

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 14th January 2009
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 Madeline Thompson, David Cairns, Ray Jones, Colin Malcolmson, James McConville, Gary Steventon, and James Vaughan..

1. Question and Answer session for the Public

- (a) Colin Malcolmson asked whether the recent heavy tractor traffic could be diverted on return journeys away from Northend, as was agreed with Red Kite Farms. The Chairman stated that these farm vehicles were not from Southend but possibly from Turville Park Farm and if this was the case, re-routing may not be possible. The situation to be kept under review.
- (b) James Vaughan raised once again the question of overhanging branches along Northend Common which impeded tractors. BCC Highways Authority and the Landlord of the Common had already been informed on the matter.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2008 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 and Parish website.

4. Matters Arising

(a) **Parish Newsletter.**

Following the success of Northend Nuggets it was agreed in July 2007 to publish a Parish-wide Newsletter. A sub-committee, including members of the two Residents Associations and Parish Council met in March 2008 to confirm a publication every 2 months and distributed to all Parish households. David Cairns has now agreed to be the Editor with the first issue planned for this February/March. Lauren Fois is willing to help with the compilation and layouts.

(b) **New Residents Welcome Pack.**

The Clerk has finalised the letter to include some additional items of interest.

(c) **Ordnance Survey Maps**

Three copies were passed to Danny Fois for framing and art work. It was agreed to position in the bus stops at Northend and Turville Heath and one in Turville Village on the wall close to the telephone and post box.

(d) **Northend Public Telephone Kiosk.**

This has now been purchased by the Parish Council and once the telephone equipment is removed, the ownership will be transferred.

(e) **Dolesden Lane**

The Clerk has been informed by Bosmore Park Estate that the hedges will be cut during February after the last shoot on 2nd February.

(f) **Swains, Turville Heath.**

The owners have now applied for a temporary new entrance (retrospectively) whilst building work continues and permission has been granted.

- (g) **Kimble Farm, Southend**
Repairs to the road appear to be completed and as yet the original footpath and bridleway has not been re-opened.
The Clerk has informed James Mawson BCC, Rights of Way Officer of this matter on 19th January.
- (h) **Neighbourhood Action Group**
The next meeting will take place on 20th January at Danesfield School. Jon Bateman, our popular Community Officer, left at the end of December to become a Police Officer in the Met. We shall await news on his replacement expected no later than April.

5. Residents Association Reports

- (a) **Turville**
- Gary Steventon reported on a successful Christmas Carols Party in the Village, despite torrential rain for most of the afternoon.
 - Some filming is expected in February titled "The Day of the Triffids".
 - Residents, including the Parish Council, received the sum of £60 resulting from filming activity in the past year.
- (b) **Northend**
- Steve Blake reported on a below average attendance at the Parish Christmas Party held on 21st December. It was agreed for the Residents Association Chairman to liaise in future on a date to be publicised early via the newsletter.
 - A date for the Rounders Match in Spring to be agreed.
 - A Black Tie Ball for August 2009 or May next year is under consideration.

6. Turville Court Estate Access Road

The Clerk had circulated a letter dated 1st December 2008 from Rhoda Barnett, Countryside Access Consultant who is acting for Mr. & Mrs. Mike Clare, owners of Turville Court, who wish to make an application to Bucks County Council for the stopping-up of Public Vehicular Rights on this Access Road. The Parish Council has the power to refuse this application.
After discussion the Council decided not to change its decision as minuted in the meetings on 17th September and 19th November 2008 but will keep the situation under review.

7. Finance

Council approved the renewal of the Annual Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks - £72.00.

8. Planning

Applications Permitted

- (a) Lower Northend Farm, Turville
Erection of brick and flint walls, greenhouse and potting shed. Variation to landscaping scheme.
- (b) The Old Vicarage, Turville
Crown by up to 25%. Thin 10% removing all dead wood from 1 Ash tree.
- (c) Fir Tree Cottage, Southend
Remove 1 Norway Spruce
- (d) White Cottage, Turville
Construction of single storey rear extension and pitched roof over existing flat roofed garage.
- (e) Swains, Northend
Construction of new temporary entrance and access track across adjacent field to Swains House (retrospective).

Applications Pending

- (f) Swains, Northend
Insertion of 3 roof lights to rear elevation of detached garage.

- (g) Wildwood Cottage, Southend
Construction of two storey extension with Conservatory.

9. Other Business

- (a) **Valuation of Parish Assets for Auditing purposes:** The Clerk listed items such as Notice Boards, Bus Shelters, Wooden Benches and Log Seats, Neighbourhood Watch signs, Trees and Tree Guards, Telephone Kiosk and land such as Village Green and the areas in front of Orchard Cottage and the Church in Turville.
After discussion the Clerk was asked to contact the Auditors for guidance and to check the Insurance Valuation for a review at the next meeting.
 - (b) **Community Purchasing - Utilities:** The Council decided not to pursue these proposals.
 - (c) **County Rider Bus Service in Hambleton Valley:** This service was discontinued on 5th January. WDC have introduced a Dial-a-Ride Scheme which you have to join as a member at £15 for the first year plus cost of travel and priority given to health related journeys over shopping/leisure trips.
 - (d) **Grit Bins:** Turville Parish have applied for 3 such bins on offer from WDC to be positioned at Northend, Turville Village and Turville Heath.
 - (e) **Lime Avenue:** A letter from David Taylor, Forestry Consultant to Turville Park was passed to Councillors with proposals for some minor remedial works to a few Lime trees.
It was agreed for the Chairman, Margaret Drage, Robin Harman and Philip Arnott to meet on site prior to the Application being sent to Wycombe District Council.
 - (f) **The Old Bakehouse, Turville:** The Clerk was asked to write to the owner, Trevor Proudfoot, with regard to the restoration work on this property.
 - (g) **The Mill House, Turville:** Several residents were concerned over the continuous floodlighting of the garden and woods at night. The Clerk will contact Chris Rogers on the matter.
 - (h) **Defibrillators:** James McConville has arranged for Mr. Dick Tracey from the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust to give a presentation on Saturday 7th February at 10am in the Parish Village Hall, Northend, lasting for no more than 40 minutes.
The Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and Residents Associations support in principle to have defibrillators positioned at key points in the Parish and residents are invited to this meeting to learn more about the benefits within our community. We look forward to your support.
- * A defibrillator is machine that can restart the heart by giving an electric shock in some cases of cardiac arrest.
- (i) **Clerk Vacancy:** Michael Wicks will be retiring as Clerk on 31st March this year. Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to Ibstone and Bradenham Parish Councils has applied for this position and following a meeting with the Chairman and Clerk, will now meet the Councillors on Wednesday, 28th January.

10. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th March 2009 at the Parish Village Hall, Northend commencing at **7.45 pm**.