

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 21st November 2007
at the Parish Village Hall, Northend

Present: Valmai Pickett - Chairman
Margaret Drage
Danny Fois
Richard Higgin
Steve Blake

In attendance: Michael Wicks – Clerk.

Also attended by Pam Jones, Amanda Bucknill, Madeline Thompson, Annalena McEwan, James Vaughan, Ian Thompson, Ian McEwan, Gary Steventon, Colin Malcolmson, David Redhouse, Jeff Hemmings and Ray Jones.

1. Question and Answer session

- A. Pennlands. Ian McEwan asked the Council for their comments re. the refusal by WDC on the planning application for the boundary wall, gates and roof/window changes. No objection to the roof and window design but the boundary wall height and close boarded gates were seen as out of keeping in this rural area. Pre-application discussions on design with the District Planning Department would be advisable and recommended by the Parish Council.
- B. Pennlands – posts on Common. Colin Malcolmson asked whether any decision by the Common owner Charles Hoare-Nairne had been made on this matter. The Clerk will follow up.
- C. Finger Post Sign in Northend. According to Stuart Young, BCC Area Technician, a new sign has been ordered.
- D. Tree Stump, Turville Village. This has now been removed and Danny Fois volunteered to help replace the loose soil and tidy up in front of White Cottage.
- E. Fire Hydrants. Following the recent house fire in Turville Village, the Clerk will contact the Fire Authorities to enquire on the method and regularity of hydrant checks within the Parish.
- F. Aircraft Noise. This appears to be on the increase – most of the small plane stunt activity emanates from White Waltham Air Park and complaints should be lodged with Operations Section on 01628 823272 with timing and plane identification if possible. A log is kept of all public comments.
- G. Japanese Knotweed on Northend Common. As and when further treatment is required the Clerk will seek permission from Charles Hoare-Nairne to carry out the necessary work.
- H. Turville Court. James Vaughan referred once again to the suburban style of gates and entrance but the Chairman stated that this was past history.

2. Apologies

No apologies for absence.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th September 2007 at the Village School, Turville having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. Copies had been placed on the five Parish Notice Boards.

4. Matters Arising

- (a) Watery Lane – New Barriers
BCC have stated that wooden posts will be installed by 10th December. Hambleden Parish have decided to retain the metal gates at their end.

5. Residents Association Reports
- (a) Northend
Steve Blake reported as follows:
- Bonfire and fireworks party on 5th November a great success with a good attendance - plan to repeat next year.
 - The third edition of the Nuggets village Newsletter was circulated by e-mail. The Autumn issue contained details of the Parish launch of Neighbourhood Watch.
 - The Parish Christmas party will take place on Sunday 23rd December commencing at midday in the Village Hall.
 - Annual Rounders Cup – Turville v Northend. The Millennium Trophy was won for the third year running by Northend.
- Turville
Gary Steventon reported as follows:
- No filming planned at the present time.
 - Reference to Turville has been removed from the BBC website in connection with the Vicar of Dibley series.
 - Carols around the Christmas Tree in the Village planned for 3.30pm, Saturday 8th December.
6. Neighbourhood Watch Activities
A report prepared by James McConville was read by the Chairman. Good progress has been made since 45 people attended the inaugural meeting on 20th September at the Village Hall. The Council re-affirmed its total support for the Parish-wide scheme and wish to assist the community in working together to prevent crime.
7. Heathwood House, Turville Heath – Common Land
Following the Clerk's letter to the owner Mr. N. Watkins listing a number of recommended changes, most of which have been accepted, the Clerk will now write once again in order to settle this dispute. BCC still have an interest and will be copied with the correspondence.
8. BCC proposed 30 mph speed limit in Turville Village
The Council are not in favour of these proposals and the Clerk, after telephone conversations, wrote on 29th October to object and explain the Council's position. If however, action is taken to proceed then we have requested a meeting on site to discuss positioning and types of signage within the village.
9. BCC Area Technician's Meeting
This took place on 20th September with Steve Blake, the Clerk and Stuart Young (mobile No. 07850 181194) to discuss signage, pot holes and communications. Steve Blake explained to the Council the current problems and generally the lack of any money to carry out the desired highways improvements. A list of priorities was passed to the Technician, some pot holes have been repaired, signage on order and a meeting scheduled in December to report on progress.
10. Finance
The Council approved:
- (a) Clerk's Administration costs and expenses for 6 months ending 31st September 2007 - £393.60.
- (b) Approval of R. J. Symes – Village Green maintenance - £17.63 and £17.63.
- (c) Donation to Henley CAB - £40.
- (d) Parish Council Precept for year commencing 1st April 2008 - £3500.00.
- (e) Receipt of cheque from Customs & Excise - £385.98.
11. Planning Matters
Applications Approved
- (a) The Cottage, The Old Vicarage, Turville – relocation of existing potting shed, proposed alterations including solar panels and single storey side extension to listed barn

- conversion and roof and window alterations to store/playroom in adjacent outbuilding.
- (b) Bodgers, Northend – construction of extension to barn in rear garden.
- (c) Mill House, Turville – change of use of part of paddock for creation of tennis court (alternative scheme to that permitted)

Application Refused

- (d) Pennlands, Northend, alterations to roof and external alterations - rebuilding part of boundary wall and solid close-boarded gates (retrospective).

Application Withdrawn

- (e) Pierceys, Northend – erection of detached double garage and games/store room to rear.

Appeal Dismissed

- (f) Idlecombe Farm, Turville – siting of log cabin to replace existing caravan.

Planning Meeting for Parish Councils

The Clerk attended a training session on planning matters held on 13th November in the Council Chamber at Wycombe. There was general agreement on the inconsistency relating to planning decisions amongst Parish Representatives and a meeting was proposed by the Clerk to discuss specific issues for Turville. The Chairman and Richard Higgin agreed to join the Clerk to highlight some of our concerns.

12. Other Business

The Council approved the dates for meetings in 2008:

Parish	Wednesday 16 th January	Village School, Turville
Parish	Wednesday 12 th March	Village Hall, Northend
Annual	Wednesday 14 th May	Village School, Turville
Parish	Wednesday 16 th July	Village Hall, Northend
Parish	Wednesday 17 th September	Village School, Turville
Parish	Wednesday 19 th November	Village Hall, Northend

- (b) Church finances for local needs.

David Redhouse and Jeff Hemmings informed the Council of a recent meeting between representatives of the Parish Council, Resident Associations and the Church to discuss the possible release of funds within the community for certain causes, such as the elderly, the young, environment, community, safety, car parking etc. It was proposed to conduct a survey within the Parish to identify residents ideas and priorities as a first step and then to report further.

- (c) M40 Bridge Junction 5

The Highways Agency is proposing to close the bridge over the M40 at Stokenchurch at the end of next year for repairs lasting possibly for a period of 7 months. This will certainly have an impact on Turville, Fingest and neighbouring villages. Questionnaires for households can be completed on line – <http://tinyurl.com/2b4cby>

- (d) Empty Houses

The WDC Representative Mr. H. Quarrel is on extended leave until mid-December so no information is available until his return.

- (e) Turville Parish website

This facility at WDC will be discontinued on 30th November. Alternatives include an external website for Parish or Bucksinfo.net Parish Council website or as Steve Blake suggested to link up with the Parish Village Hall website. This latter option will be investigated.

13. Date of next meetings

The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th January 2008 at the Village School, Turville commencing at 7.30 pm.