

## APPENDIX I

### **Turville Parish Council Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at the Turville Village Hall Northend at 8.00pm**

#### **Notes to the public session concerning the proposal for the stopping up of that part Dolesden Lane leading to Turville Court and the creation of a new bridleway.**

Mr. Clare gave a brief summary of the reasons why he wished to progress with the proposal put forward by the prior owner of Turville court.

- Improved safety for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and dogs.
- Improved amenity, for the community including better views of the countryside; quiet enjoyment; improved rights of way.
- Improved road safety on the corner.
- Separation of walkers, horse riders and cyclists from motorised traffic.
- Access road is a dead end for motorised traffic leading to Turville Court.
- A private road would increase Turville Court's security.

Members of the public posed questions and made the following comments (*Mr. Clare's comments in italics*):

1. Would there be any gates on the lane? *No.*
2. Would the road be purchased from BCC? *Yes, but conditions would be attached.*
3. Reasons for upgrading the bridleway. *To improve public enjoyment of the Countryside*
4. How would stopping up improve safety for the Clare family? *A private road gives the owner more rights.*
5. How would the bridleway be constructed? *Adequate drainage would be provided. The bridleway would comply with the stringent regulations for the construction of new bridleways.*
6. Would the surface of the bridleway be maintained by the landowner in perpetuity? *That is the intent, but it could be made a condition.*
7. *When asked by the Parish Council if Turville Estate would be able to provide copies of written consultations conducted by the Estate concerning the proposal Mr. Clare confirmed that he would address any questions the Parish Council had and would share any information he had available with the Parish Council. Buckinghamshire County Council (Rights of Way Officers), the British Horse Society, The Open Spaces Society, The Ramblers Association, The Trial Riders Fellowship and others were mentioned as having been consulted.*
8. Car parking on the road to Turville Court would be lost by stopping up. A public debate took place on the matter of parking on Common land.
9. Were the previous owner's plans for a "trotting" track being resurrected? *Not as far as Mr. Clare was aware.*
10. Would an environmental survey will be carried out. *Yes.*

11. There were no records of accidents on or near that stretch of Dolesden Lane (in the last 30 years).
12. Private ownership of the road would increase the value of the estate.
13. BCC( Rights of Way) is tasked with upgrading the path network and this proposal would upgrade the footpath to a bridleway at no expense to BCC. ( comment made by clerk)
14. WD Cllr Roger Emmett commented that he had listened with interest and made the following observations: was there enough parking? If not the PC may wish to consider additional parking as a condition. The surface and the maintenance of the bridleway may be a gain to the community and is also an important issue. It could certainly be considered as a condition of approval. He asked whether the community is to have some gain from the stopping up.
15. Ms. Ashbrook noted that there had been incorrect statements in the information supplied by Turville Court on the Parish Council web-site regarding the bodies that originally supported the proposal. She had asked the clerk to have these removed, this had duly been done. She mentioned that the Trail Riders Federation (TRF) and Land Access and Rights Association had opposed the proposal. She asked for the retraction of the inaccuracies to be printed in the Turville Times.
16. Cllr Fois commented that he and Cllr Drage had been Parish Councillors for the whole duration of the discussions (starting 2001). It was not the change of ownership that had caused the Parish Council to change its mind, but the concern about change and the fact that the Parish Council does not have the means to fight a breach of any conditions that may be attached to the stopping up. It was felt that the only way the Parish Council could ensure there would never be a breach of conditions was to object to the proposal.
17. The Parish Council was asked that if it gave permission for the stopping up whether it would impose conditions. The reply was it would, but how could they enforce them? Mr. Weiner (Turville Court) quoted referring to the conditions in the draft agreement with the previous owner.

The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs. Clare for attending the meeting and responding to the questions.

He reminded all those present that the consultation process had started and the all comments had to be addressed to the Parish Council in writing. He closed the public session.