

UFTON NERVET PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
IN THE SULHAMSTEAD & UFTON NERVET
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 16th April, 2019

Present: Mr D Hannington (Chairman)
Mrs P Chopping
Mr G Jones

In Attendance: Mrs F Jones Clerk

1 Apologies for absence
Mr D Brown, Mr G Godwin and Mr N Bagshaw

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

3 Public Forum
No members of the public were present.

4 Grounds Maintenance Tender
Three tenders had been received. The Chairman opened the tenders:

Contractor	Annual Charge
Bob Hirst (incumbent supplier)	£1620
Tactical Facilities Management Ltd	£2700
Home and Garden Services Sherfield	£1188

It was proposed by Councillor Chopping to award the tender to Ben Vincent from Home and Garden Services, subject to following up references. This was seconded by Councillor Jones and unanimously agreed by the Council. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed to edit the contract to include a severance clause. **Action: Councillor Jones**

5 Exemption from External Audit
As the Council have income and outgoings of less than £25,000 they are able to exempt themselves from External Audit. This was proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Chopping and unanimously agreed by the Council. The Clerk and the Chairman signed the Exemption Certificate of AGAR 2018/19 part 2. The Clerk then undertook to email to the External Auditor. **Action: Clerk**

6 Any Other Business
Playpark and Reserves
The clerk had contacted Rospa Playsafety about the inconsistencies in the report that had been received in September 2018 compared with the post installation report of October 2017. Rospa Playsafety had revisited the site, and had given the playpark a clean bill of health other than a requirement for matting under the baby swings where the grass had been worn away. There had not been a requirement for an election as the Council seats had

been uncontested, therefore it was proposed to use the £350 which had been budgeted for an election to repair the playpark, with the remains being added to an earmarked reserve for repairs / replacement of the playpark equipment. Councillor Jones proposed that the earmarked reserve fund should be reviewed in January when the budget was discussed. This was seconded by Councillor Chopping and unanimously agreed by the Council. The Clerk undertook to find someone to make the repairs. **Action: Clerk**

7 Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 22nd May, 2019 at 7.45pm in the Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Village Hall.

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Chairman Date