

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Cllrs A Kirkland, H Morrison, J Tilley
 S Hosking (Clerk)
 Cllr P Fealey (Buckingham West Ward)
 Cllr C Cornell (Buckingham West Ward)

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

Action

1. Apologies for absence.

None received.

2. Receive resignation of Chairman.

RESOLVED: The resignation of Turweston Parish Council Chairman, Cllr David Richards, was received and accepted.

The Parish Council and Cllr Fealey wish to express their thanks to Cllr Richards for his work on behalf of the parish of Turweston. Letters of thanks will be sent.

Clerk

3. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Anthony Kirkland was elected as Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr J Tilley

Seconded: Cllr H Morrison

4. Casual vacancy and co-option process.

RESOLVED: A poster advertising a casual vacancy on the Parish Council will be displayed on the village noticeboard. Councillors will also engage with residents to encourage applications. The deadline for applications is 6th January 2022, anyone wishing to apply should do so in writing to the Parish Clerk.

The Clerk will prepare a poster for approval.

Clerk

5. Declarations of Interest:

The Councillors declared an interest in item 9 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.

Cllr H Morrison declared an interest in item 13.1 - Playing Field gates and in item 15.3 as a Village Hall Trustee.

6. Minutes:

RESOLVED: After correction of Wavefence to Warefence, the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr J Tilley,

Seconded Cllr A Kirkland

7. Ward Councillor Report - Cllrs P Fealey and C Cornell:

During this budget round there is an emphasis on care in the community.

Buckinghamshire will need to opt for the highest level of Council tax this year.

The Community Boards are working - 4 strands in 16 wards.

Cllr Cornell is focusing on Highways, in particular vehicle speed outside schools, the possibility of 20mph zones and waiting vehicles switching off engines. Cllr Fealey is focusing on youth and places for people to go in the evenings, plus LGBTQ groups. Sometimes community highways projects are being held up by Transport for Bucks.

Turweston Village Hall's bid for a grant to upgrade the building is currently being considered.

Cllr Fealey met with highways representatives to make sure Oatleys Lane is looked after as well as the A422. TfB Highways Inspector, Kit Gordon-Stuart, was at the meeting to also discuss upgrades to footpaths and proper repair of failing roads. Cllr Fealey requested that the Parish Council promotes the uptake of Covid and flu jabs and boosters.

Bucks Council is running a 'See Something, Say something, Do Something' campaign to help tackle adult abuse. A poster will be displayed on the village noticeboard. Bucks Council wants to recognise good work that was done in the community during Covid, so if there is anyone in the community that should be recognised let Bucks Council know.

Parish Councillors asked if 20mph schemes would now be considered by Bucks Council, but ward Cllrs felt that Thames Valley Police wouldn't support it as it cannot be enforced.

Traffic calming projects could be funded by the HS2 community fund or the HS2 Road Safety Fund via Transport for Bucks. For community safety e.g. VAS signs the Parish Council could approach Bucks Community Board.

Cllr Fealey is also speaking with Chris James at EKFB about the A43/A422 roundabout and the planned 3,120 daily vehicle movements.

8. Matters Arising from Minutes:

EKFB have offered to hold an HS2 update meeting at Brackley offices, (discussed under item 12.1).

Playground surface has been weeded and sprayed by Cartwrights.

Wicksteed play equipment maintenance works ordered - due to start end Nov-early Dec dependent on parts availability.

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree planting.

Deferred to next meeting.

10. Parish Roads/Paths/Verges:

10.1 Traffic calming option suggestions.

The main concerns discussed at the previous Parish Council meeting were the increase in the volume of traffic and speed and dangerous parking on the blind corner near the pub. Possible traffic calming options suggested; chicane and double yellow lines on the bend.

RESOLVED: That Cllr J Tilley will examine TfB traffic calming guidance, and bring 5 or 6 potential options to the January Parish Council meeting for discussion. The Parish Council can then develop a plan for consultation with residents.

All in favour.

10.2 To report on the autumn litter pick, 16 October 2021

Five volunteers assisted with the litter pick. There was surprisingly little litter this year, even up Oatleys Lane. The Parish Council didn't arrange a litter collection from Bucks this time, instead the small amount of waste was disposed of in volunteers' domestic bins.

10.3 Cartwright's quotation for 2022 grass cutting.

£82.40 + £10.60 per cut + VAT. A £2.70 increase per cut on last year to cover increases in fuel costs. The quote was discussed further under item 15.3.

8. Planning

8.1 To report on Planning.

Applications:

21/02969/APP - Lane End Stables Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire
Proposed permanent rural workers' dwelling. **PC objects. Pending Consideration.**

21/02942/ACL - Hill Top Stables Brackley Road Turweston. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of day room within existing stable building as unit of residential accommodation. **PC has no objection. Pending Consideration.**

21/0244/APP and **21/02445/ALB** - The Laurels and Aviary Cottage Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JU. Proposed repairs and alterations to The Laurels and Non-listed Aviary Cottage, ground floor extension at Aviary Cottage and first floor extension, with new main entrance door at The Laurels. - **PC has no objection. Pending Consideration.**

21/00651/APP and **21/00652/ALB** -The Stratton Arms Ph Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JX Change of use of vacant land at the rear of the Stratton Arms to ten motor home pitches - **Pending Consideration.**

21/00192/APP - Hill Top Stables Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire Variation of condition 2 (date required for the removal of the temporary Groom / Managers accommodation and ancillary Storage facilities.to be extended up until Tuesday 31 August 2021) relating to application 17/01651/APP. **Awaiting Decision**

