

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 16th January 2008
at the Village School, Turville

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

In attendance: Michael Wicks – Clerk.

Also attended by Pam Harper, Alice Nuttgens, Mary Laurie, Amanda Moser, Pam Jones, Claire Prince, Sally Wicks, Jonathan Harrison, James Vaughan, Eric Thurman, Guy Prince, David Cairns, Gary Steventon, Howard Rosier and Ray Jones.

1. Question and Answer session

Fire Service - the Clerk will check to see whether small fire engines are available to navigate narrow lanes – a recent fire in School Lane, Turville highlighted the problem as reported by Ray Jones.

2. Apologies

Margaret Drage.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2007 at the Parish Village Hall, Northend, 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) Pennlands (renamed Egypt Cottage)
Ian McEwan in a letter dated 12th January to the Clerk, confirmed, following a meeting with WDC Planning officers, that the boundary wall and piers have been lowered and new oak open barred gates have now been installed. The posts along the drive have also been removed.
- (b) Finger Post sign, Northend Common
BCC have apologised for the delay in replacing this sign. An order had been mislaid but the Area Technician will chase on our behalf. The newly damaged sign adjacent to the bus stop in Turville Heath was reported to Highways on Call on 16th January.
- (c) Fire Hydrants – Turville Village
These are checked and serviced every three years (last time February 2006) since the initial programme started in 1996. The five hydrants within the Village have a clean bill of health over that period.
- (d) Watery Lane – New barriers
Installation promised for week commencing 14th January – now deferred until week commencing 28th January..
- (e) Heathwood House – Turville Heath, Common Land
Following correspondence with Mr. Watkins, the owner of Heathwood House, the Clerk wrote on 8th December 2007 and confirmed action to be taken with the Common land, as agreed following his letter of 8th October. The Council asked for the work to be carried out in the very near future. If it is not completed by the end of January the Clerk will send a reminder.
- (f) Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit in Turville Village
BCC Working Party have recommended to the Cabinet Member that this speed limit be implemented by April this year. The positioning of signs is shown on the document attached to these minutes. It was agreed by the Council that Roundels on the road were

- not required.
- (g) Area Technician
The quarterly update meeting due in December was postponed by BCC. We have now been informed that Stuart Young has been promoted and taken over as Engineer, Wycombe Area Office. We await news of a replacement.
- (h) Planning Meeting
The Clerk has arranged a meeting with David Gibbon, Team Leader at the Wycombe Planning Department on 24th January to discuss specific planning issues within the Parish. The Chairman and a Councillor will attend with the Clerk.
- (i) M40 Bridge Junction 5
We were informed by Steve Blake that the proposed closure of the above bridge for later this year will not now take place.
- (j) Empty Houses in Parish
The Clerk was informed by Mr. H. Quarrel, WDC, that he would be writing once again to the owners and will keep us informed on any developments.
- (k) Website
It was agreed to proceed with the website www.turvilleparishcouncil.org.uk at £13.99 per year as suggested by Cally Oldershaw and to be linked to the Parish Hall and WDC. It will include the Fact File (already on the WDC website) the Clerk's name, address, contact numbers and email address, the Councillors names, telephone and email details, the scheduled meeting dates, agendas and minutes.

5. Residents Association Reports

- (a) Turville
- Gary Steventon reported no filming planned at the present time. Despite the weather there was a good attendance at the Village Carols on 8th December. No date as yet for the AGM.
 - The Council was pleased to receive a cheque for £110 from the Residents Association as a result of filming activities in the village during £2007.
- (b) Northend
- The Parish wide Christmas Party at the Village Hall on Sunday 23rd December was an enjoyable occasion but the organisers were disappointed in the lack of numbers. Some Residents were unaware of the party so for this coming Christmas a flyer will be delivered to each household in the Parish.

6. Finance

The Council approved the following:

- (a) Annual subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks - £70.00
 (b) Ken Earle Forestry – for stump grinding tree in Turville village - £58.75
 (c) R. J. Symes – maintenance work on Village green - £17.63
 (d) Chilterns Woodland Project – Conference fees for Margaret Drage - £25.00

7. Planning Matters

Application Approved

- (a) 4 Square Close, Cottages, Turville. Fell 1 Western Red Cedar tree.

Applications Pending

- (b) Summer Heath Paddock, Turville Heath – replacement of existing stabling and tack room with new in revised position in paddock.
 (c) Swains House, Northend – erection of detached double garage to front.
 (d) Royal Oak Cottage, Northend – erection of single storey extension.

8. Other Business

- (a) Village School
Steve Blake informed the meeting that following the abrupt closure of the School over the Christmas holidays he and Guy Prince had taken over the Management with most of the existing staff.
- (b) Parish Newsletter
The application for funds from the Chilterns Conservation Sustainability Fund had been refused. It was agreed to meet with representatives of the Turville and Northend Residents Association, the Village Hall and Parish Council to discuss the way forward. The Clerk will co-ordinate with members to fix a date in the near future.
- (c) Clerk's Salary
This matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

9. Neighbourhood Watch

James McConville reported on the progress to date - leaflets and stickers have been distributed to all residents within the Parish. Fingest, Skirmett, Hambleden and Ibstone were all involved with the scheme. There were now 542 groups within the district of High Wycombe. Decision on style and position of Neighbourhood Watch signs, yet to be agreed.

Sergeant Emma Leigh, Neighbourhood Team from Marlow Police Station, Tel: 0845 8505 505 introduced her colleagues, WPC Claire Marchant and Community Support Officer, Jonathan Batement all contactable on the above number at Marlow. They jointly cover Medmenham, Hambleden, Fawley, Ibstone and Turville Parishes.

Emma explained the role of the officers in the local community and promised better communications in the future.

A number of questions were asked from the audience including the recent spate of dog-napping, lack of action from past incidents of burglary and poor response. Emma promised to help, with her team, to provide a more visible support from now on. Regular visits within the Parish, attendance at Parish meetings and at mobile library visiting days, with the aim to improve conditions across the neighbourhood and working together to solve crime and disorder problems.

The Chairman welcomed this Community support and thanked Emma, Claire and Jonathan for attending our meeting and now look forward to a positive and successful way ahead.

10. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th March 2008 at the Parish Village Hall, Northend commencing at 7.45 pm.