

**Minutes
of Sulhamstead Annual Parish Assembly
held at the Parish Room on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 7.00pm**

Declarations of Interest: members are reminded that declarations of interest should be made where appropriate.

Present: Mrs Margaret Baxter (Chairman), Parish Councillors: Ms Teresa Sosna, Mrs Rosemary Sanders-Rose, Mr Chris Souden, Mr Ivan Wise, Mr Richard Smith, and Mr Keith Chopping (District Councillor).

In attendance: Mrs Fiona Jones (Clerk)

Members of the Public: Mr Simon Lindley, Mr Andy Tanner, Mr David Hannington, Mr Joe Atkinson, PCSO Michael Sturgess, Mrs Melanie Woodcock, Mr Tony Holden.

1. Apologies

Received from Mr Roger Ashfield.

2. Approval of minutes of 2015-2016 Annual Parish Assembly

The minutes from 2015-2016 Assembly were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. PCSO Report

PCSO Mike Sturgess read his report– see attached. The police take rural crime very seriously and welcome the public’s input in reporting suspicious activity. The contact details for the PCSOs are as follows:

PCSO Michael Sturgess - michael.sturgess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Or telephone 101.

Mr Chopping enquired if the PCSO knew about an abandoned car in Kingston Lane. The PCSO was not aware but agreed to look into it. **Action: PCSO**

Mrs Sanders Rose enquired what the crime clear-up rate was for the area. The PCSO stated that some information could be shared and he would look into it. **Action: PCSO**

Mrs Baxter enquired how people access crime prevention information. The PCSO said that if people call 101 they can request crime prevention support. **Action: PCSO**

Mrs Sosna enquired what could be done about teenagers entering fields near her house and disturbing sheep. PCSO Sturgess replied that she should call 101. **Action: PCSO**

4. Chairman’s report

Mrs Baxter presented a report on the Council’s activities for the past year- see attached.

Mrs Melanie Woodcock enquired if the withdrawal of the funding for the PCSO would have any impact on the SUN School. Mrs Baxter replied that it was unlikely to make much difference and that the school should continue to request visits from the police subject to their availability.

5. District Councillor’s Report

Mr Keith Chopping gave a very comprehensive report - see attached.

Mrs Baxter enquired if the fact that the DPD had not been rubber stamped by the Planning Inspector had any risk attached to it. Councillor Chopping replied that WBC were already acting on the DPD as if it was in place and they were expecting to get approval imminently.

Mrs Baxter asked for clarification of the location of the Firlands site which has been put forward for Mineral Extraction. Councillor Chopping replied that it was the land accessed from Island Farm Road rather than Hollybush Lane which had planning permission for houses.

Mr Andy Tanner enquired if it was likely that houses would be built behind existing houses in Sulhamstead Hill. Councillor Chopping replied it was unlikely, but the recent call for housing sites may identify sites anywhere where a land owner is interested in building houses.

6. SUN School Report

Mrs Melanie Woodcock, co-chair of the Governors read a report from SUN school – see attached.

7. Ufton Nerve Fuel Allotment Charity (UNFAC) Report

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Simon Lindley read a report from UNFAC - see attached.

8. St Peter's Ufton Charitable Trust (The Spire)

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Simon Lindley read a report from The Spire - see attached.

9. West Berkshire Community Broadband

Mr Simon Lindley read a report from West Berkshire Community Broadband – see attached.

10. Report from the Village Hall Management Committee

Mr David Hannington read the report - see attached.

The date of the Cream Teas and Island Farm was announced as 9th July.

11. Any other business

The meeting was closed at 8.02pm there being no further business.