

UFTON NERVET PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
IN THE SULHAMSTEAD & UFTON NERVET
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2018

Present: Mr D Hannington Chairman
Mr D Brown
Mr G Godwin
Mr N Bagshaw
Mrs P Chopping

District Councillor G Bridgman

In Attendance: Mrs F Jones Clerk

1 Apologies for absence
District Councillor M Lock

2 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
There were no declarations of interest.

3 Public Forum
No members of the public were present.

4 Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th September and 20 October, 2017
The minutes had been circulated were agreed as correct. They were signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the last meeting of 27th September and 20 October, 2017
Speed Indicator Device
The Council had still not been notified when a SID machine would be available as the person responsible at WBC was on long term sick leave and there were insufficient resources to cover for them.

Councillor Bagshaw had reviewed the Standing Orders and they were presented at the meeting. However, there were further changes required so it was agreed to present the final version, along with the Financial Regulations, at the March meeting. **Action: Councillor Bagshaw**

6 Planning Matters
WBC have notified that they will not be providing paper plans with planning applications. The Clerk agreed to enquire if it would be possible to borrow the projector from Sulhamstead Parish Council to project online plans during Council meetings. **Action: Clerk**

7 Highways Matters
No new matters were raised.

8 Local Matters
The Chairman reported that there had been an incident on the night of the 23/24th December where 8 car windows and a house door had been smashed by ball bearings. Mrs Chopping reported that the NAG meeting had taken place in December and the crime statistics were low.

9 Application for Transparency Fund

Berkshire Association of Local Councils had notified the clerk that a fund was available to purchase a computer, software and a printer/scanner equipment to help the Council meet transparency rules. This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the Council would apply for the grant. **Action: Clerk**

10 Reports by the West Berkshire Councillors

Councillor Bridgman presented his report. There was a discussion about the Boundary Review and what the outcome was likely to be. The final report was to be published on Tuesday 16th January.

11 Items Raised by Councillors

Councillor Godwin suggested that the Council should purchase a picnic bench for the playground. This was unanimously agreed by the Council. **Action Councillor Godwin**
The Clerk asked Councillor Godwin if he would keep a record of all playground inspections that he undertook. **Action: Councillor Godwin**

12 Finance

It was noted that the Council had successfully transitioned to online banking, although it would appear the Clerk had signing rights, which needed to be changed. **Action: Clerk**

Budget 2018/19

The Clerk circulated the proposed budget. It was agreed to review the Clerk's salary. It was also agreed to increase the donation to the village hall to £125. There was a discussion about a donation to the library service. It was felt that the suggested contribution was out of proportion with the size of the precept and following a vote on the matter it was unanimously agreed not to make a contribution.

It was not felt necessary to increase the precept from the previous year and therefore it was unanimously agreed to request a precept of £2500.

13 Correspondence received

Michele Sherman, the solicitor for WBC, had requested that the Chairman and Councillor Godwin initial the date of the contract for the lease of the land for the playpark, as the Land Registry had been unable to clearly make out the date. This was actioned and the pages given to District Councillor Bridgman to deliver to Michele Sherman. **Action: District Councillor Bridgman**

14 Any Other Business

It was agreed to advertise a Councillor vacancy with a view to co-opting at the March meeting. **Action: Clerk**

15 Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 7th March at 7.45pm in the Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Village Hall.

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Chairman

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Date