

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2023

Present: Cllrs A Kirkland, A Green, H Howard, H Morrison, J Tilley
 Cllr P Fealey (Bucks Ward Councillor)
 S Hosking (Clerk)

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

Action

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Cornell
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 All Councillors declared an interest in Item 7 of the Agenda as all their properties were affected by the proposed HS2 Rail Link. Members would take a practical view and represent the interests of the electorate.
3. **Minutes:**
 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2022 (previously circulated).
RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 November 2022 are a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Ward Councillor Report - Cllr P Fealey**
22/03922/APP Erection of agricultural building at Turweston Aerodrome. The access route, as marked on the plans, has definitely been changed and will not be through Turweston village. The applicant may need to submit a new application. Parish Councillors are concerned that it appeared Highways and RoW officers had not properly looked at the access route when consulted on the plans.
Green Bridge - Cllr Fealey would also like to ensure the grassed area on the green bridge is secure.
Coronation Plans - Please let Bucks know if parishes have any plans by early May.
Community Board funding - A new cycle of Community Board funding has opened. Westbury secured Community Board funds for a pelican crossing by the Pavilion.
Bucks 2023/24 budget - 4.99% increase. 2.99% Council Tax and 2% for Social Care. Buckinghamshire have a balanced budget.
Council properties - Since Buckinghamshire became a Unitary in 2021, the council is looking at properties they own that are no longer needed due to five Councils coming together.
Buckingham ANPR Cameras - These will particularly be sited around the market areas and in areas where HGVs are inappropriate. ANPRs will be used elsewhere in Buckinghamshire if successful.
Pot Holes - Bad weather and the impact of HS2 means there are big problems at the moment. But the large road maintenance budget has been continued and teams are working as fast as possible to repair roads.
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes: *For report only***
 No matters arising.

6. To report on Planning:

6.1 Applications:

22/02209/APP - Conversion of garage and outbuildings into dwelling with associated internal and external works. The Paddocks Main Street Turweston. **PC objects.**

Pending consideration

22/02635/ALB - The Post Office Main Street, Turweston, Buckinghamshire. Repairs and maintenance. **PC has no comments. Listed building consent given**

22/02653/AAD / 22/02656/ALB - The Stratton Arms Ph, Main Street, Turweston. Display of signage and lighting. **PC has no comments. Advert and listed building consent given**

22/03568/APP / 22/03569/ALB - Turweston House Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JX. Householder application for replacement of an existing pool house, erection of freestanding gardener's office, lean-to greenhouse, sauna and two new access points. **PC has no objections. Application withdrawn**

22/03922/APP Land at Turweston Aerodrome Whitfield. Erection of agricultural building (access through Turweston). **PC objects. Pending Consideration**

Thank you to the Chairman for working on this and to the Clerk for helping to inform the community of the application. There has been a high response from the community in objection to the access road shown on the plans to go through Turweston. It appears though, that there was an error on the plans, and the access route is not planned to come through Turweston village. The Parish Council awaits further news on this.

It was noted that there are approximately 30 households who do not receive email updates. Another letter drop will be carried out to see if anyone else would like to receive email updates and news from the Parish Council.

HM

7. To report on the HS2 Rail Link:

7.1 Receive update report from D Butcher/L Coles in answer to questions sent by Cllr Morrison.

Update report received from D Butcher and Nisha Mejer (replaces L Coles as HS2 contact).

RESOLVED: Listed building consent has been applied for and received for The Old Post Office but the work has not yet been carried out. The Council will write to DB (copied in to NM) to ask why this is.

SH

RESOLVED: EKFB are holding local cafe drop-ins. On Tuesday 31 of January, between 11am-1pm, DB and his colleague Brenna Slade will be at the Turweston Airfield Café. There is no obligation to attend and this is simply an opportunity for local catch ups in your areas. Councillors will consider setting another meeting with EKFB in the future

RESOLVED: Given the delays with the Oatleys Road diversion. The Parish Council will write to EKFB to request a short-term solution to dangerous potholes on the section owned by HS2. Potholes on the remainder of Oatleys Road will be reported to Bucks Highways via FixMyStreet.

SH

7.2 Update on progress with further land acquisition from the playing field by HS2.

The Parish Council have received notification from Arnold Thompson that an advance sum of £3,309.83 will be paid to the Parish Council. The Chairman signed the deed of receipt. Currently paperwork from HS2 solicitors is sent to JT.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will contact Arnold Thompson to confirm that the Clerk should be the first point of contact. The Clerk will also seek clarification on the

process involved in dealing with HS2 on matters of land acquisition.

SH

The Parish Council have also been advised by HS2 that they wish to return two small sections of Playing Field land to Parish Council ownership.

