

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2019

Present: Cllrs D Richards (Chairman), A Kirkland, H Morrison, A Green, J Tilley, H Sime (Clerk), Cllr P Fealey (AVDC)

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

Action

1. Apologies for absence:

None.

2. Declarations of Interest:

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 22 January 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Tilley, seconded Cllr Kirkland.

4. County Councillor & District Councillor Reports:

Cllr Fealey reported as follows: Council tax has now been agreed.

The Unitary Authority has been established with a Shadow Executive, but delays have been encountered.

The Exchange, a new area in Aylesbury, is now open.

AVDC has won a national award for digital transformation.

New Homes Bonus microgrants have been increased to £2000.

Cllr Fealey advised that AVDC had requested information from the CAA following the Airfield Consultation meeting and the issue raised by the Parish Council.

Cllr Fealey left the meeting at 6.50 pm.

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5. Matters arising from Minutes:

None.

6. Parish Roads/Paths/Verges:

The Environment Agency has notified the PC that funding is now available for the treatment of Giant Hogweed in various locations in Turweston. It has been confirmed that the PC is not responsible for this and that landowners will be contacted directly.

It was agreed to leave the Silent Soldier on The Green for now and to reconsider moving to another location in 6 months.

Potholes need attention. Cllr Morrison to notify Clerk of locations and send photos for Clerk to report.

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7. Report on Planning:

Planning decisions were noted.

8. HS2 Rail Link Update:

Fields in Trust has confirmed that the PC, as managing trustees, is responsible for negotiations with HS2 regarding the Playing Field. Cllr Tilley has contacted a number of Land Agents, three of whom have shown an interest in acting for the PC. Cllr Tilley reported on his discussions with these agents and made a recommendation to the PC. It was agreed that Cllr Tilley will draft a letter to the PC, and to Fields in Trust, with a recommendation. The PC thanked Cllr Tilley for all his hard work on this.

The next meeting with HS2 has been arranged for 15 April, for an update on our issues, including undergrounding the power lines.

Cllr Green circulated a letter he had received from the StopHS2 campaign requesting more funds. Cllr Morrison to email the letter to her HS2 circulation list. It was proposed by Cllr Kirkland, seconded by Cllr Morrison and unanimously agreed to send a lump sum donation of £500. Clerk to arrange.

Clerk**9. Report on the Playing Field:**

- 9.1 Cllr Green has inspected the Playing Field on a regular basis during February. No problems to report, except for some chalk graffiti on the playground, but this has been washed away by the rain. Cllr Kirkland inspecting in March.

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It had been agreed that Western Power would carry out surveys on the Playing Field, for 3 days, commencing Monday 11 March, but here has been no evidence of this.

- 9.2 Mole eradication has taken place.

10. Report on other Organisations:

- 10.1 Buckingham LAF meeting, 7 February. Apologies sent, no minutes received yet.
- 10.2 South Northants Parishes Together meeting, 28 January. Apologies sent, no minutes received yet.
- 10.3 Parish Liaison Meeting, 27 March. Apologies sent.

11. To report on Turweston Airfield:

Tanya Coles has emailed that there is nothing to report from January to 19 March.

12. Report on the Accounts:

- 12.1 Copies of the accounts to date and the bank reconciliation were circulated previously. Treasurer's A/C at 19 March 2019: £4568.21. Business A/C: £30085.02.

Invoices Paid:	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ch	Details
E-ON	61.68	3.08	64.76	740	Electricity 01/10-31/12/2018
Turweston Village Hall			165.00	741	Hall Hire 2018
Acme Pest Control			290.00	742	Mole eradication
Invoices for approval:					
Blencowes	120.00	24.00	144.00	743	Accountant's Fee
Mrs H Sime	214.00	.50	214.50	744	Annual Expenses

- 12.2 The budget statement had been previously circulated and was unanimously approved.
- 12.3 The PC approved the movement of £8000 from the Treasurer's Account to the Business Account.

13. Information Policy:

The draft model Information Policy prepared by NALC had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that this be formally adopted. Clerk to publish on the website.

Clerk

14. Annual Parish Meeting:

Representatives from HS2 have been invited to attend the APM on Thursday 23 May. Items for the agenda, refreshments etc were agreed.

15. Matters raised by Councillors:

At the APM, Cllr Morrison will raise the subject of a village defibrillator and will suggest arranging a training session if there is enough interest.

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16. Clerk's Correspondence:

All as circulated previously by email.

17. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 7 May, 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed: **Date:**