

**TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Present:** Cllrs A Kirkland, A Green, H Morrison, J Tilley  
 Cllr P Fealey (Bucks Ward Councillor)  
 S Hosking (Clerk)

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

**Action**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr H Howard

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

All Councillors declared an interest in item 7 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.

Cllr Morrison declared an interest in item 11 as a Village Hall Trustee.

3. **Minutes:**

To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2022 (previously circulated).

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 July 2022 are a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. **Ward Councillor Report - Cllr P Fealey**

A reminder should go out to villagers that the old £20 notes can no longer be used as of 30 September. Also, that the £150 cost of living vouchers sent to residents (when they don't bank online), need to be cashed by 30 September.

**Clerk**

**Buckingham Banking Hub** - plans are looking successful. A suitable building has been found. Three banks/building societies have agreed to send representatives to the hub: Lloyds, HSBC and Nationwide. There won't be ATMs at the hub, there are already ATMs in the town.

**Boundary Commission review** - Turweston has been allocated to the North of Buckinghamshire. Ward Councillors are concerned about the work load and some of the decisions.

**Buckinghamshire Plan Consultation** - covers the whole of Buckinghamshire. Very important consultation as it protects us from speculative builders.

**Helping Hands** - Buckinghamshire are publicising an initiative to support residents through the cost of living crisis. A recent announcement introduces Welcoming Spaces where residents can go to stay warm and receive support. The Clerk will email information on these initiatives out to residents.

**Clerk**

**Lime Trees on the Green** - The Parish Council asked Cllr Fealey if Highways can maintain the Lime Trees on The Green. The trees have grown too large, are overgrowing the road, have damaged the pavement and are affecting a neighbouring property. They overshadow The Green and the canopy is too low to walk beneath. Highways have confirmed previously that they are responsible for the trees and did reduce the crown and cut back ivy in 2017. Cllr Fealey will ask Kit Gordon-Stuart and the Highways trees team to visit the site and investigate. The pavement repair promised

by Highways previously was never done. If the trees are just lightly trimmed, this will be a perennial problem, they need to be substantially pruned. **Cllr Fealey**

**5. Matters arising from the minutes: For report only**

JT added cable ties to the baby swings cross bar and this seems to have solved the problem of bird droppings on the swing seats.

JT will install spike system to the cross bar of the larger swings to solve the same issue there. JT will also use cable ties to secure the football nets in place. **JT**

There are also a lot of bird droppings on the picnic table. The Field Maple has grown significantly and overhangs the picnic table and swings. HM to ask Giles to prune the tree. **HM**

JT/HM to clean picnic table. **JT/HM**

**6. Planning Applications**

6.1 To consider the following planning application, following the submission of further documents:

**22/02209/APP** The Paddocks, Main Street, Turweston, Buckinghamshire, NN13 5JU. Conversion of garage and outbuildings into dwelling with associated internal and external works.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council objects to the planning application on four grounds:

- it agrees with the concerns raised in the Highways Officer's report.
- it agrees with the concerns raised in the Heritage Officer's report.
- it feels the site is not appropriate for the construction of a separate dwelling in an existing garden.
- due to the lack of detail in the drawings there is a degree of uncertainty of what is being proposed.

6.2 To report on planning application decisions:

Applications:

**21/00192/APP** - Hill Top Stables Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire Variation of condition 2 (date required for the removal of the temporary Groom / Managers accommodation and ancillary Storage facilities to be extended up until Tuesday 31 August 2021) relating to application 17/01651/APP. **Pending consideration**

**21/04600/APP** - Hill Top Stables Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire. **PC has no objection.** However, the Council requests a condition that the 5 Visitor Units must be strictly related to the equestrian activities to be offered at the site and not used for tourism unrelated to equestrian activities. Permanent rural worker dwelling ancillary to equestrian use, equine related tourist accommodation. **Refused.**

**21/04600/APP / 22/01308/ALB** - The Stratton Arms Ph, Main Street, Turweston, Buckinghamshire. Single storey rear extension. **PC supports application. Approved.**

**22/02635/ALB** - The Post Office Main Street, Turweston, Buckinghamshire. Repairs and maintenance. **PC has no comments. Pending Consideration**

**22/02653/AAD / 22/02656/ALB** - The Stratton Arms Ph, Main Street, Turweston, Buckinghamshire. Display of signage and lighting. **PC has no comments. Pending Consideration**

**7. HS2 Rail Link:**

7.1 Matters arising from September EKFB update meeting

Another bimonthly meeting will be arranged at the site offices again for the end of October. The Clerk will make arrangements. **Clerk**

7.2 Update on progress with further land acquisition from the playing field by HS2.

The Parish Council have received no response from the land agent and no confirmation from HS2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> compulsory purchase. FiT would like information on this and have sent a copy of a recent Land Registry letter for reference.

