



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th April 2021 held via Zoom

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: M Jarvis (Chair), M Baylis, M Conolly, D Hillier, J Paterson, M Simons, C Terry, V Trowell, M Watson
 Parish Clerk: Mrs S Copley
 Four members of public

1	<p>WELCOME, APOLOGIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held in April 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. There had been no annual parish meeting in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.</p>	
3	<p>WIDOW TURPIN CHARITY</p> <p>Mr Hugh Chamberlain the local Trustee & Hon Treasurer provided a report on the activities of the Charity. The charity derives a small income from the rent of a field left to the charity, the income is used to distribute food vouchers to people in need in Weston Turville or they can arrange delivery of food. Anyone who knew of someone in need were urged to contact the Charity for help.</p>	
4	<p>PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <p>The Chairman's report on the work of the Parish Council was read out to the meeting, a copy of the report is attached to these minutes as appendix 1.</p> <p>The Chairman outlined the forthcoming projects for the year - the new facilities at the recreation ground, a new village sign and a memorial to a fallen plane.</p>	
5	<p>VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE</p> <p>Cllr Mandi Simons, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee had provided a report on the village hall, a copy is attached to these minutes as appendix 2.</p>	
6	<p>OPEN FORUM AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS</p> <p>Concerns were raised by local residents with regard to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic calming improvements, particularly for the junction of Main Street and Worlds End Lane. The Chairman explained that traffic calming measures formed part of the Hampden Fields development proposals. 2. HGVs using Marroway and other roads through the village, leaving residents feeling unsafe walking along the pavements. The Chairman responded that the Parish Council had been lobbying for a weight restriction through the village but had not been successful to date. It was hoped that the new link roads being promoted by Bucks Council and new traffic calming would encourage HGVs to use the new roads rather than small village roads. 3. Dog mess and walkers not sticking to the rights of way across the Manor Farm fields in the centre of the village. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council was aware and had passed on the concerns to the owners of the field. 4. One resident attending volunteered to help with the wildflower area on the playing field. 	

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Appendix 1 – Chairman’s Report

Our Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for me to update our residents on what your Parish Council has achieved over the last 12 months and what we have planned for the coming year.

With a local election planned for May most of our councillors have put themselves forward to continue in their good work and I would like to at this point thank Councillor David Hillier who has decided to stand down, He has been a great asset to our Parish for more than a decade and was also chair of the planning committee and our liaison with the Arla development. We have one new member who will join us at our meeting after 8th May. We will still have 1 vacancy and would urge anyone who is interested to speak to either the clerk or any of the councillors to find out more about what is involved. We typically meet once a month (Third Thursday of the month) with several of us working on particular areas of expertise from Planning to health and safety and Finance.

The key concerns of our residents include Speeding and new housing developments along with issues after the recent flooding. The Parish council are putting together vehicle and speed data to provide hard facts in order to back up these concerns. We also work with developers where appropriate and support residents where they have issues over planning. In particular we have represented our parish on the strategic planning meetings where several new developments on Aston Clinton Road have been heard along with the Hampden Fields development and shortly the Woodlands development. Although these have been passed we have worked with developers to mitigate residents concerns including plans for traffic calming and new recreation facilities through section 106 agreements. The most disappointing outcome was where Bucks Council took all of the Section 106 funds from the Hampden Fields development to be spent on the Theatre and Aqua Vale instead of recreation within our Parish.

We would urge all residents to contact the clerk directly with any information that can assist us with making our Parish a safer and more neighbourly community.

We supported the Wombles litter picking team and their recent litter pick unfortunately broke the record for the amount of litter collected in one area. We will continue to support them and residents can also join them on future litter picks.

At last we hope to go ahead with developments on the playing field and tenders are currently out for the new facilities which we expect to have available for use later this year – subject to planning!

You will also learn more about how we are going to be developing a community orchard in the village for all to enjoy.

I would like to thank the residents and especially Mandi who co-ordinated the Coronavirus relief operation helping those in need in our Parish.

We hope to have real meetings in the near future instead of the virtual Zoom meetings and we would welcome residents to join us and find out more about what we do.

Our next full council meeting will be Thursday 20th May starting at 7pm

Not forgetting our planning meetings where everyone is welcome to attend is held on the second Thursday of each month.

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk and my fellow councillors for their hard work over the last 12 months, working on many projects and helping to make our Parish a better place.

Cllr Martin Jarvis, Chairman, Weston Turville Parish Council

Appendix 2 – Village Hall Committee Report

It will come as no surprise to anyone listening, that this part of the meeting will be short without much to report.

The hall has been shut for most of the year due to COVID regulations, but we have used the time to undertake essential maintenance, decorating and general tidying up.

As you may remember, we lost Topsy Turvey, the village preschool, immediately before lockdown. They were our main hirer in terms of hours and the loss of that income would take some readjustment until new hirers could be found. We had managed to find some hirers but then we were locked down within weeks. I am pleased to report that our new and existing hirers are all coming back to us. We still have some booking slots available, but we have had enquiries which will be followed up after the restrictions are lifted. We have kept weekends available for ad hoc bookings and children's parties.

We have been extremely fortunate that our finances this year; have been supported by Bucks Council who has awarded us grants throughout the year which has compensated for our lack of income.

We have now finished the refurbishments of the ladies and gents toilets and are very pleased with the results. We have installed equipment in the toilets which is 'vandal' proof and turns itself on and off. This will reduce incidents of taps and lights been left on and hand towels used to block drains etc. We have added an extra toilet to the ladies.

If you wish to hire the hall, please check the availability through the website calendar and then contact the booking clerk.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Mandi Simons
Chair, Weston Turville Village Hall Charity