

**UFTON NERVET PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**  
**IN THE SULHAMSTEAD & UFTON NERVET VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY, 2021**

**Present:** Mr D Hannington (Chairman)  
Mr D Brown  
Mrs P Chopping  
Mr N Bagshaw  
Mr G Jones

**In Attendance:** Mrs F Jones Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

District Councillor Mckinnon had given his apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of 9th March, 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Cars parked near Ufton Lock**

The Clerk had contacted the Canal Trust and West Berkshire Council (WBC) and neither were able to take any action.

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

Councillor Mackinnon had sent his report by email.

**7. Planning Matters**

There were no planning matters.

**8. Highway Matters**

**Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

The Clerk had reviewed the insurance policy to check that the SID would be covered, as well as Councillors who installed or moved the SID, if they were injured. She confirmed this would be the case.

The Clerk had approached SPC about hiring the machine for a nominal charge. This was looked on favourably by SPC, subject to a negotiation around specific costs.

WBC had signed and sealed the licence for the Council to use the SID. However, further forms needed to be completed to gain approval for the sites where the machine would be used. The Clerk agreed to discuss with WBC. **Action: Clerk**

The quotation for the SID was reviewed and it was agreed to include a spare battery pack, 3 sets of brackets, bi-directional recording and an extended reporting pack.

### **Footway in Church Road**

The cost of the pavement from the playpark to opposite the school had been calculated by WBC to be £32,500. Councillor Mackinnon had suggested that he could propose this as a project to come out of WBC's capital budget in 2022/23. He had also suggested that the Council submitted a members bid, which was unanimously agreed. The Council were likely to have £2000 remaining of their Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds and it was agreed to approach Sulhamstead Parish Council (SPC) to see if they would be prepared to donate some of their CIL funds as well. **Action: Clerk**

### **9. Playpark**

Antisocial behavior from some adults and children had been reported to the Council. If this behaviour was witness by members of the public, they were encouraged to call 101 and report to the police.

### **10. Greening Up Campaign**

The Clerk had attended two meetings held by WBC's Environment Team. As part of their strategy to become carbon neutral by 2030, WBC would like Parish Councils to implement the 'Greening Up' Campaign. This involves engaging with the local community to get individual households to reduce their carbon footprint. The Council agreed that this was an excellent idea and they would like to get involved. The Clerk agreed to circulate a zoom link for the meeting on 10 June at 7pm, where the 'Greening Up' Team would be giving a presentation. **Action Clerk**

### **11. Local Matters**

#### **a. NAG meeting**

Councillor Chopping informed the Council that she would be attending the Burghfield and Mortimer Neighbourhood Action Group meeting on 9th June. Further to her report at the previous meeting that people had been trespassing on Mr Hannington's field, officers had attended and asked some people to move on.

#### **b. Litter Picking**

Mrs Pat Allison had approached the Chairman about the possibility of being paid for litter picking, which she currently undertook voluntarily. The matter was discussed, but with the very small precept which the Council received it would not be possible for the Council to afford this. It was agreed to approach Mr Tony Holden to see if would be interested in holding another litter picking day. **Action: Clerk**

#### **c. Kerb set outside the Village Hall**

Councillor Bagshaw raised that the kerb set between the road and the parking area outside was below the level of the road. This meant that rainwater running down the hill was entering the gravelled area and being washed further down the hill, causing erosion. He suggested that it was reported to WBC. **Action: Clerk**

### **12. Finance**

#### **a. Payments**

The following payments were approved:

HGS Sherfield	April '21	£118.80
Donation to Citizens Advice	April '21	£25.00
BALC	May '21	£78.60
Auditing Solutions	May '21	£126.00
HGS Sherfield	May '21	£118.80