20/03358/APP and **20/03359/ALB** - Court Cottage and Barn Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JX Court Cottage - non-structural internal alterations and general internal refurbishment, replacement windows, new retaining wall and patio to rear. Barn at Court Cottage - structural repairs to roof truss with general roof repairs. Installation of supporting structure over door heads and replacement rolled lead roof to stable

Approved and Listed Building Consent Granted

20/03979/APP - Land Off Chapel Lane Turweston Buckinghamshire Demolition of existing garage building and erection of two detached dwellings with access, parking and amenity space together with a replacement garage. **Awaiting Decision**

21/02227/APP - Lane End Stables Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire Erection of single storey buildings, partial change of use of land to equestrian and dog breeding business and other ancillary works (Retrospective). **PC has no objection. Application refused.**

12. HS2 Rail Link update:

12.1 Answers to EKFB Questions.

Answers were not satisfactory. Cllr H Morrison has again queried rights of way issues with EKFB. As activity is building up, EKFB have proposed a meeting with the Parish Council to be held at their Brackley Offices before Christmas to update Councillors on upcoming works and issues. Clerk to arrange meeting. **Clerk**

WPD have asked for meeting with Councillors at the Playing Field to explain the release of land now undergrounding of electricity cables is complete. Councillors want to discuss access to the Scout Hut. HM to arrange meeting with John Coates. **HM**

13. To report on the Playing Field:

13.1 Agree contractor and price for replacement Playing Field gates.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to appoint Warefence to supply and fit new playing field gates, and approved Warefence's revised quote of £1,995.43 + VAT, which takes into account a soft close mechanism for the pedestrian gate.

A sub-committee of Cllrs Kirkland and Green will hold a site meeting with the contractor to discuss final details before authorising works to go ahead.

Councillors will also investigate possibility and obtain quote for installing a metal post to hold a new revised Playing Field Notice.

Proposed: Cllr A Kirkland Seconded: Cllr J Tilley

AK will check with AG and arrange a meeting date with Rory from Warefence. **AK**

13.2 Discuss funding options for new gates.

RESOLVED: New gates will be purchased using HS2 compensation funds.

Proposed: Cllr J Tilley Seconded: Cllr A Kirkland

13.3 Annual Safety Inspection report and actions arising.

Most items mentioned in the report are covered by maintenance works that are due to be carried out by Wicksteed very soon. Additional items include a tree overhanging the large swings, deterioration of the wetpour, benches/bin need sanding and treating.

RESOLVED: That the report is accepted. Cllr H Morrison will investigate pruning back the tree overhanging the large swings.

All in favour.

HM

13.4 Charity Commission annual return.

RESOLVED: That the Charity Commission Annual return for 2020-21 will show that income and expenditure has been zero, as in previous years. Return to be completed by the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr H Morrison,

Seconded: Cllr J Tilley

Clerk

13.5 Review findings from weekly inspections - Nothing new to report.

14. To report on other Organisations: Nothing to report.

15. To report on the Accounts:

15.1 To report on accounts to 11 November 2021 and approve payments made since previous meeting (previously circulated).

Invoices Paid:	Net	VAT	Gross	Ch	Details
Payments					
S Hosking	303.28	0.00	303.28	SO	Salary - September
Cartwrights	180.60	36.12	216.72	FPO	Grass Cutting - August
Eon	79.86	3.99	83.85	FPO	Electricity
Howkins & Harrison	0.00	200.00	200.00	FPO	VAT element legal fees
Howkins & Harrison	0.00	178.50	178.50	FPO	VAT element legal fees
Turweston PCC	200.00	0.00	200.00	Ch780	Churchyard Maintenance
S Hosking	303.28	0.00	303.28	SO	Salary - October
Cartwrights	90.30	18.06	108.36	SO	Grass Cutting - Sept (a)
Cartwrights	90.30	18.06	108.36	SO	Grass Cutting - Sept (b)
Receipts					
Lloyds Bank			0.37		Interest
Lloyds Bank			0.33		Interest

Treasurer's A/C at 11 November 2021: £8,627.75. Business Account: £41,703.82.

Invoices to be Paid:	Net	VAT	Gross	Ch	Details
Cartwrights	340.30	68.06	408.36	FPO	Grass Cutting - Oct & weeding

RESOLVED: That the report on the Accounts is received and payments approved.

Proposed: Cllr H Morrison

Seconded: Cllr J Tilley

15.2 To compare/approve expenditure relating to the budget (statement previously circulated).

RESOLVED: That expenditure relating to the budget is approved.

Proposed: Cllr J Tilley

Seconded: Cllr H Morrison

15.3 To consider the budget and precept for 2022/2023 (details previously circulated).

Amendments to the 2022/23 proposed budget will be carried out and a revised budget proposal will be circulated to Councillors for comment.

Clerk

15.4 Revision of bank mandate

The Parish Council bank mandate has been revised so that current signatories are S Hosking, Cllrs A Kirkland, H Morrison and A Green.

RESOLVED: That Cllr J Tilley will also be included on the mandate as a signatory.

That the Clerk will investigate process for online access for second signatory authorisation of BACs payments.

Clerk

Proposed: Cllr H Morrison,

Seconded: Cllr A Kirkland

16. Matters raised by Councillors:

Cllr H Morrison will update the Village email list.

17. Clerk's Correspondence:

Circulated previously by email.

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting and further meetings in 2022:

Tues 11th January, Tues 15th March, Tues 10th May - *Annual meeting of the Parish Council*, Thurs 26th May *Annual Parish Meeting*, Tues 12th July, Tues 13th September, Tues 15th November

Meeting closed at 9pm

Signed: Date:

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