

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present: Cllrs A Kirkland, A Green, J Tilley
 S Hosking (Clerk)

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

Action

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr D Richards, Cllr H Morrison, Cllr P Fealey (Buckingham West Ward)

As the Parish Council Chairman was absent, Councillors present agreed that Cllr A Kirkland preside as Chairman of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest:

The Councillors declared an interest in item 9 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 20 July 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr J Tilley, Seconded Cllr A Green

4. Ward Councillor Report - Cllr P Fealey:

Cllr Fealey sent a brief written report: "Firstly, I am absolutely delighted the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan has been agreed by the inspector, ratified by the Council, but may be subject to any legal challenge. This has implications for us in as much that we do not now have to defend speculative builders. We are able to defend our position that we have five years of land supply and plans to meet the number of houses required in the life of the plan which is up to 2033.

Secondly, I'm very disappointed that the inspectors have upheld HS2 appeal in connection with the site on the A422 near Turweston. This could result in some 3,100 vehicle movements per day which is the reason that we refused to grant a schedule 17 for it. We are currently considering a legal challenge to this."

5. Matters Arising from Minutes:

Cancellation of Annual Parish Meeting

Instead of holding an EKFB presentation a list of questions has been sent to EKFB. Cllr Morrison has asked that Question number 6 is strengthened to ask for an assurance that no decision will be taken on any Rights of Way closure without full discussion with the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact Dave Butcher about this. **Clerk**

Footpath to Brackley Mowing

Comment from HM "The footpath to Brackley from The Old Rectory to the County boundary (rights of way ref TUW/1/1) has still not been mown. This narrow tarmac path requires annual clearance to remain safe and passable. The Parish Council needs assurance that the work will be done in 2022 when the strimming to other open areas of the village is carried out. Clerk to contact Cllr Fealey in Spring 2022 to ask him to ensure the path is on the maintenance schedule. Clerk will also contact Highways to inform them that the path was not mown after works ticket was raised. **Clerk**

6. Consider adoption of new Buckinghamshire Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: That Turweston Parish Council adopts the 2020 Buckinghamshire Councillor Code of Conduct.

Proposed: Cllr A Green, Seconded: Cllr J Tilley

7. **Parish Roads/Paths/Verges:**

7.1 **Traffic calming option suggestions.**

Two particular issues were noted; increase in the volume of traffic and speed, and dangerous parking on blind corner near the pub. Buckinghamshire Council have produced a document outlining all traffic calming measures, but it does not include costs. Possible options could include chicane on long straight section of road approaching village from A422 and double yellows on blind corner near pub. Nothing in the short term to be done. Deferred to next meeting.

8. **Planning**

8.1 **To report on Planning.**

Applications:

21/02969/APP - Lane End Stables Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire Proposed permanent rural workers' dwelling. **PC objects to application pending determination of application 21/02227/APP, and further evidence being available in the future for the viability and sustainability of the businesses both of livery and of dog breeding on this site. Awaiting decision.**

21/02942/ACL - Hill Top Stables Brackley Road Turweston. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of day room within existing stable building as unit of residential accommodation. **PC has no objection. Awaiting decision.**

21/0244/APP and **21/02445/ALB** - The Laurels and Aviary Cottage Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JU. Proposed repairs and alterations to The Laurels and Non-listed Aviary Cottage, ground floor extension at Aviary Cottage and first floor extension, with new main entrance door at The Laurels. - **PC has no objection. However, it does have concerns over construction vehicle parking during the redevelopment which will need to be managed to ensure there is no obstruction of Main Street. And that there also needs to be provision made permanently for at least one off-road parking space per new dwelling, as residential parking on Main Street is already very limited - Awaiting Decision**

21/00651/APP and **21/00652/ALB** -The Stratton Arms Ph Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JX Change of use of vacant land at the rear of the Stratton Arms to ten motor home pitches - **PC commented that a revised more sympathetic proposal might be considered - Awaiting Decision**

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 - **Awaiting Decision**

20/03358/APP and **20/03359/ALB** - Court Cottage and Barn Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JX Court Cottage - non-structural internal alterations and general internal refurbishment, replacement windows, new retaining wall and patio to rear. Barn at Court Cottage - structural repairs to roof truss with general roof repairs. Installation of supporting structure over door heads and replacement rolled lead roof to stable. **Awaiting Decision**

20/03979/APP - Land Off Chapel Lane Turweston Buckinghamshire Demolition of

existing garage building and erection of two detached dwellings with access, parking and amenity space together with a replacement garage. **Awaiting Decision**

21/02227/APP - Lane End Stables Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire
Erection of single storey buildings, partial change of use of land to equestrian and dog breeding business and other ancillary works (Retrospective). **PC, no objection.**
Awaiting Decision.

