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TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2018

Present: Cllrs A Kirkland, H Morrison, J Tilley, A Green, H Sime (Parish Clerk)

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

		Action
1.	Apologies for absence: Cllr D Richards.	
2.	Declarations of Interest: The Councillors declared an interest in item 8 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: The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Tilley, seconded Cllr Morrison.	
4.	County Councillor & District Councillor Reports: None.	
5.	Parish Road/Paths/Verges:	
i)	Cllr Morrison reported that work has been done to the trees on The Green, but the result is disappointing. The ivy has been cleared and some branches removed from the lime trees, but it is not radical enough. The cherry trees still need to have large branches removed. Cllr Morrison suggested that CGM be asked to quote for this work when they carry out the planting scheme.	
ii)	The spring litter pick will take place on Saturday 7 April at 10.00 am. Clerk to notify The Link.	Clerk
iii)	Following a request from Western Power in early January, the Parish Council gave consent for urgent tree work to be carried out in Chapel Lane to prevent branches becoming entangled in the power lines. The work has yet to be carried out.	
iv)	Litter picking on the A422 between Turweston and the Brackley roundabout is still an issue. The Clerk had been assured by the Community Spaces Officer at AVDC that litter picking is taking place as scheduled, although the Parish Council dispute that the last one, in November 2017, actually took place. Cllr Morrison will take a photo to send to AVDC before the next litter pick is due to take place in March. Councillors also discussed litter in the layby at the top of Turweston Road. Cllr Green queried whether it is a criminal offence to leave litter. The possibility of a sign in the layby was discussed, but no decision was taken.	HM
v)	A complaint has been received from a resident about horses in a field on the public footpath to Whitfield, which are causing a nuisance to walkers. Councillors have been monitoring the situation. A large group of horses are roaming freely in the fields crossed by footpath TUV/7 from Turweston to the Biddlesden boundary, including the stile to BID/8. A quad vehicle carrying feed uses the path twice a day, churning up the footpath and making it unusable for walkers. Cllr Morrison to report to Savills and Clerk to report online to Bucks CC.	HM Clerk

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6.	Report on Planning: There are no new applications/decisions.	
7.	Brackley Developments: Cllr Tilley has spoken to residents who may be affected by the tree planting scheme. All are in favour. It was resolved to accept the quotation from CGM. The first step is to find out from CGM how quickly the Cultivation Licence from Bucks CC can be obtained, so that work can start promptly.	Clerk
8.	HS2 Rail Link:	
i)	No further meetings of the Bucks Compensation & Mitigation Panel have taken place.	
ii)	The Parish Council met with representatives of HS2 on 15 January. HS2 has proposed a revision to Option 3. Minutes of this meeting are still awaited from HS2. Cllr Richards had summarised the meeting and circulated a report. The Parish Council discussed and evaluated the various options. Cllr Morrison to draft a response to HS2.	HM
	A request has been received from Simon Griffiths, Community Liaison Officer, on behalf of Fusion JV, the Enabling Works Contractors, to arrange a meeting before work commences. Cllr Morrison to respond asking for proposals for discussion.	HM
iii)	STOP HS2 Account Balance as at 23 January 2018: £200. Cllr Morrison to arrange January – March payments for Joe Rukin. The Clerk confirmed that £600 will be included in the budget for 2018/19. Councillors agreed that a decision will be taken at the March meeting as to whether payments should continue.	HM
9.	Report on the Playing Field	
i)	Cllr Kirkland has inspected the Playing Field on a regular basis. It was unanimously agreed that the goalposts should be removed for the time being, due to safety issues. Cllr Green to arrange for the necessary work. Once HS2 work is completed, a decision will be made about reinstating the equipment.	AG
	An email had been received from Wicksteed, advising their customers of a possible safety issue on the 8ft double arch swing. Cllr Morrison has checked and photographed the swing and found no problems.	
ii)	Cllr Morrison has contacted Acme Pest Control to arrange for mole eradication work to be carried out in February.	
10.	Report on other Organisations:	
i)	Minutes of the Buckingham LAF on 24 October had been previously circulated. The next meeting is on 8 February.	
ii)	Cllr Morrison will attend the AVDC Planning Liaison Conference on 20 February.	HM
11.	To report on Turweston Airfield: The Solar Farm annual community payment of £3218.84 was paid on 14 December 2017. The bund has now been completed on the airfield, allowing room for walkers to pass.	

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12. i)	To Report on the Accounts: Copies of the accounts to date and the bank reconciliation were circulated previously. Treasurer’s A/C at 23January 2018: £15419.72. Business A/C: £18759.96. The Acting Chairman approved and signed the bank reconciliation.																																																																																																																																																		
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14.	Matters Raised by Councillors: Cllr Morrison had been contacted by a resident who had called Thames Valley Police regarding suspicious vehicles parked outside the Church on a regular basis and the possibility of suspected drug dealing. The Clerk to contact Unita Hopkins at TVP.	Clerk																																																																																																																																																	
15.	To confirm the date of the next meeting. Tuesday 20 March 2018.																																																																																																																																																		
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