



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st April 2022 held at Weston Turville Village Hall.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: M Jarvis (Chair), R Blackmore, L Cook, M Conolly, J Paterson, M Simons, C Terry, 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, Parish Councillors M Baylis and G Fincham had sent apologies.</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held in April 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
3	<p>THAMES VALLEY POLICE</p> <p>Unfortunately the PCSO who had been due to attend was unable to do so but provided a brief update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVP had not had any reports for some time regarding antisocial behaviour at the park or in Marroway. • TVP were getting reports of issues on the golf course which was being monitored. • Ongoing issues at Westongrove, the police was carrying out regular patrols of the area. <p>A resident attending the meeting said that they were experiencing issues at the allotment site, the Chairman asked him to report this to Thames Valley Police via 101 or the online reporting form.</p>	
4	<p>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Unfortunately Cllr Collins was unable to attend. He had provided an update which was available for people to take away.</p> <p>One resident attending asked if the Parish Council would ask what involvement unitary councillors had with regard to supporting local opposition to the Hampden Fields planning application.</p>	
5	<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>	
6	<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> <p>A question was raised about whether the street food events were carbon neutral and if people walked to the event. Cllr Simons explained that people were encouraged to walk/cycle if possible due to limited parking available but that as the event was open to all in the parish some would need to drive due to distance.</p>	
7	<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</p>	

	arrange delivery of food. Anyone who knew of someone in need were urged to contact the Charity for help.	
8	<p>OPEN FORUM AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the Parish Council invest in a PA system for the hall to make it easier for people to hear what is said. 2. A kissing gate from the Manor Farm field was broken – the Clerk confirmed this had already been reported to the rights of way team who would contact the landowner. 3. Wildflower beds – the prize won last year for the wildflower beds in the village had been used to purchase wildflower plugs which have now been planted in the beds. 4. A resident commended the Parish Council on the new facilities, the children’s playground had proved particularly popular and he asked that the Council consider putting a second bin in as the existing one was regularly full. 	

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.

We currently have a full complement of councillors who have worked throughout Covid and I would like to thank them for their diligent work to ensure that we provide a service to our whole parish.

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 and residents are welcome to attend these meetings and find out more about what we do.

The key concerns of our residents include Speeding and new housing developments. We 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 also the Woodlands development. Although these have been approved, we are working 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. As a council we have now secured an agreement to review this and are putting together a costed plan for facilities which could include a swimming pool – as requested during the neighbourhood plan consultation process.

For the Hampden Fields development we can update you on the current expected program, It is still being refined, but the headlines are as follows:

- Archaeological Investigation (trenching) – Summer 2022
- Commencement of Infrastructure (Woodlands Roundabout, Haul Road and initial sections of Southern Link Road) – Spring 2023
- Commencement of Housebuilding – Autumn 2023
- Completion (and opening) of Southern Link Road – September 2025
- Weston Turville Traffic Calming - within 6 months of Link Road Opening.

BBOWT will be carrying out a survey on the Glebe field in the coming months and the results of this will be communicated to the whole parish.

The Council would like to thank Susie and her team of volunteers who have been planting wildflowers around the parish and ensuring they look amazing for all the residents to enjoy.

We have supported the Wombles litter picking team and with our councillors taking a lead on areas to be targeted. We will continue to support them and residents can also join us for our next parish litter pick on 30th April – meet at the village hall at 10am.

The playing fields have had a major investment over the last 12 months with new facilities including the Multi Use Games Area, Skate Park, a pathway around both fields and a revamped play area with our new Petanque court to commence construction in the coming weeks.

A summary of the accounts which are currently being audited are

Total Receipts - £578,567 (which includes £376,070 of s106 funding)

Payments - £574,765 (which includes £378,870 for projects funded by s106 money)

Later this year we will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with our Picnic in the park on Saturday 4th June where we will have a free to attend event with games for all the family including a dog show and a demonstration from BMX riders and skateboarders.

Other plans for 2022-23 include:

- Redesign layout of village hall car park and repaint white lines
- Electric vehicle charging points in the village hall car park
- Replace old, worn out benches
- Wildflower area in the playing field
- 3 yearly inspection of trees on the Parish Council's land
- Village sign is expected to be completed later this year and will be installed in Worlds End Lane, on the island near the war memorial

The Parish Council will also be working with CAWT (Climate Action Weston Turville). It has started looking at ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the hall and other ways. This includes solar panels on the village hall roof, investigating insulation for the hall roof, EV charging points, planting to improve biodiversity in the parish, promoting other initiatives such as the Repair Café and grants available from Bucks Council to residents.

I would like to thank the residents and especially Mandi who co-ordinated our Coronavirus relief operation helping those in need in our Parish over the last 2 years/

Our next full council meeting will be Thursday 19th May starting at 7pm

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 has been an almost normal year for the village hall since the last lock down was lifted.

BOOKINGS: We have several new hirers which have assisted in filling the letting void left by the closure of the children's preschool Topsy Turvey pre lockdown and are slowly filling all the available booking slots. We now have a total of 14 regular hirers throughout the week and the weekends are still kept available for local parties and activities.

We started working with 'Street Food' in September 2021: initially organising it as a 'one off' with a few vendors, so we could gauge the response from the community. The turnout on the first night exceeded our expectations with an estimated 400 + buying food from the available vendors. Another event was organised for October, and we listened to the feedback received so increased the number of vendors, included food suitable for younger palates and added more seating, some indoors and put on live music to entertain. Again the event proved popular and a similar number of people attended. We were not scheduled to hold an event in November due to a high possibility of inclement weather, but we had so many requests to hold another one and to make it 'Christmassy' that we organised a one off Christmas Street Food and found volunteers to lead 'community carol singing' in the hall; which we opened up and decorated appropriately for the occasion. Our next event was in March of 2022 and again the hall was opened up, live music supplied, and different vendors sold food. At the time of writing, we have not been given numbers of persons buying food but indications on the night suggest it may have been the best attendance so far. The hall is booked for the 3rd Friday of each month for the rest of the year (excluding Good Friday in April and December!). The hall receives a % of any profits made to cover electric etc and because it cannot be hired out whilst an event is being held.

FINANCES: Our lettings since lockdown have giving us an income of £16,741 and we were fortunate to get a further government grant to assist during lockdown which amounted to £8000. We had a total of £1075 given to the hall as donations with the majority of the money coming from the monthly 'Street Food' events. With the money from the Parish Council for services at £1947.81p our total income for the year was £27,788.81. Our annual expenses were £17,145.14 (figures subject to audit)

MAINTENANCE: We have had the solar panels installed this week which will reduce the daily running costs and is part of our ongoing commitment to reduce our carbon footprint. We made use of lockdown by refreshing the paint work and undertaking deep cleaning whilst the hall could not be hired.

Mandi Simons
Chair, Weston Turville Village Hall Committee