

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 12th March 2008
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, Sarah Evans, Ray Jones, Guy Prince, James McConville, Eric Thurman, and James Vaughan.

1. Question and Answer session

- (a) NATS - Pam Jones enquired with regard to the proposed changes to Airspace from Luton Airport. Leaflets are available showing details with a consulting period from 21st February to 28th May – the revised routes will include the Chilterns and these proposals can be viewed on www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation. The Council will write objecting to the changes and residents are encouraged to do likewise, mentioning noise pollution over the Turville rural countryside.
- (b) First Aid Course – James McConville has booked the Village Hall for Saturday 10th May for the second St. John Ambulance course for a maximum of 12 people at £32.90 per head – those interested should contact James on 01491 638498.
- (c) Village Hall Party – scheduled for Sunday 11th May – 12-2pm, to celebrate Terry Buckett's 30 years as the Postman for Turville Parish – it coincides with his last day as Mayor of Henley. Further information will be published in the forthcoming Parish Newsletter.
- (d) BT Fibre-optic Cables. Ray Jones mentioned that these cables were being installed in Hambleden. On making enquiries they are for broadband which is currently not available in the village.

2. Police Neighbourhood Team

The Chairman welcomed WPC Claire Marchant and Community Support Officer Jonathan Bateman for a Question and Answer session. Claire gave an update which included visits to local schools and events, patrolling the area, attendance at Mobile Library destinations, working on community projects, a pre-Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting and generally getting familiar with local residents and villages within the Marlow area.

Our Police team would welcome any ideas from Parishioners – contact 0845 8 505505. They are there to help our community.

3. Apologies

Colin Malcolmson and Gary Steventon.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2008 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 Parish website.

4. Matters Arising

- (a) Finger Post sign – Northend Common. Now replaced by BCC but repositioned on the

- triangle nearest to the main road.
- (b) Watery Lane – new barrier
Wooden posts have now been installed but at the wrong height. BCC have given us permission to reduce and Danny Foys has agreed to carry out the work.
- (c) Heathwood House – Turville Heath.
The Clerk has once again written to the owner Mr. Watkins to remind him of outstanding work on his Common land. The property is on the market and a prospective buyer has made enquiries re the dispute with the Parish Council as well as the concerns of BCC.
- (d) Turville Village – 30 mph speed limit
The Order under Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 for the above speed limit will come into effect on 21st March and signs will be positioned in the very near future..
- (e) Area Technician BCC
Stuart Young has been promoted and our new local Technician is Ian Sharp who will contact us after the handover.
- (f) Empty Houses in Parish
Following yet another telephone conversation with Mr. H. Quarrel, WDC. He confirmed having made contact with the owners again. Yet to receive the promised letter on the latest development. Subsequent to the meeting a letter has now been received and a copy sent to Councillors.
- (g) Parish Website
This is now in operation – www.turvilleparishcouncil.org.uk. The Council wish to thank Cally Oldershaw for her kind assistance in developing the site for the Parish.

6. Residents Association Reports

- (a) Northend
Nothing to report apart from First Aid Course and Village Party on the weekend of 10th and 11th May.
- (b) Turville
Filming had taken place in and around the Bull and Butcher without any major disturbance in the Village.
Air Ambulance Helicopter successfully found a missing child who wandered from his house in Turville Heath.

7. Neighbourhood Watch Signs

Agreement was reached on the type of sign for Turville, Turville Heath and Southend and eight in total have been ordered from the supplier. James McConville urged residents to place on their premises “No doorstep selling” signs. A stock is held by James if any extras required.

8. Parish Newsletter

A sub-committee comprising of representatives from Parish Council, Village Hall and the two Residents Associations met to discuss the launch of a Parish-wide Newsletter following the success of Northend Nuggets. It was agreed to publish every 2 months (approximately 2 weeks after Parish Council meeting) printed and distributed to all Parish households. Steve Blake agreed to be editor for an initial period and would welcome contributions from residents on a regular basis. The Parish Council will pay for the costs of publication for the first year and thereafter to be reviewed.

9. Finance

- (a) To approve payment to C. J. Oldershaw for development of the Parish website - £33.88.
- (b) To note change of Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission – Mazars LLP.
- (c) To note new quotation for insurance cover from Came & Co effective 1st June (Clerk agreed to analyse detail of existing and new quote for decision at next meeting).
- (d) To note payment from Bentley Productions as a donation - £150.
- (e) To approve Clerk’s salary for 6 months to 31st March 2008 - £1,250

- (f) To authorise Chairman to sign for Clerk's Expenses and Administration costs for 6 months to 31st March 2008 (exact figure to be reported at next meeting).
- (g) Annual subscription to BALC for 2008/9 (payment from 1st April) - £45.
- (h) R. J. Symes, Village Green maintenance - £17.83.
- (i) Annual subscription to CPRE from 1st April - £28.
- (j) G. Venables, 8 Neighbourhood Watch signs at £12.50 each plus courier charges - £115.

10. Planning Matters

Applications Permitted

- (a) Summer Heath Paddock, Turville Heath. Replacement of existing stabling and tack room with new in revised position in paddock.
- (b) Swains House, Northend – erection of detached double garage to front.
- (c) Royal Oak Cottage, Northend – erection of single storey extension.
- (d) WDC TPO. A tree preservation order has been made on land at Swains House, Northend
- (e) Report on meeting with David Gibbon WDC Planning Officer on 24th January at Council offices.

The Chairman and Clerk met with David Gibbon to voice the Council's concern on some recent planning matters. Applications discussed included Overdale - Northend, Summer Heath Cottage - Turville Heath, Mill House - Turville, Pennlands - Northend and the current policy on solar panels in conservation areas.

11. Other Business

- (a) Clerk's Salary
After discussion it was agreed to leave the current salary unchanged for the year commencing 1st April 2008 but to allow the sum of £500 as recommended by B.A.L.C. to cover rental of office and use of computer equipment for Clerks that work from home.
- (b) Tracks across Northend Common
Complaints have been received over tractors and cars using Northend Common as a short cut and therefore creating new tracks. The Clerk will establish from the owner Charles Hoare-Nairne whether any commoners have such rights. Residents should report any incidents to Steve Blake and/or the Clerk with the date and if possible registration of vehicle(s).
- (c) Turville Court Access Road
The Parish solicitors have been informed that after much consultation and extra work things are progressing but as yet no timescale has been suggested by the County Council.
- (d) Neighbourhood Action Group – N.A.G.
The next meeting has been confirmed for Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm, Danesfield School – Staff Room. Councillors should inform the Chairman if they wish to attend as it is important to support the Police effort in the community.
- (e) Turville Court Estate
The Clerk to establish whether the re-opened track on the Estate required planning permission from W.D.C.

12. Date of next meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th May 2008 at the Village School, Turville commencing at 7.30 pm.