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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Turville Parish
Council on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at St Marys Church,
Turville**

Present: Hector Sants
Alice Nuttgens
Alice Bragg

In attendance:
Lorna Coldwell – Clerk
Buckinghamshire Councillor Mark Turner
2 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies:

Cllrs Abbot.

Chairman's Report:

See attached.

The Clerk presented the Finance Report:

See attached Receipts and Payments and Bank Reconciliation documents.

Any other business:

None.

The meeting was closed at 19.42.

The Chairman

Date

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2024/2025

Alas We only have 4 councillors, we have lost Nick Kertesz, he will be sadly missed particularly as we have no representative for Northend on the PC, I would like to thank him for his input this last 18 months. Nick is continuing to monitor what is happening with the Chiltern society and Northend common.

We do really need 5 Councillors, we can co opt into the Council, the job is not very demanding and I'm sure there must be someone who would like to take part in discussing and having some influence in rural affairs in the parish.

Turville Heath Common has been very nearly cleared of Himalayan Balsam thanks to the landlord, Robin Harman and a few residents. Clearing has made the Common a different place in the last few years, very old trees are now visible and show their full splendour, it is no longer a mass of unwanted bracken and brambles and the Common is now a place where children can play and benefit from the returning natural flora and Fauna. There is less risk of fire with the common cleared which was coming to the fore during the very dry spring we had.

Our principal authority is now Buckinghamshire Council, I have had reservations about the change to a unitary council. I was concerned that this could have put more pressure on Parish Councils to do more. So far there has been no extra demand and we are continuing as we were before.

We have had many more visitors to our parish. We need to be tolerant to the walkers, cyclists, dogs etc. The PC must keep up to date with the changes in the law and attitude. I have noticed a fair amount of impatience from car drivers to cyclists, also cyclists to walkers. There is not a huge amount the PC can do except keeping the issue to the fore.

I have seen many changes in the years I have lived in the Valley and one of my main concerns is the reducing light industry, as we all know many pubs have closed, thankfully our pubs are still up and running, I will support anyone who wants to set up and run a local business, this will not increase the number of visitors, those visitors are here anyhow. If they want to provide refreshment, accommodation, riding trails, electric bikes to these visitors I will not stand in their way. They are absolutely essential to improve and maintain the infrastructure of the local community.

There have been very few planning issues, 2 cottages in Turville, White cottage and Church Cottage are still not occupied, the PC is hoping that they will be tastefully renovated, I sympathise with the owners who most likely are struggling with all the regulations regarding owning a listed building.

I would like to welcome the new owners of the Windmill, although they are not actually in Turville Parish, I am sure that if they wish, Turville residents will welcome them to Turville events, as did the previous owner.

Lorna Coldwell has worked very hard to keep us correctly informed and up to date all through the last year, always very quick to respond to emails – thank you Lorna for all your help.