

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Annual Meeting  
held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
at the Village School, Turville

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

In attendance: Michael Wicks – Clerk.

Also attended by Pam Harper, Guy Prince, Ray Jones, Robin Harman, James Vaughan, Colin Malcolmson, Gary Steventon, Howard Rosier and Community Police Officer Jon Bateman.

1. Question and Answer session

- (a) Jon Bateman advised the meeting that one of the dog stealers mentioned previously was now in prison for two years, convicted on a more serious crime.
- (b) Robin Harman recommended that any charity monies be donated to the Air Ambulance for the outstanding work regarding a family member in the recent past.
- (c) Colin Malcolmson reported on the excellent work by WDC in clearing the leaves in Holloway Lane and cleaning up the passing places. The Clerk will ask Ian Sharp BCC, Local Technician, to clear the brambles on the verges at the top of the Lane and to check on overhanging branches near the pond corner.
- (d) James Vaughan once again raised the issue of the Question & Answer session scheduled at the beginning of the meeting. The Clerk will provide the guidelines issued to Councils at the next meeting.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the 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 and Parish website.

4. Chairman's Report for the year 2007/2008.

Valmai Pickett read a comprehensive report on last year's activities which is attached to the Minutes.

5. Election of Chairman

It was proposed and supported unanimously for Valmai Pickett to be re-elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. The Councillors extended their congratulations with thanks for her leadership and dedicated work in this role.

6. Matters Arising

- (a) NATS - Luton Airport – Proposed change to airspace.  
The Consultation Period has been extended to 22<sup>nd</sup> June as a result of pressure from interested parties including the Chilterns Conservation Society.
- (b) The First Aid Course took place at the Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May with the full complement of 12 people.
- (c) The Village Hall Party on 11<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate Terry Buckett's 30 years as postman for Turville Parish was a huge success - well attended by residents and reported with photo

- in the Henley Standard.
- (d) Heathwood House, Turville Heath  
The owner has now completed all works on the Common as requested by the Council.
  - (e) Turville Village 30 mph speed limit signs installed and now operating.
  - (f) Empty Houses in Parish  
A further letter from H. Quarrel, WDC was passed to Councillors. The Clerk will continue to remind WDC of these two empty properties, the White House, Turville Heath and the Nook, Northend and others which are not permanently occupied.
  - (g) Parish Newsletter  
Steve Blake reported that due to unfortunate delays the first publication will not be available until late May/early June.
  - (h) Tracks across Northend Common.  
The Clerk had it confirmed by the owner, Charles Hoare-Nairne, that no vehicles are permitted across the Common except on the designated tracks. Residents are asked to identify any culprits and report to Councillors and/or Clerk with details.

7. Residents Association Reports

- (a) Turville  
Gary Steventon reported on the successful AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Bull & Butcher. A copy of the minutes was passed to the Clerk.
  - No filming scheduled at the present time
  - Garden Party planned to take place at the Old Vicarage on 6<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Annual Rounders Match in September versus Northend.
  - Pam Harper arranging barbecue in June.
- (b) Northend  
Steve Blake reported that the AGM was planned for 7<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall.
  - A musical evening on 28<sup>th</sup> June to raise money for the Village Hall.
  - A vote of thanks to James McConville and all the helpers for organising Terry Buckett's party.

8. Turville Court Estate Access Road

A Special Parish Council meeting was convened on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 to discuss the above, following a letter from BCC asking the Parish to give consent to the stopping up of the Highway leading to Turville Court.

As there had been a material change in the situation, whereby the property was for sale on the market, the Parish Council decided it could no longer support this application to the Magistrates Court.

BCC, Turville Court Estate and the Parish solicitors have been informed of this decision. The Clerk was invited to a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May at Turville Court to meet the new owner.

The Parish Council will hold a special meeting within the next few weeks to review the situation.

9. Neighbourhood Action Group

The Chairman reported on the two meetings held at Danesfield School with local representatives and the Police. Much of the discussion centred around speeding problems in the Hambleton Valley, the identification of the worst areas and ways and means to reduce excessive speeds. The next meeting planned for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

10. Insurance Quotations

The Council considered the two alternatives and decided to change from Allianz (AON) premium £454 to Came (Norwich Union) on a three year term at £352 p.a.

11. Finance

The Council approved:

- (a) Clerk's expenses and administration costs for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 - £369.15
- (b) R. J. Symes – Maintenance of Village Green - £35.25
- (c) Statement of Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.  
The Accounts, included with the Agenda were considered by the Council and approved.  
The Expenditure for the year of £5,406 against a balance brought forward and receipts of £10,297 left a balance for this year of £4,891.  
A copy of these Accounts will be attached to the Minutes for the Notice Boards and website.
- (d) The Statement of Assurance and Audit Commission Annual Return was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

12. Planning Matters

Applications Permitted:

- (a) SSE Power Distribution – refurbishment of overhead lines in Turville Village and Turville Valley Farm.
- (b) St. Mary's Church, Turville – erection of replacement oil tank.
- (c) Swains House, Northend – construction of two storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable living space.

Applications Pending

- (d) Pierceys, Northend – erection of detached double garage and games/store room to rear.
- (e) Turville Heath House, Turville Heath – conversion of existing barn to new 1 bed dwelling and construction of 3 outbuildings. Robin Harman mentioned preservation of bats on this application.

The Clerk reported on a Planning Meeting at WDC on 17<sup>th</sup> April and a copy of the notes will be passed to Councillors listing frequently asked questions on Planning matters with answers for guidance.

13. Other Business

- (a) BCC Local Technician  
The Chairman and Clerk met with Ian Sharp on 9<sup>th</sup> April to discuss local issues and a new system recently introduced of a 2 man gang carrying out regular maintenance work within the Parish. Drovers Lane currently undergoing major repair work – Ian Sharp's Mobile: 07850 168974

14. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at the Parish Village Hall, Northend commencing at 7.45 pm.