## TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2017

**Present:** Cllrs D Richards (Chairman), A Kirkland, H Morrison, Cllr Tilley, H Sime (Parish Clerk)

Cllr P Fealey (AVDC).

**In Attendance:** No members of the public were present.

		Action
1.	Apologies for absence: Cllr Green, due to holiday; Cllr Clare.	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> 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 2 May 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Kirkland, seconded Cllr Tilley.	
4.	<ul> <li>County Councillor &amp; District Councillor Reports:</li> <li>Cllr Fealey reported on the following issues:</li> <li>The LAF meeting on 21 June and items arising, including local priorities.</li> <li>The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan will be considered by Cabinet on 10 October and by Council on 18 October.</li> <li>Revisions have been made to the way the New Homes Bonus Scheme is worked out.</li> <li>New Homes Bonus Scheme Micro Grants are available for voluntary and community sector organisations. Bids of up to £1,000 need to be submitted by 15 September 2017.</li> <li>The lottery is still going extremely well.</li> <li>AVDC Planning workload is huge, with HS2 causing major problems.</li> <li>TfB are not carrying out work efficiently ie. gully maintenance. Cllr Fealey has asked Cllr Clare to raise this at the Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>A poster advertising the Cosgrove Canal event on 23 July was circulated. Clerk to display this on the noticeboard.</li> <li>Cllr Fealey left the meeting at 7.00 pm.</li> </ul>	Clerk
5. i)	Parish Road/Paths/Verges: Autumn litter pick to take place on Saturday 21 October. Clerk to notify The Link.	Clerk
ii)	Footpath Diversion – Under the 1980 Highways Act, Bucks County Council will make the diversion order and the Parish Council will have a chance to object.	
iii)	The footpath from Turweston to Brackley A43 underpass has not been cut and is very overgrown. It was confirmed that this was not cut in June when TfB were asked to return on a number of occasions to complete the scheduled work. Oatleys Road, as far as the 'private road' sign, was not cut as scheduled. Clerk to contact David Smith.	Clerk

### **Report on Planning:** 6. i) **Applications** 17/01651/APP - Hill Top Stables, Turweston Hill Farm - Erection of temporary groom/managers accommodation with ancillary storage. No objection. **Application** pending. ii) Decisions 17/01695/APP - Kirkstones, The Green, Turweston - Demolition of garage, erection of new garage, erection of a part single, part two storey front and rear extension and erection of part single, part two storey front extension. No objection. Approved. 17/01718/APP - Weston Bank, Main Street, Turweston - Erection of two garden sheds. No objection. Approved. 17/01744/APP - Spring Valley, Main Street, Turweston - Two storey side extension. No objection. Approved. iii) Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils - Planning issues & donation request letter. AVALC are gathering information on planning issues that may have affected Parish Councils, but this does not seem to be a problem for Turweston. Planning applications are being downloaded to the P C website and it is a very effective method of viewing applications. It was unanimously agreed not to contribute a £20 donation to AVALC funds for 2017-18. 7. **Brackley Developments:** i) The traffic calming project has been implemented and seems to be having an effect. Cllr Tilley has met with representatives from Bucks CC to try to resolve the problems arising from the poor state that The Green was left in. Two crews have visited, but very little improvement has been made. It was unanimously agreed to pay the final invoice and to start a new project to include Clerk work to The Green and a planting scheme to enhance the traffic calming project. Cllr Richards thanked Cllr Tilley for all the work he has done to oversee the traffic calming project. ii) The Green is in a very poor state, with the trees needing major work. Cllr Morrison suggested getting advice and quotes from a couple of contractors and a tree specialist. A planting scheme is needed to complete the traffic calming, from Chapel Lane to The Green. A discussion took place about various options, i.e trees, planters, maintenance etc. There will also be a need to consult homeowners along that piece of road. Cllr Richards suggested taking another look at the original design by Colin Davis. He will circulate this to the PC. DR It was agreed to meet on Tuesday 8 August at 10.00 am at the top of Chapel Lane to continue the discussion. Clerk to notify Cllr Green. Clerk **HS2 Rail Link:** 8. After some delay, Charlotte Hewes circulated the minutes that she took at the meeting on 30 May. i) There were two main issues that the Parish Council disagreed with in the minutes, one being the undergrounding of the power lines. It was agreed that Cllr Morrison would contact Charlotte to $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{M}$ clarify the issues in question. ii) STOP HS2 Account Balance as at 18 July - £200. It was agreed that payment to Joe Rukin would be made for July – September. Cllr Morrison to arrange payment. A discussion took place about HM further payments and it was unanimously agreed to continue payments to Joe until the end of the financial year. Clerk to arrange a payment of £300 to the HS2 account. Clerk 9. Report on the Playing Field Cllr Green has inspected the Playing Field on a regular basis during June and Cllr Kirkland is continuing in July. An expected gathering of young people from Brackley did not appear to take place. PCSO Unita Hopkins, Thames Valley Police, and Northants Police were advised of possible trouble and had contacted Magdalen College.

