**Minutes of Uppingham Town Council Full Council meeting,**

**held at Uppingham Town Hall on Thursday 11 April 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Liz Clarke (chair), Lindsay Cooper, Pat Dalby, Christine Edwards, Sam Findlay, Mike Fish, Barry Hobbs, Godfrey Jennings, Peter Rees, Mark Shaw, Ron Simpson, Ray Sutton

In attendance: County Cllr Christine Wise, 2 members of the public and Locum Clerk P Leppard

(The meeting was audio-recorded.)

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