

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2018

Present: Cllrs D Richards (Chairman), H Morrison, A Kirkland, J Tilley, A Green, H Sime (Parish Clerk).
Cllr P Fealey (AVDC), Cllr C Clare (BCC) and 35 members of the community.
Cheryl Snudden (HS2), Simon Griffiths (Fusion Ecology Team), Simon Matthews (HS2 Main Works Contractor).

Prior to the meeting, HS2 representatives displayed maps and information relevant to Turweston and were on hand to answer questions.

1. **Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies:**

None.

3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2017 and Matters Arising:**

The minutes were approved as being a true record of what took place. Proposed David Miles, seconded Cllr Morrison. Matters arising were as follows:

It had been suggested that HS2 be invited to the next meeting. 3 representatives were present.

4. **Reports from District Councillor and County Councillor:**

Written reports from both Cllr Clare and Cllr Fealey were included in the Chairman's report, which had been circulated to the village. Both Councillors gave a brief report to the meeting.

Councillor Clare said how pleased he was to see such a good turnout. He was happy to answer questions arising from his report and gave his email address as a further means of contact.

Residents were particularly concerned about potholes in the village. Cllr Clare advised that anyone can report potholes via FixMyStreet.com and that the roads that get the most reports get done quicker.

Brian and Janet Collins were keeping details about lorries negotiating the narrow roads and the damage being caused. Cllr Clare asked for a copy. There was a general discussion about whether weight restriction signs could be displayed to stop large lorries passing through the village. Cllr Clare to investigate.

Councillor Fealey reported that he has been appointed as Chairman of the Planning and Development Management Committee for a further year. There is a government consultation on the Oxford/Cambridge Expressway, with 3 proposed routes. The preference is for a hybrid of 2 of the routes, with 18 councils involved, who will work together to determine the best way forward.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman's report, financial statement and village organisation reports had been previously circulated. The intention was to keep the main business of the meeting brief, so that the focus could be on HS2. Any questions would be answered at the end of the meeting. Cllr Richards thanked Councillors and the Clerk for all their support over the past year.

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

David Miles was thanked for carrying out the internal audit. The accounts have been sent to the external auditor and will be displayed on the noticeboard and website in due course. There were no questions and the accounts were taken as read.

7. **Village Organisation Reports:**

These were circulated prior to the meeting, along with the Chairman's report.

8. **HS2 Update and questions:**

Cheryl Snudden introduced herself and her colleagues and made the following points:

Information relevant to the village will soon be available on the HS2 website for anyone to access.

There is a Community Environment Fund, funded by HS2 and run by Groundwork. If anyone wishes to take advantage of this, please notify Cheryl when the application is made.

Any listed buildings owned by HS2 are assessed by the Historic Buildings Officer, made secure and monitored each week. This was disputed by a resident who said that there was a broken window in The Old Post Office. Residents are extremely concerned about this property and wanted to know why this, and other properties, can't be sold by HS2. Cllr Kirkland asked if there are exceptions to the rule. Cllr Morrison suggested that the Parish Council meet with the Heritage Officer at AVDC to discuss. Cheryl will try to arrange a meeting and also speak to the HS2 Property Team.

Simon Griffiths gave a brief overview of the enabling works that are taking place from the A43 Northampton roundabout through to Turweston. These include archaeology, habitat and ecology surveys and are due to end in June 2018.

Simon Matthews gave details of the schedule of works, commencing with the scheme design proposal in 2018/19, prior to work commencing in March 2019 with a Brackley Road overbridge. There will be a very deep cutting in Turweston, so bridges will be built early to minimise the effect on the community. Traffic can then keep moving above, whilst work takes place underneath.

Lorry routes identified in the HS2 Act have to be approved by Bucks CC. Materials will be moved on the trace road.

Working hours are regulated by a Code of Construction Practice. Core hours are 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 1pm Saturday.

Simon stressed the need to keep residents informed and minimise the impact on the village. HS2 will come back when designs are ready.

Limestone will be extracted using hydraulic excavators and damped down before crushing. Screening could be used to mitigate machine noise.

The green bridge over the Playing Field will begin in 2020. No trucks to come through the village. It may not be necessary for a large compound in Oatleys Road, although vehicles will need to be stored overnight.

Pylons are the responsibility of Western Power, who will be doing topographical surveys in the fields.

HS2 is looking at landscaping to minimise the impact on the environment and to create a natural effect. A landscaping design should be ready by October 2018.

Work in Turweston to commence in March 2019 and finish in Q4 of 2022.

9. **Any Other Business:**

Sue Poynter commented that there has been a big increase in traffic through the village since the new developments in Brackley and asked if the traffic calming scheme had made any difference. There was a base point traffic count before the project began and this could be repeated. There is an S106 agreement with the housing developers in Brackley if the traffic flow increases, but it would be difficult to prove which development in particular was adding to the increased traffic.

Simon Strutt asked about a sign on The Green, pointing to the Stratton Arms as Sat Navs send traffic along Oatleys road. It was pointed out by other residents that it is not just the pub that has problems. The Parish Council has advised Phil Caley to apply for Planning Permission for a sign.

The Parish Council is obtaining a 'Silent Soldier' figure, to be displayed somewhere in the village, to commemorate the end of WW1. This will be displayed until the end of December 2018.

Brian Collins proposed a vote of thanks to all members of the Parish Council.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.