

Turville Parish Council
Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Turville Parish
Council on Wednesday 18th August 2010 at St Mary's
Church, Turville at 7.30pm
Draft minutes to be confirmed at the meeting 22/09/10

Present: David Cairns- Chairman
Danny Fois
Steven Blake
Ray Jones

In attendance: Deirdre Hansen- Clerk.

17 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the extra ordinary meeting and welcomed the members and public present.

He gave a brief outline of the format of the meeting.

116. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr M. Drage.

117. No disclosure of interest in items on the agenda was made.

118. The minutes of the meetings of 10/05/10 and 21/07/10 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

119. The meeting to decide if the Parish Council is going to speak at the Wycombe District Council Planning Committee on 08/09/10 about planning application 10/06268/FUL for "Garsington Opera".

The Chairman gave a brief statement to clarify the current position on the "Garsington" planning application and outlined how the Parish Council operates.

The Parish Council can only make decisions in public meetings and is obliged to act in the best interest of the community. Council members are also obliged to comply with the Code of Conduct.

To date the only decision taken by the Parish Council has been to object to the planning application on the grounds of traffic, in particular the use of Holloway Lane by opera going traffic. The Parish Council was unanimous in this objection.

Other statements that have been circulated did not come from the Parish Council and were not the views of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council was pleased to note that after the Parish Council meeting of 21/07/10, many parishioners had written to WDC about the application. The Chairman summarised the meetings held with Garsington Opera, their planning consultants (Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners) and the Wormsley Estate. Both Garsington Opera and the Wormsley Estate had repeatedly confirmed that all construction traffic and all other opera-related traffic (with very limited exceptions) would use the Ibstone Road gate to enter and leave

the estate. He explained that the Wormsley Estate had operated a one-way system for cricket matches and that a similar one-way system was planned for the opera which may result in a few light vehicles leaving through the Holloway Lane gate between 4-6pm on performance days. Members of the Parish Council and other parishioners had suggested alternative routes which Garsington Opera, their planning consultants and the Wormsley Estate had agreed to examine.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received a copy letter from Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners to WDC (03/08/10) which stated that Garsington Opera will amend its proposal so that Holloway Lane would not be used at all by Opera traffic. Traffic management measures will be implemented to deal with this restriction. The letter also deals with other concerns raised by parishioners and others and includes an additional noise assessment.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council's conditions have been met and that it is a win/win for all sides.

The Chairman thanked Garsington Opera, the Wormsley Estate and Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners for setting a good example in the way they had handled the planning application and responding to the parish's concerns about possible flaws in the application.

The Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting to allow the public to speak.

A number of members of the public said that it still was not stated that the Holloway Lane entrance/exit would not be used. The initial traffic statement still stood. The public was directed to the letter dated 03/08/10 from Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners which is available on the WDC planning portal.

The PC was asked if they were happy with the proposed amendments and the consequential restrictions that BCC might impose. The PC confirmed that it is pleased with both.

Mr Collins raised the matter of opera noise levels. The Chairman said that the PC is not qualified to assess technical aspects of the noise assessment, but offered to send Mr. Collins a copy the report (which is also available on the WDC planning portal).

Questions were asked about the length of the lease and how long the Opera had been at Garsington.

A member of the public advised the PC to take the opportunity to speak at the WDC Planning Committee if invited.

The Chairman closed the public Q&A session and the meeting was re-opened.

The Parish Council unanimously decide that it would speak at the WDC planning Committee.

120. The Parish Council agreed to speak at the planning Committee, if invited to do so and was unanimous in the decision to ask for binding

conditions on traffic and noise. All councillors expressed their view that, suggested by BCC Highways department, the use of Holloway lane other than for emergency vehicles was unacceptable and that there should be a planning condition to this effect were WDC minded to approve the application. This would mean that all opera traffic would use the Ibstone Road gate and no opera traffic would enter or leave the Wormsley Estate through the Holloway Lane gate. Conditions ensuring that the noise levels stay within legal limits should also be part of the conditions attached to any planning permission granted.

121. BCC have asked for the Parish Council's comments on the proposed diversion of part of public bridleway 20A Turville under the highways Act 1980.

The Chairman gave a summary of the history of this proposal. It had been considered at the meeting 21/07/10 (minute 109). This request is a formal request from BCC.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow for public comments.

A number of members of the public opposed the diversion and urged the PC to stick to the decision taken 21/07/10.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

The councillors discussed the proposal and it was unanimously decided to oppose the bridleway diversion. The new bridleway is favoured by horse riders, but walkers like the old path.

The parish would regret the loss of an old footpath.

The meeting closed 8.35pm

The Chairman..... date.....