

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 24th July 2007
at the Village Hall, Northend

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

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

Also attended by Anne Jones, Vivien Goodey, Pam Jones, Madeline Thompson, Eric Thurman, Ray Jones, Ian Thompson, James Vaughan and Gary Steventon.

1. Question and Answer session
 - A. Tree Stump – White Cottage, Turville.
Madeline Thompson enquired regarding the removal of the old cherry tree stump.
The Clerk will contact K. Earle to carry out the necessary works
 - B. Parish Meeting - change of date
James Vaughan suggested the Clerk should phone attendees of any change of date.
The Chairman said this was not possible. The Agendas are posted on the notice boards two weeks in advance and details are available on the WDC Turville website.
2. Apologies
No apologies for absence.
3. Minutes
The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 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) Village Car Parking
Steve Blake has contacted the Bull and Butcher landlady regarding parking for the school teachers – awaiting a response.
 - (b) Empty Houses within the Parish
The Clerk had once again been in contact with Mr. H. Quarrel at WDC, who promised to keep us informed on any developments. He has a copy of the Empty Dwelling Management Orders Guidance document.
 - (c) Signage
New signs for Turville Heath and Turville Village have now been installed. The Watery Lane posts will be positioned by the end of August.
 - (d) Heathwood House, Turville Heath
Waymark posts with the words "access land" have been installed by BCC contractors on the Common land in front of Heathwood House.
A copy of the Council's letter to the Rights of Way Team Leader Ms. Joanne Taylor at BCC on the matter, has been forwarded to the property owner, Mr. N. Watkins.
 - (e) Bosmore Park Building Works
The letter sent to the Head of Planning at WDC has been acknowledged with a promise of a full reply by the end of July. A new application for erecting 3 barns will add to the current traffic problems along Balhams and Drovers Lanes.

- (f) Development in School Lane – opposite 6 and 7 School Lane, Turville
Anne and Ray Jones met with a WDC Planning Officer on 7th June on the above. The developer will restore the hedge, hedge line and site access to those shown in the agreed site plan once the development is completed.
5. Residents Association Reports
- (a) Northend
- (1) Steve Blake reported the sad passing away of Jim Langford, a long standing respected and well known resident of Northend.
- (2) Annual Rounders Match date to be agreed in late summer.
- (3) Village Hall – several changes in the Management with new chairman and bookings secretary to be appointed.
- (b) Turville
Gary Steventon reported no filming activity at present time. A successful and enjoyable village barbecue took place recently on a rare summers evening. Concern was expressed at the increasing and regular number of coaches arriving in Turville Village causing the inevitable parking problems and inconvenience to residents. The situation to be monitored so the matter can be further discussed at the next meeting.
6. Clerk's meeting with BCC on 29th June
- (a) One of the main topics and voiced by many clerks was the problem of pot holes and lack of action by the County Authorities. Highways on Call and Area Technicians were not responding to requests for repairs. It was agreed to meet with Stuart Young (BCC) and Steve Blake in the Parish on a regular two monthly basis to review and agree a course of action.
- (b) Village Appraisals/Parish Plans
The Bucks Community Action were supporting this initiative but the Council did not think it appropriate for Turville.
7. Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch
A report from James McConville had been circulated with the Agenda to all Councillors. It was unanimously agreed to fully support the proposals to re-launch Neighbourhood Watch within the whole Parish starting with a meeting for Residents in the Village Hall to be organised by Steve Blake and James McConville.
8. Turville Court Estate Access Road
The Draft Agreement which was sent to Councillors in advance of the meeting was acceptable in principle. However, it was not signed off by the Chairman pending the Clerk seeking clarification on points raised by the Councillors which had to be referred to the Parish Council's Solicitor.
9. Model Code of Conduct Resolution
- (a) The Revised Code of Conduct was forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting with a recommendation to adopt as summarised on the Agenda. It was agreed – "That Turville Parish Council adopt the Revised Code of Conduct (Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils including the optional paragraph 12(2) appended to this report in place of the Council's existing Code of Conduct".
- (b) The new "Register of member's interests" document for each Councillor was signed at the completion of the meeting and a copy of each will be forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at WDC by the Clerk.
10. The Chilterns Sustainable Development Fund 2007/8
Grants are available from the Conservation Board and details had been circulated to Councillors. It was agreed that the Northend Nuggets Newsletter edited by Steve Blake could be developed into a Parish-wide Newsletter both by e-mail and in printed form to be

distributed to all households on a regular basis. It was to be non-political and non-commercial. An estimate of costs with a brief, including a list of possible topics to be available for the next meeting to submit to The Chilterns for a possible grant. Another grant entry would be changing of stiles for kissing gates on Parish Footpaths.

11. Finance

The following payments were approved:

(a) R. J. Symes - £17.13 and £35.25 – Maintenance work, Village green.

(b) The Chiltern Society – Annual Subscription £25.00.

The Clerk reported the Annual Return documents had been forwarded and receipt acknowledged by the Auditors UHY Hacker Young.

12. Planning Matters

Application Permitted

(a) St. Mary's Church, Turville – Tree Treatment. Remove group of Elder and 1 Chestnut Tree, Crown reduce several trees. Reduce overhanging and damaged limbs, fell Sycamore saplings.

Applications Refused

(b) Mill House, Turville – erection of new vehicular access with associated hardstanding

(c) Mill House, Turville – application for Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of land as garden within residential curtilage.

Applications Pending

(d) St. Mary's Church, Turville – fell 1 Larch tree and remove limb overhanging towards Vicarage.

(e) Summerheath Cottage, Turville Heath. Erection of two storey side extension and erection of detached double car port.

(f) Chapel Cottage, Turville Heath – construction of single storey rear extension.

13. Other Business

(a) Bus Shelters

The Clerk will approach R. J. Symes to carry out regular cleaning of Bus Shelters in Turville Heath and Northend. No smoking signs (by law) will be fixed in the shelters.

(b) Derry House

Building work on the permitted extension has commenced and a licence between the owner and the landlord of the Common was being prepared to cover all the necessary requirements.

(c) Pennlands, Northend

Following a visit from the WDC Planning Officer, an amendment to the original plan will be submitted regarding the extra height of the roof and a new application for the wall pillars and gates.

(d) Bull & Butcher Pub, Turville

Following complaints from residents the illegal smoking shelter was removed and any replacement will be subject to Planning Permission from WDC.

(e) 30 mph limit sign – Northend

The Clerk will arrange for the Area Technician to reposition (sign tampered with) and to check the weight de-restriction sign on the County boundary with a view to re-positioning.

12. Date of next meetings

The next Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th September at the Village School, Turville commencing at 7.30 pm.