

UFTON NERVET PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
IN THE SULHAMSTEAD & UFTON NERVET
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH 2018

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

District Councillor G Bridgman
District Councillor M Lock

In Attendance: Mrs F Jones Clerk

1 Apologies for absence
None were recorded.

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

3 Public Forum
Mr Vince Knight asked on behalf of the charity SUN-E a donation of £250 towards a skip to dispose of rubbish after the village fete. Mr Knight reported that there are 100 children currently attending the Ufton Nervet Scout Group. He requested a donation of up to £350 for a field oven for the group. The Chairman stated that this was a large percentage of the precept but that the Council would like to support the group. The Clerk highlighted that any donation the Council made via Greenham Common Trust (The Good Exchange) would be fund matched if the Group had a funding project. Councillor Godwin suggested that the Group approach the Ufton Nervet Fuel Allotment for funding which was likely to be well received.

Mr Tony Holden requested that the Parish Council give permission for cleaning of the war memorial at St Peter's Church, which was granted. He also asked for permission to erect a flag pole and a notice board in the grounds of St Peter's Church which was granted.

4 Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 January, 2018
The minutes had been circulated were agreed as correct and they were signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the last meeting of 10 January, 2018
Speed Indicator Device
No progress had been made with obtaining a SID machine. Councillor Bridgman asked to be copied into the emails and would follow up. **Action: Councillor Godwin**
Councillor Godwin reported that he had been able to obtain a picnic bench for the playground, free of charge.

6 Planning Matters
There were none

7 Highways Matters

There were no additional matters other than the SID machine.

8 Items Raised by Councillors

There were none

9 Finance

a. Payments for consideration

i. Fiona Jones	Clerk's Salary	£262
ii. SUN Village Hall	Donation	£125
iii. Royal British Legion	Donation	£50

b. Donations

The Council discussed the application by the Ufton Nerve Scout Group for a donation. A £100 donation was agreed.

The Council also discussed the situation with the Burghfield and Mortimer Handybus and the fact it is now completely self-funding. It was agreed to make a donation of £100.

The Council discussed the request for funds towards a skip at the fete by SUN-E. The Council were not completely sure a skip would be necessary, so Councillor Chopping (a member of the Village Fete committee) agreed to raise it at the next committee meeting and report back. **Action: Councillor Chopping**

The Chairman felt that the Council needed to understand more about the objectives of the new group and it was agreed to invite them to present at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

10 Any Other Business**Application for Transparency Fund**

The Council had been successful in its application for a grant from the Transparency Fund and had been awarded £650 towards the cost of a new laptop, software and printer.

However, there were a number of other one off costs such as anti-virus software, set up and warranty, which meant that the Council would need to contribute an additional £215.67. This additional cost was approved and the Clerk was instructed to proceed. **Action: Clerk**

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The revised version of the NALC model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved by the Council for adoption.

Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk had advertised that there was a Vacancy, but no members of the public had contacted the Electoral Officer at WBC to request an election, so the Council had been given the go-ahead to appoint a new Councillor by co-option. The Council had had two applicants, Mr Richard Smith and Mr Graham Jones, for the post. The Council had had insufficient time to consider the applications so it was agreed to call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council to vote and appoint a new Councillor. In the meantime the Chairman asked the Clerk to check how many Members the Council should have. **Action: Clerk**

- 11 Date of the next meeting**
Wednesday 9th May, 2018 at 7.45pm in the Sulhamstead and Ufton Nerve Village Hall.

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Chairman

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Date