

**Minutes
of Ufton Nervet Annual Parish Assembly
held at the SUN Village Hall on Thursday 7th March 2018 at 7.45pm**

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

Present: Mr David Hannington (Chairman), Parish Councillors: Mr Norman Bagshaw, Mrs Penee Chopping, Mr Geoff Godwin, Millie Lock and Graham Bridgman (District Councillor).

In attendance: Mrs Fiona Jones (Clerk)

Members of the Public: Mr Simon Lindley, Mr Andy Tanner, Mr Tony Holden, Mr Richard Smith, Mrs Mel Woodcock, Mr Vince Knight.

1. Apologies

No apologies received.

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. Chairman's report

Mr Hannington presented a report on the Council's activities for the past year- see attached.

4. Police Report

Sergeant Andy Murray presented a report on how crime has been dealt with in the local area – see attached. Mr Hannington asked how to get in touch with the Pangbourne station, and Sergeant Murray replied to call 101 and ask for the community team at Pangbourne. Mr Holden asked about an incident when his rear windscreen was shot by a catapult at the end of Island Farm Road. Mr Tanner asked if there could be a CCTV camera erected in crime hot spots. Sgt Murray said that it was not currently procedure to have cameras in rural areas or pointing at specific communities.

5. District Councillor's Report

The Council had received and circulated reports from Mrs Lock and Mr Bridgman - see attached. There was a discussion around the new charge for collection of green waste. Mr Bridgman defended the decision because of the difficulties with West Berkshire Council's budget and savings which needed to be made. Mr Tanner stated that he was very concerned about fly tipping as a result. Mr Holden commented that he was unhappy with the restricted opening hours of Padworth recycling centre. Mr Bridgman stated that there was a planning application in process to extend the opening hours.

6. SUN School Report

Mrs Melanie Woodcock, Chair of the Governors, read a report from SUN school – see attached. Mrs Lock questioned how the school was coping with the budget restrictions. Mrs Woodcock replied that difficult decisions had had to be made to make the budget balance. The Chairman asked if the school was at capacity and Mrs Woodcock stated that the school had 107 pupils vs 105 capacity. Mr Tanner

suggested that there were a lot of tradespeople who might be prepared to help the school free of charge and suggested that they contacted him for assistance. Mr Godwin asked how many full time equivalent teachers the school had and Mrs Woodcock replied there were four, but some were job shared. The Chairman praised the staff and governors of the school for their hard work.

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 Clerk read a report from The Spire - see attached. Mr Tanner enquired how a dialogue could be opened to move the project forward. The Chairman replied that Mr Tanner would need to contact the trustees of the Spire. Mrs Lock asked if the Spire could become a 'Community Asset'. Mr Bridgman stated that this might not help with funding.

9. West Berkshire Community Broadband

Mr Simon Lindley read a report from West Berkshire Community Broadband – see attached. The Chairman asked Mr Tanner if the router in the Village Hall could be fitted to the wall. The Chairman praised the hard work and persistence of the volunteers.

10. Report from the Village Hall Management Committee

Mr David Hannington read the report - see attached.

11. Any other business

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm there being no further business.