**Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group.**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022.**

Present: David Ainslie, (in the chair) Chris Merricks, Christine Edwards, David Casewell, Dick Reeves, Nick Townsend, Andrew Mankowski

Also In attendance Sharon Coe Town Clerk,

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