

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 14th March 2007
at the Village Hall, Northend

Present: Mrs. V. E. Pickett - Chairman
Miss. M. Drage
Mr. D. Fois
Mr. R. Higgin

In attendance: Mr. M. J. Wicks – Clerk.

Also attended by Mary Laurie, Alice Blakey, Madeline Thompson, Ian Thompson, Ray Jones, James Vaughan, Eric Thurman, James McConville, Steve Blake, Gary Steventon.

1. Question and Answer session

- A. Local Burglaries – James McConville and Steve Blake expressed considerable concern on recent break-ins with many more reports of these activities circulated on the Neighbourhood Watch e-mails. After discussion it was agreed:
- to add names to this e-mail circulation,
 - to explore the possibility of Community Policing with neighbouring parishes,
 - to examine ways and means to make more residents aware of the increasing crime in the locality and action that needs to be taken.
- James McConville kindly volunteered to be involved provided a Parish Councillor also agreed to play a part in this initiative.
- B. First Aid Course
James McConville reported on the success of the First Aid Course held at the Village Hall. A second one was planned but the Parish Council was not in a position to sponsor/fund the VAT element as it was not VAT Registered. Applicants should pay in advance when booking with no refund if unable to attend.
- C. Affordable Housing
James Vaughan enquired if the Parish Council was still in favour of such a scheme. The Chairman reiterated the Council's wish to continue its search for suitable land for such a development and if anybody had ideas would they please advise the Council.
- D. Idlecombe Farm Turville
The Chairman confirmed to Alice Blakey that the Parish Council had no objection to the recent planning application for the siting of a log cabin which was refused by W.D.C.

2. Apologies

Mr. C. Malcolmson

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th January 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 and available on the WDC website.

4. Matters Arising

- (a) Northend Common Signage – Permissive Bridleway
Still not replaced by B.C.C. – Clerk to follow-up.

- (b) Village Car Parking
Awaiting response from John Ingram, Trustee at the Village School.
- (c) Local BCC Area Co-ordinator
Many jobs still outstanding including potholes, grips and road signs. Clerk to once again follow up with Si Khan. Considerable back-log in the district, they are 2 months behind with 200 reported potholes in December and 700 in January in need of repair.
- (e) Empty Houses within the Parish
The Clerk has written to WDC with regard to new powers under the 2004 Housing Act. The letter has been acknowledged followed by a telephone conversation with a District Officer who will investigate and report back in due course.

5. Residents Association Reports

- (a) Northend
Steve Blake confirmed the AGM date as 27th March in the Village Hall. The first quarter community newsletter titled "Northend Nuggets" has been published with useful and interesting news around the locality including the date 28th April for the Table Top Sale at the Village Hall.

Turville

Filming of Miss Marple took place on 4th February and Foyles War on 19th February. The BBC were on location in Turville on 14th March for a production called Love Soup.

The AGM will take place in the Bull & Butcher on Monday 2nd April at 7.30pm.

6. Turville Court Estate - Access Road

Deed of Agreement

A draft copy had been circulated to all Councillors and several mistakes had been identified. The Clerk will contact the Council's solicitors and request a revised draft for further scrutiny.

7. Parish Elections and Timetable

The Clerk passed to the Councillors nomination papers and "Candidate's consent to Nominations" forms in connection with the Parish Council Election on 3rd May. The additional form "The Candidate's Guide" which was not available at the meeting has now been passed to the Councillors. The Election notice was placed on the Parish Notice Boards on 26th March.

The last day of delivery to the Returning Officer at WDC of nomination papers is noon on Wednesday 4th April. The election is to be held for 5 Parish Councillors and will only be contested on 3rd May if there are more than 5 candidates.

As this was the last meeting prior to the Election Day, a vote of thanks was proposed from the floor thanking the Councillors and the Clerk for their work and contribution within the Parish during the past 4 year term.

- 8. Watery Lane - replacement barriers
BCC have forwarded a catalogue showing various options. Danny Fois with Richard Higgin were asked to make some recommendations for a suitable alternative to the existing metal barriers which look out of keeping in this rural area.
- 9. Finance
The Council approved the following:
 - (a) Annual subscription to Bucks Association of Local Councils for 2007/8 - £44.99.

(b) The Clerk's salary for year commencing 1st April 2007 - £2500 per annum.
The Council noted that UHK Hacker Young had been appointed as Auditors by the Audit Commission for the financial year 2006/7.

10. Planning Matters

Applications Approved

- (a) Balhams Farm, Turville Heath – installation of 12 solar PV panels and 2 solar hot water collectors on the south facing rear roof elevation of the main farm house building.
- (b) Lower Northend Farm, Turville – Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of a replacement three bedroom dwelling and garage.
- (c) Lower Northend Farm, Turville – conversion and extension of existing traditional farm buildings to form a single 3 bedroom dwelling unit and conversion and extension of existing steel framed barn to form ancillary uses comprising garaging, stables, stores and residential annex accommodation.

Applications Refused

- (d) 1 St. Mary's Cottages, Turville – installation of 2 solar water heating collectors to side southeast roof slope.
- (e) Summerheath Cottage, Turville Heath – erection of two storey side and rear extension and erection of detached double car port with storage room over.
- (f) Idlecombe Farm, Turville – siting of log cabin to replace existing caravan.

Applications Pending

- (g) Counties Meet, Northend – construction of two storey rear extension.
- (h) Overdale, Northend – demolition of existing detached garage and outbuilding and erection of new detached double garage with 1 bedroom apartment (ancillary accommodation) to rear.
- (i) 3 Square Close Cottages, Turville – construction of oil tank storage area – retrospective.

Planning follow-up

Pennlands Northend - The Planning Officer has now visited the site and confirmed that windows in the new area do conform with the plans and are not dis-similar in style to other windows in the original building.

11. Other Business

(a) Unauthorised Signs

BCC have asked whether Parishes would like to act as agents in removing unauthorised signs within the Highway. The Council has decided not to be involved in view of the restrictions imposed.

(b) Local Area Technicians - BCC

There is no change (following a County re-organisation) for our Parish – Stuart Young 01494 475318, Mobile 07850 181194. The initial call for any defect on the highway network should be via the Highways on call contact No. 0845 2302882.

(c) Village Green Incident – insurance claim

Following articles in two newspapers the Clerk agreed to write to our Insurers bringing to their attention the Judge's ruling in a recent case where he threw out a damages claim for £150,000 when a woman broke her leg falling into a hole on a village green.

12. Date of next meetings

The Annual Meeting and next Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th May at the Village School, Turville commencing at 7.30 pm.