

**UFTON NERVET PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD  
VIA ZOOM  
ON WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**Present:** Mr D Hannington (Chairman)  
Mr D Brown  
Mrs P Chopping  
Mr G Godwin  
Mr N Bagshaw  
Mr G Jones  
District Councillor R Mackinnon

**In Attendance:** Mrs F Jones Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

All Councillors were in attendance.

**2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

**4. Councillor Godwin's Resignation**

Councillor Godwin had tendered his resignation, but after further discussions with the Chairman has rescinded it. He would review his position again at next AGM in May 2021.

**5. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of 9th July, 2020 were approved and would be signed by the Chairman as a true record when he and the Clerk were able to meet in person.

**6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**30 mph speed indicator device (SID)**

The Clerk had investigated the cost of a solar SID machine. This was in the region of £2000 for a machine which showed the vehicle's speed, a smiley face and recorded data. Other more affordable options were also available. The siting of a machine was discussed and Councillor Jones suggested that it might be worthwhile investigating if the machine could be moved between different locations. He agreed to investigate this possibility. **Action Councillor Jones.** The Clerk agreed to circulate the costs for the Councillors to review the options. **Action: Clerk**

**Oak Tree by the Playpark**

No further quotations had been received, so it was agreed to proceed with the work using Oakley Tree Services. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor. **Action: Clerk**

**7. Report by the West Berkshire District Councillor**

Councillor Mackinnon highlighted three pots of funding which were available for the Council to apply for. There was a £1000 Covid Fund to be distributed amongst the Parish Councils that Councillor Mackinnon represented. There was the Members bid pot of £5000 which could be applied for but would not be decided until June 2021. There was also a Community

Infrastructure Levy fund which West Berkshire Council was going to make available to Parish Councils.

Councillor Mackinnion gave an update on the recent traveller incursions and the response by the police. He had been informed that only one traveller family remained at Four Houses Corner camp and they would have to be rehoused before the camp could be refurbished.

## 8. Planning Matters

### **20/02101/LBC2 Old Rectory Gardens Ufton Nerve - 5 replacement windows**

The application was discussed and no objections were raised.

### **20/02017/FULD Ufton Green Farm, Ufton Nerve - Conversion of existing agricultural bars to provide 3 residential dwellings**

The application and the letter from the Englefield Estate were discussed and no objections were raised. The Council decided to express their support for the application as they felt it was the best use of some dilapidated farm buildings.

### **20/02244/OOD Mortimer Quarry, Welshman's Rd, Mortimer West End (Adjacent Parish) - Revision of the end date for gravel extraction**

The application was discussed and no objections were raised.

### **20/02231/COMIND - The Mile House, Bath Rd, Sulhamstead (Adjacent Parish) - Change of use from a dwelling to education facility with residential accommodation**

The application was discussed and no objections were raised.

## 9. Highway Matters

No issues were raised.

## 10. Playpark

The council had re-opened the playpark after carrying out a risk assessment and cleaning the equipment. Councillor Hannington informed the Council that signage closing 2 of the swings for social distancing reasons had been removed. It was agreed that more robust signage and closure methods should be used. The Clerk agreed to prepare more signs. **Action: Clerk**

The safety inspection report from ROSPA Playsafety was discussed. There needed to be some additional matting installed at the bottom of the slide as the grass was worn. The Clerk agreed to investigate purchasing matting and circulating the cost. **Action: Clerk**

## 11. Finance

### a. Payments

The following payments were approved:

HGS Sherfield	August '20	£118.80
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### b. Review of Budget and Spending

The budget and spending year to date was reviewed.

## 12. Local Matters

### a. Ufton Green

Thames Water had not reinstated the land on the Green which had been dug up in April. The Clerk had made numerous phone calls and had raised a complaint. She was anticipating that the work would be carried out in October.

**b. Proposed Sculpture of PC Harper**

The Clerk had been contacted by Vincent Gray, who wished to make a sculpture of PC Harper to be sited possibly at the TV Police training centre in Sulhamstead. The proposed sculpture would cost in the region of £80,000. The artist had contacted TV Police, but not PC Harper's family. Whilst the Councillors felt that a statue would be a fitting memorial of PC Harper, they were not in a position to raise money for the project. It was felt that this was a matter for the Police and PC Harper's family.

**13. Dates for Meetings in 2021**

The following dates were agreed:

27th January

9th March

12 May

22nd September

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th January at 7.45pm, venue to be confirmed.**

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Chairman Date