

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 JULY 2022

Present: Cllrs A Kirkland, A Green, H Howard, J Tilley
 Cllr C Cornell (Bucks Ward Councillor)
 S Hosking (Clerk)

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

Action

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr H Morrison

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.

3. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10 May 2022 are a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. **Ward Councillor Report - Cllr C Cornell**

There will no longer be any bank branches in Buckingham due to Lloyds closing permanently. A new Banking Hub is being proposed. Five days a week it will offer a private office for appointments and drop-ins with banking advisers from each of the top most popular banks in the area. To gauge what services will be required the Banking Hub Team are asking everyone to complete their survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KFCBNMF>

The Helping Hands team at Buckinghamshire Council are there to offer support for residents facing difficulties during the current cost of living crisis. Details are available on the council website:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/housing-and-benefits/support-with-food-bills-and-finances/>

The annual canvas is underway to check the Electoral Register is up to date. If residents receive emails from elections@canvass.buckinghamshire.gov.uk it is not a scam and requires a response.

The Bucks County Show is being held on 1st September at Weedon Park.

Buckinghamshire Council have a Jobs and Apprenticeship Fair at University of Buckingham in January 2023, more details to follow.

There is a final tranche of HS2 road safety funding to be made available in 2023, any enquiries should be sent to hs2roadsafetyfund@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

In the extremely hot weather if anyone is seen sleeping rough, please contact Street Link to let them know: <https://streetlink.org> or call 0300 5000914

Highways Officer, Kit Gordon-Stuart reports no major issues with Highways in the area, apart from HS2 lorry damage which is due to be addressed.

Boundary Commission changes to Buckinghamshire Wards are due to be completed before the next election.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

None.

6. Planning Applications

6.1 To consider the following planning application:

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 will investigate further and obtain more information in order to make an informed decision.

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. **Pending Consideration**

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

7. HS2 Rail Link:

7.1 Footpath closures.

TUW/7/1 will be closed during construction. An alternative route to Whitfield (on footpaths BD/8/1 and TUW/10/1) needs to be kept passable and safe. Clerk is in the process of contacting the Northamptonshire footpaths officer regarding stiles and way marking on BD/8/1.

Clerk

EKFB have reported issues of walkers removing signs and barriers on closed footpath TUW/7/1 and using the path while heavy machinery was in location.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will request that EKFB install signage to direct walkers to where the alternative route begins and to ensure that the sections of footpaths BD/8/1 and TUW/10/1 that cross HS2 land are well maintained.

Clerk

RESOLVED: The Clerk will confirm the date of the next Parish Council-EKFB bi-monthly meeting with David Butcher at EKFB

Clerk

7.2 Potential further land acquisition of the playing field by HS2.

In January 2022 the Parish Council land agent served a Section 52 notice for the 2nd section of the Turweston Playing Field to be compulsory purchased by HS2. The Clerk has received no further correspondence from HS2. The land agent will contact HS2 to find out what the situation is.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to the land agent to confirm what stage of the process has been reached, a breakdown of the payments due and a date for when the Parish Council might receive payment from HS2.

Clerk

8. To report on the Playing Field:

8.1 Weekly inspection – consider reports and actions.

It was proposed that there should be a change to procedure in producing evidence of weekly Playing Field inspections.

RESOLVED: Each Councillor will refer to the inspection checklist when carrying out their weekly inspections, but will no longer need to send a completed checklist for each inspection to the Clerk. Instead Councillors will make a note of the date of their weekly inspection and send the dates and a summary of their findings to the Clerk at the end of the month. However, if any urgent safety issues are identified, they will be reported to the Parish Council immediately.

Rota Change: AK - July, AG - August, HM - September and then follow agreed rota.

Issue of significant bird faeces on children's swings. Cllr Tilley has washed the Swings, but the problem persists.

