, which again is attached to the Minutes. She highlighted the improvements to the Hall, along with the restarting of the Antique Fairs for this year. She expressed her thanks to those that help with the running of the Hall and its events.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Fundraising Committee's Report</b></p> <p>Ann Page advised that the events run this year so far have included the Roving Crows and Antique Fair, with a Big Breakfast planned for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Pauline Alford &amp; Ann are to share the role of Chair of this committee, but they would like to rename it to reflect a more sociable &amp; fun outlook. Ann thanked everyone for their contribution to the smooth running of events at the Hall.</p>

## **8 Election of the Committee**

Jane explained how the managing committee should be made up and that all parties are trustees and should be listed as such on the Charity Commission website. Nigel is to check the position regarding Trustee liability insurance.

The Committee were elected as follows:

5 elected members:

1. Penny Wignall – proposed by Paula Alford, seconded David Hyde
2. Nigel Brown – proposed by Paula Alford, seconded Ann Page
3. Jane Laming – proposed by Paula Alford, seconded Geoff Shallcross
4. Geoff Shallcross – proposed by Paula Alford, seconded Ann Page
5. Ann Page – proposed by John Andow, seconded Dave Hyde

Representatives of four local organisations:

1. Umberleigh School – Paula Alford
2. Atherington & Umberleigh Women's Institute – Eileen Beer
3. Christian Fellowship – Eileen Beer
4. The Really Useless Theatre Company – David Hyde

Co-opted Members (max 5pp)

1. Chittlehampton Parish Council – currently Pat Shallcross (to be confirmed following their AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022)
2. Fund Raising – Pauline Alford
3. Sally Ann Murch
4. Sue Lewis

Total 12 Trustees

## **9 Fibre Broadband**

Bernard Wignall advised of the latest situation regarding the proposed installation of fibre broadband for Umberleigh. His comprehensive report is attached to these minutes. This has been progressed with the Fibre Community Partnership who is offering grants of £1,500 for each residential property and £3,000 for each business. These grants should cover some, if not all of the costs.

Bernard is presenting to Chittlehampton Parish Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May to request that they become the legal entity for the project. A further meeting will be arranged to obtain pledges from residents to progress the scheme.

<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>  Trevor Wilson requested that a projector and screen be purchased for use in the Hall. It was agreed that this would be beneficial for future events. Bernard Wignall and Dave Hyde are to progress. Paula Alford offered a screen for sale.  John Andow asked if everyone was happy with his work as caretaker. It was agreed we were and Penny thanked him for his endeavours.
<b>11</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 7pm