

**Minutes  
of Sulhamstead Annual Parish Assembly  
held at the Parish Room on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.30pm**

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

**Present:** Mrs Margaret Baxter (Chair), Parish Councillors: Mrs Rosemary Sanders-Rose, Mr Ivan Wise, Mr Richard Smith, Mrs Liz Penston, Mr Roger Ashfield and Mr Keith Chopping (District Councillor).

In attendance: Mrs Fiona Jones (Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** Mr Simon Lindley, Inspector Chris Ward, Mr Daryl Jordan, Mr Vince Knight, Mr Tony Holden.

**1. Apologies**

Received from Ms Teresa Sosna and Mr Stuart Stanley.

**2. Approval of minutes of 2016 - 2017 Annual Parish Assembly**

The minutes from 2016-2017 Assembly were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**3. PCSO Report**

Inspector Ward read his report– see attached. He emphasized that the police take rural crime very seriously and welcome the public’s input in reporting suspicious activity. Inspector Ward enquired if the Council would like to forge better links with the Sulhamstead Police Training Centre, and he suggested a visit to the Centre. The Chair replied that the Council would welcome a visit and Inspector Ward said he would pass this on to his colleagues.

**4. Chairman’s report**

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

**5. District Councillor’s Report**

Mr Keith Chopping tabled a comprehensive report - see attached. Councillor Smith enquired about a charge for the collection of green waste. Councillor Chopping replied that the district council were likely to charge £50 per year for this service.

**6. SUN School Report**

The Head Teacher, Daryl Jordan read a report from SUN school – see attached. The Chair congratulated the school on their recent Ofsted inspection, when the school had been judged to be “good”.

**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 Chair read a report from The Spire - see attached. Mr Holden expressed his concern that the Spire was no longer insured, and had not been since July 2017. Councillors shared his concern and agreed to inform the Spire trustees accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

#### **9. West Berkshire Community Broadband**

Mr Simon Lindley read a report from West Berkshire Community Broadband – see attached. The Chair congratulated the team on their significant achievements to date.

#### **10. Report from the Village Hall Management Committee**

The Chair read a report provided by the Village Hall Trustees - see attached. Councillor Smith suggested that the Council might provide a dog waste bin to be located near the Village Hall to help to deter people from putting their dog waste into the Hall's general waste bin. The Council agreed to offer this to the Trustees. **Action: Chair**

#### **11. Any other business**

The meeting was closed at 8.05pm there being no further business.