WPD have returned to the Playing Field to make good the ground, they are concerned that the ground beyond the new metal fence, if left unseeded, will affect the newly seeded ground. Mr Coates of WPD will speak to HS2.

**RESOLVED:** JT will contact the land agent. HM will contact HS2 to ask what the new railings are for and explain the re-seeding issue. **JT/HM**

## 8. To report on the Playing Field:

8.1 Weekly inspection – consider reports and actions.

Bird droppings issues were discussed under item 5.

Boundary hedge requires cutting.

**RESOLVED:** AG to contact Mr Wincott and arrange for cutting of whole length of field hedge. AG to let HM know when Mr Wincott is planning to cut so the gate can be opened. **AG**

8.2 HS2 fencing update.

As discussed under item 5.

## 9. Parish Roads/Paths/Verges

9.1 Update on traffic calming measures.

Email received from PACs with a scheme form and suggestion that an online meeting would be possible.

**RESOLVED:** JT will arrange online meeting with PACs Team and will research information on Vehicle Activated Speed signs. **JT**

9.2 Update on horses warning road signs at both ends of the village.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will contact Highways to request existing vulnerable users warning signs be replaced with horses warning signs. A request will also be submitted for an additional horses warning sign at the junction of Oatleys Road, from the direction of the A422. The Clerk will explain that a new riding school in the village has resulted in a greater number of horses using the road. **Clerk**

9.3 To consider maintenance of Lime trees on The Green.

As discussed under item 4.

9.4 To consider repair of village pump on Main Street.

The pump has been broken again due to vandalism.

**RESOLVED:** AK to obtain a quote for repair. **AK**

9.5 Reminder of autumn litter pick.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, meeting outside the Church.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will remind residents via the village email list. **Clerk**

## 10. To report on the Accounts:

10.1 To report on accounts to 21 September 2022 and approve payments made since previous meeting (previously circulated).

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Payment method	Details
	£	£	£		
<b>Payments</b>					
Npower	99.50	4.98	104.48	FPO	Streetlight electricity

Cartwright Landscapes	186.00	37.20	223.20	FPO	June Mowing
S Hosking	301.98	0.00	301.98	SO	Salary July
S Hosking	301.98	0.00	301.98	SO	Salary August
Cartwright Landscapes	279.00	55.80	334.80	FPO	July Mowing
<b>Unpresented cheques</b>					None
<b>Receipts</b>					
Lloyds Bank			0.36		Interest
Lloyds Bank			1.36		Interest
Eon			24.47		Electricity charges credit
Lloyds Bank			1.75		Interest
Buckinghamshire Council			4050.00		2 <sup>nd</sup> precept payment

**Closing Balance per Cash Book at 21 September 2022:**

Treasurer's Account:	£ 10,162.57
Business Account:	£ 41,169.55
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 51,332.12</b>

**RESOLVED:** The above payments and report on the accounts were approved.

10.2 To approve the following payments:

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Payment method	Details
S Hosking	301.98	0.00	301.98	SO	September* Salary
HMRC	61.93	0.00	61.93	FPO	PAYE quarterly payment

*\* Amended from August as stated on Agenda*

**RESOLVED:** The above payments were approved.

10.3 To approve bank reconciliation to 21 September 2022.

**RESOLVED:** The bank reconciliation to 21 September was approved and was signed by the Chairman.

**11. To approve request from Village Hall Committee to call in the agreed Parish Council donation towards maintenance costs.**

A £10,000 donation towards the renovation of the Village Hall was agreed by the Parish Council on 6 October 2020.

**RESOLVED:** The payment of the agreed £10,000 donation to the Village Hall Committee was approved. The transfer of £10,000 from the Business account to the Treasurer's account was also approved.

**12. To consider option to opt-out of the central procurement and appointment scheme and appoint the Parish Council's own external auditor for the next 5-year period.**

**RESOLVED:** Following advice from NALC and SAAA the Parish Council will not opt-out of the external auditor central procurement and appointment scheme.

**13. To approve annual donation of £200 to Turweston PCC for upkeep of the Churchyard.**

**RESOLVED:** The payment of a donation of £200 to Turweston PC for the upkeep of the Churchyard was approved.

**14. Matters raised by Councillors.**

The streetlight outside the Church is not working - No. 5.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will arrange for repair of the light.

**Clerk****15. Clerk's Correspondence.**

Nothing to raise.

**16. Date and time of next meeting.**

Scheduled date of next meeting to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.06 pm

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