RESOLVED: Again the Clerk will be the first point of contact for correspondence on this matter.

SH

8. To report on the Playing Field

8.1 Review findings from weekly inspections.

AK checking the Playing Field this month. There is currently nothing to report. Only issue raised during AG's inspection was there has been damage to newly seeded area by EKFB. This will be resolved when the ground conditions are not too wet.

Keys for maintaining the Wicksteed play equipment have been handed in to the Parish Council. HM will hold them for the time being.

8.2 Annual Playground Safety Inspection report and actions arising.

The report noted no major concerns. A few minor repairs are required.

RESOLVED: A meeting will be arranged in the spring for Councillors to discuss necessary works, with a view to arranging a village working party in the Playing Field. Councillors will also discuss the future renewal of playground equipment.

8.3 Update on tree works by Fernwood Arboriculture Ltd.

The work is due to be carried out on Friday 20th January. HM will carry out a site visit to check the works are satisfactory.

HM

8.4 Confirm submission of Charity Commission annual return.

The Clerk confirmed that the annual return has been submitted ahead of the 31st January deadline.

9. To report on the Parish Roads/Paths/Verges:

9.1 Update on traffic calming measures.

JT has received a quote from a company supplying solar powered VAS signs. Cllr Cornell's colleague, Leigh Brown, has advised on regulations around installing VAS signs and the best place to site one. A fee must be paid to apply to install one and installation must be done by Bucks Highways recommended contractor. It is important to consider which problem the Parish Council is trying to resolve: reduce through traffic or reduce speed? The VAS would reduce speed. Vehicles are not necessarily breaking the 30mph limit but are driving at inappropriate speed.

RESOLVED: JT to continue to research on how to install a VAS unit.

JT

9.2 Update on horses warning road signs.

The horse warning sign overgrown with vegetation has been reported on FixMyStreet.

9.3 Update on streetlight repairs.

New contractor has repaired five streetlights at £155 per repair.

9.4 Set date for spring village litter pick.

The spring litter pick will take place on **Saturday 18th March.**

10. Complete Buckinghamshire Council's Turweston Settlement Review survey.

RESOLVED: HM will complete the settlement review survey and submit before the end of February.

HM

11. Consider installation of dog waste bins.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will obtain quotes for one or two bins along with the costs for installation and emptying. The possible location of any bins is yet to be confirmed.

SH

12. To report on the Accounts:

12.1 To report on accounts to 11 January 2023 and approve payments made since previous meeting (previously circulated).

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Payment method	Details
	£	£	£		
Payments					
Npower	93.42	4.67	98.09	FPO	Street lighting electricity
S Hosking	301.98	0.00	301.98	SO	Salary October
S Hosking	301.98	0.00	301.98	SO	Salary November
Unpresented cheques					None
Receipts					
Turweston Solar Park			3916.26		Community Contribution
Lloyds Bank			24.92		Interest

Closing Balance per Cash Book at 11 January 2023: **£ 43,483.76**

RESOLVED: The above payments and report on the accounts were approved.

12.2 To approve bank reconciliation to 11 January 2023.

RESOLVED: The bank reconciliation to 11 January 2023 was approved and was signed by the Chairman.

12.3 To confirm agreed Clerk's salary increase from April 2022 and for 2023-24.

RESOLVED: The Clerks pay scale is to be changed from SCP 12 to SCP 15 from 1st April 2023. A Clerk's contract will be drawn up in due course to reflect this. The National Joint Council agreed pay increase for 2022-23 shall be applied from the February 2023 salary. The February salary payment will also include 2022-23 pay increase back-pay from 1st April 2022-31st January 2023.

12.4 To confirm employee pension automatic enrolment duties are discharged.

The Clerk confirmed that the pension automatic enrolment duties are discharged.

12.5 To approve the budget and precept for 2023/2024 (details previously circulated).

RESOLVED: The draft budget for 2023/24 was approved.

RESOLVED: The proposed precept request for 2023/2024 of £8,100 was approved.

13. Matters raised by Councillors.

HM suggested the designation of Oatleys Lane as a Quiet Lane. HM will research to see if this is possible.

HM

HH requested that a grit bin be considered on the bend at the bottom of Chapel Lane. The Clerk will ask Bucks if this is possible. The bin position is to be considered further.

SH

14. Clerk's Correspondence.

Nothing to raise.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting and further meetings in 2023:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March

Further meetings are planned for:

Tuesday 16th May - Annual meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 25th May - Annual Parish Meeting** *post meeting, rearranged to 1st June*

Tuesday 18th July, Tuesday 12th September, Tuesday 14th November

HM to confirm dates with the Village Hall

HM

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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