9. HS2 Rail Link update:

- 9.1** Potential further compulsory purchase of land in Turweston.
There should not be any new compulsory purchase of Playing Field land other than the originally agreed 8%. Councillors have received unclear information about this. EKFB to be asked for clarification and detailed information on what has already been compulsory purchased or taken temporarily and plans for the future. **Clerk**
- 9.2** Approve legal fee VAT payment for WPD Playing Field easement negotiations.
RESOLVED: As per the Government approach for HS2 payment of legal fees and subsequent reimbursement. Turweston Parish Council will pay Howkins & Harrison £200 for VAT and then reclaim that VAT using the two invoices from Howkins & Harrison and Arnold Thompson.
The Clerk will ask Howkins & Harrison for their VAT number.
Proposed: Cllr A Green, Seconded: Cllr J Tilley **Clerk**
- 9.3** HS2 Notice of entry for surveys - Playing Field.
The Clerk will answer the pre-survey landowner questionnaire and answer 'No' to all questions. **Clerk**
- 9.4** Suggestions for how EKFB can improve engagement with Turweston residents.
The Parish Council would like to receive a monthly updated written report specific to Turweston with schedules of activities from Dave Butcher at EKFB. Information must be clear and consistent, with clearer mapping and timing plans. "Don't know" as an answer is not acceptable, EKFB need to gather answers from all relevant parties rather than residents receiving conflicting information from various parties.
Clerk to inform EKFB of request. **Clerk**
- 10. To report on the Playing Field:**
- 10.1** Receive quote from Wicksteed for equipment maintenance.
Quote expected on 22nd September.
- 10.2** To decide on when to lock the Playing Field.
Proposal that the Playing Field will be locked in the evenings in July and August or when there are periods of antisocial behaviour, to be confirmed once new gates are installed.
- 10.3** Agree contractor and price for replacement Playing Field gates.
Two comparable quotes received. The council agrees that bow top gates are an appropriate and safe design for the setting. The Warefence quote was the most competitive. The Clerk will contact Warefence with details of additional requirements: a) the gate must open inwards to prevent opening into the road, does the ground level allow this? b) can the small pedestrian gate have a slow soft close mechanism, to ensure children can't run into road if gate accidentally left open? c) can small pedestrian gate have an automatic latch that keeps that gate closed once the soft close mechanism has shut the gate? d) the hole in the ground for large gate drop bolt needs to be concreted with steel sleeve proud of the ground, to prevent build up of silt in the hole and to keep the gate secure. **Clerk**
Decision on contractor deferred until answers received.

- 10.4** Quote from Cartwrights for weeding play area.
 To scrape and sweep playground area of moss/weed. £200.00 + VAT
 To moss kill with herbicide after it has been cleared £50.00 + VAT

RESOLVED: The above quote is accepted. Cartwrights will be asked to scrape and sweep playground and apply herbicide. Work is to be carried out as soon as possible.

Proposed: Cllr A Kirkland, Seconded: Cllr J Tilley

- 10.5** Review findings from weekly inspections.

Cllrs Tilley and Green have been completing the new weekly checklists through August and September, Cllr Kirkland will complete checks in October. **AK**

The temporary HS2 perimeter fence needs to be checked regularly and has been added to the weekly checklist.

The metal base is now visible through rubber casing of seesaw seat. *To be replaced under Wicksteed maintenance works (item 10.1).*

- 11. To report on other Organisations: For report only.**

Nothing to report.

- 12. To report on Turweston Airfield (TA):**

Nothing to report.

- 13. Donation to the PCC:**

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will donate £200 for the upkeep of the Churchyard.

Proposed: Cllr J Tilley, Seconded: Cllr A Green

- 14. To report on the Accounts:**

- 14.1 To report on accounts to 21 September 2021 and approve payments made since previous meeting (previously circulated).**

Invoices Paid:	Net	VAT	Gross	Ch	Details
Payments					
S Hosking	303.28	0.00	303.28	SO	Salary - August
S Hosking	46.80	0.00	46.80	FPO	Salary underpayment
Cartwrights	90.30	18.06	108.36	FPO	Grass Cutting - July
Buckinghamshire Council	64.14	0.00	64.14	FPO	Election Fees
Receipts					
Buckinghamshire Council			4050.00		Precept 2 nd Payment
Lloyds Bank			0.70		Interest

Treasurer's A/C at 21 September 2021: £10,329.40. Business Account: £41,703.82.

Invoices to be Paid:	Net	VAT	Gross	Ch	Details
Cartwrights	180.60	36.12	216.72	FPO	Grass Cutting - August
S Hosking	303.28	0.00	303.28	FPO	Salary - September
Howkins & Harrison	200.00	200.00	200.00	FPO	HS2 legal fee VAT reclaim

RESOLVED: That the report on the Accounts is received and payments approved.

Proposed: J Tilley, Seconded: Cllr A Green

15. Matters raised by Councillors:

None.

16. Clerk's Correspondence:

Circulated previously by email.

17. To confirm the date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed: **Date:**

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