## 10. | Conservation Area Review update:

Councillors have reviewed and sent suggestions to Freya Morris, but have had no response yet. It is thought that English Heritage need to check some points before further progress is made.

# 11. Report on other Organisations:

Buckingham LAF meeting took place on 21 June. Cllr Fealey covered this in his report.

## **12.** To report on Turweston Airfield:

Nothing to report.

# 13. Introduction of Smaller Authorities Transparency Obligations:

The website is up and running. Cllr Tilley has been approached by various residents to ask about village participation, but it is felt that it should be used solely by the Parish Council at present. Other organisations could easily create a similar website, which could be linked to the Parish Council website. Once the Clerk has clarified a few points with Cllr Tilley, an email will be sent to the Village List with details of the website. Details to be displayed on the noticeboard also. Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

### **14.** To Report on the Accounts:

i) Copies of the accounts to date and the bank reconciliation were circulated previously. Treasurer's A/C at 18 July 2017: £12931.24. Business A/C: £25541.12. The Chairman approved and signed the bank reconciliation.

### Payments/Receipts:

ii)

Date	Payee	Gross	Net	VAT	Ch	Detail
		_			No	
		£	£	£		
Invoices P	aid					
18/05/17	Cartwright	189.00	157.50	31.50	687	Grass Cutting – April
	Landscapes					
14/06/17	Texprep	19.84	16.53	3.31	688	Printing
14/06/17	Cartwright	189.00	157.50	31.50	689	Grass Cutting – May
	Landscapes					
14/06/17	Cllr Kirkland	19.00			690	APM Refreshments
23/06/17	Mrs H Sime	759.99			S/O	Clerk's Salary April –
						June 17
<b>Unpresented Cheques</b>						
11/04/17	E-ON	49.00	46.67	2.33	681	Electricity Jan – March
23/06/17	Ringway	18386.40	15322.00	3064.40	691	Traffic Calming
	Jacobs Ltd					Project Final Payment
12/07/17	E-ON	103.19	98.28	4.91	692	Electricity Jan – June
12/07/17	Cartwright	189.00	157.50	31.50	693	Grass Cutting – June
	Landscapes					
Cancelled Cheque (due to not		non receipt)				
11/04/17	E-ON	49.00	46.67	2.33	681	Electricity Jan - March
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Receipts						
06/07/17	AVDC	8098.00				NHB Grant Final
						Payment

The budget statement which had been previously circulated was unanimously approved.

15.	Matters raised by Councillors: Cllr Richards mentioned the HS2 Community & Environment Fund and the need to start thinking about projects that could be funded by this. Cllr Kirkland queried where the traffic calming bollards will be relocated to, when the housing development at The Butts, Turweston Road, Brackley goes ahead.	
16.	Clerk's Correspondence:	
	All as circulated previously by email.	
17.	Date of next meeting:	
	26 September 2017.	
	The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.	

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