RESOLVED: Cable ties will be attached to the swing cross bars to attempt to deter birds.
Cllr Tilley

8.2 WPD remedial works completion report.

Councillors A Green and H Morrison inspected remedial works on the Playing Field with John Coates of WPD. WPD have suggested works are complete, however Councillors were unable to sign off the works due to the unsatisfactory state of the ground, which needs further work to bring it back to the original playing field standard.

RESOLVED: John Coates (WPD) has been asked to seek further WPD budget to re-open works, before the Parish Council look into alternative options to ensure HS2 return the area to its original condition.

8.3 Overnight locking of playing field gates.

To prevent misuse of the Playing Field during the summer months the gates are locked between 5pm and 9am. The installation of new gates and locking them overnight, appear to have prevented antisocial behaviour.

It has been noted that the HS2 security fencing partly bounding the Oatleys Road edge of the Playing Field has occasionally been left unsecured.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will ask EKFB to ensure all security fencing adjacent to the Playing Field is secured.
Clerk

9. Parish Roads/Paths/Verges

9.1 Consider advice from Kit Gordon-Stuart (Transport for Bucks) regarding suitable traffic calming measures.

Cllr Tilley and the Clerk met with Kit Gordon-Stuart for a walk around the village to point out safety concerns and discuss possible options to mitigate the issues.

RESOLVED: As advised by Mr Gordon-Stuart, the Parish Council will contact the Transport for Bucks PACs team, for further advice on road safety options, project procedures and costs.
Clerk

9.2 Consider resident's request for horses warning road signs at both ends of the village.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will ask Transport for Bucks to replace the existing warning of vulnerable road user signs with warning of horses signs.
Councillors will check the existing locations and confirm sign positions. **Clerk**
All Councillors

9.3 To arrange a date for the autumn litter pick.

RESOLVED: The date of the autumn litter pick will be Saturday 15th October at 10am, meeting outside the Church.

Litter pick date to be announced in The Link.

Clerk

10. To report on the Accounts:

10.1 To report on accounts to 6 July 2022 and approve payments made since previous meeting (previously circulated).

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Payment method	Details
	£	£	£		
Payments					
BHIB Ltd	627.52	0.00	627.52	FPO	Insurance premium
Cartwright Landscapes	223.20	37.20	186.00	FPO	April Mowing
ICO	35.00	0.00	35.00	DD	GDPR
S Hosking	301.98	0.00	301.98	SO	Salary May
Cartwright Landscapes	223.20	37.20	186.00	FPO	May Mowing
S Hosking	301.98	0.00	301.98	SO	Salary June
Unpresented cheques					None
Receipts					
Lloyds Bank			0.67		Interest
HMRC			1774.58		VAT reclaim

Closing Balance per Cash Book at 6 July 2022:

Treasurer's Account: £ 7,351.07

Business Account: £ 41,169.55

Total: £ 48,520.62

RESOLVED: The above payments, report on the accounts and bank reconciliation were approved and the Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.

10.2 To approve the following invoice for payment:

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Payment method	Details
Cartwright Landscapes	186.00	37.20	223.20	FPO	June mowing

RESOLVED: The above payment is approved.

10.3 To compare/approve expenditure relating to the budget (statement previously circulated).

RESOLVED: Expenditure relating to the budget is approved.

10.4 Acknowledge receipt of external audit exempt status notification, 2022.

RESOLVED: External audit exempt notification was received and noted.

11. Consider Buckinghamshire Community Board representation.

RESOLVED: Councillors will continue to consider attendance at Community Board meetings as and when necessary.

12. Matters raised by Councillors.

Turweston weight limit sign at junction off A422 has been damaged. Clerk to report on Fix My Street. **Clerk**

New instance of flytipping on approach to Turweston after A422 junction. This is being cleared.

Flytipped canisters, cans and plastic buckets on Oatleys Road opposite the Playing Field. Clerk to report on Fix My Street **Clerk**

13. Clerk's Correspondence.

Nothing to raise.

14. Date and time of next meeting:

Change to scheduled date of next meeting to Tuesday 20th September 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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