**Minutes for AGM meeting held 08/05/24**

**Those present:** Faye Davies (Clerk), Cllrs Wheaton, Murch, Craze, Pawley, Seatherton, Beauregard, and Nicklin, County Councillor Henderson, and District Councillor Whitehead.

**Also present:** Five members of the public.

**1. Apologies** – Cllrs Blyther and Alford. No apologies received from Cllr Mullinger.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None

**3. Minutes: Last years Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2023** – all signed as a true account.

**4. Chairs Annual Report: Cllr M Wheaton** – Due to Cllr Wheaton only being Chair for a very short period of time, previous Chair and Cllr Jones wrote the annual report, which is attached at the end of this document.

**5. Election of Parish Councillors** – all Councillors in favour of co-opting Angela Hoare onto the Parish Council.

**6. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Officer** – Cllr Hoare was not present to do this.

**7. Election Of Officers:**

**a. Election of parish council Chair** – Cllr Wheaton

**b. Election of parish council Vice-Chair** – Cllr Murch

**8. Election of Planning Committee:**

**a. Appointment of Planning Committee Members** – all members from previous year to remain; Cllrs, Pawley, Beauregard, Nicklin, Wheaton, Alford, and Blyther.

**b. Appointment of Planning Committee Chair** – Cllr Pawley

**c. Appointment of Planning Committee Vice Chair** – Cllr Wheaton

**9. Election of Playing Field Committee:**

**a. Appointment of Playing Field Committee Members** – Cllrs, Wheaton, Craze, Nicklin, and Beauregard

**b. Appointment of Playing Field Committee Chair** – Cllr Craze

**c. Appointment of Playing Field Committee Vice- Chair** – Cllr Nicklin

**10. Approval of Financial Regulations (Based on NALC 2019 Model)** – a new model has been released today which will be discussed at the next meeting.

**11. Approval of Committee Terms of Reference & Standing Orders** – re-adopted due to no changes.

**12. Approval Of the Asset Register and Internal Control Procedures** – to be discussed at the next meeting.

**a. Financial Regulations**

**b. Asset Register**

**c. Risk Assessments**

**13. Update Of Year End Financial Statement Including AGAR** – to be discussed at the next meeting.

**These minutes are a draft copy until signed as a true account.**

“Micheal has asked me to give a reflection on the past year.

First and foremost, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to the incredible residents of our Parish. Your continued support and conduct, makes me very proud to be part of our wonderful community, and you have truly made a difference to so much. It is your involvement and passion that make Chittlehampton, Umberleigh & Cobbaton a vibrant and thriving place to live.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my fellow parish councillors. Your tireless efforts and unwavering dedication have been instrumental in making our Parish Council more efficient and effective than ever before. It probably goes unrecognised by the wider community, the strides that have been made with our practices, but rest assured I can relay that what has been undertaken will ensure that the parish benefits as much as possible in the long term. It makes me proud that together, we have navigated challenges such as the land at Winston cross, embraced opportunities, and worked tirelessly to serve the best interests of our community.

This year has been marked by significant milestones and memorable events that have brought us closer together as a community. The grand opening of the children’s play area stands as a testament to the drive and commitment by our fantastic play area committee led by the enigma of Vice Chairman Nicola Murch, to providing safe and enjoyable spaces for our youngest residents to grow, learn, and play.

Furthermore, the anticipation surrounding the refurbishments of our beloved village hall fills our whole community with pride and excitement for the future. This essential community hub will no doubt return to being a place where memories are made, friendships are forged, and community spirit thrives.

We hopefully are making strides to get resolutions to the decade long issues with speeding in Umberleigh, which has been driven tirelessly by the community as well as being strongly supported by County Councillor Paul Henderson.

We saw the much missed return of the Chittlehampton Flower Show and another edition of the wildly successful Umberleigh Flower Show. Which in my eyes always showcases the best of our community.

It would be amiss to not mention the loss of great village character Uncle Bob Slape, a wonderful man who will be missed by many.

Additionally, I want to extend our gratitude to the North Devon community service team for their diligent efforts in maintaining our village.

Thank you once again for your continued support & commitment, through both highs and lows of the last 12 months. Although I am no longer part of the parish council I believe that I have left it in a very strong place, with amazing councillors driven to do what’s best for the wider community and in particular being headed by a multiple generational resident, in Chairman Micheal Wheaton, whose love for his community is nothing short of inspiring.

Here's to another year of progress, prosperity, and community strength.

Matt”