

Turville Parish Council
Meeting of the meeting of Turville Parish Council on
Wednesday 10th March 2010 at the Turville Village Hall,
Northend commencing at 7.45pm
Draft minutes to be agreed at the meeting 13/05/10

Councillors present: David Cairns, Chairman

Danny Fois,
Margaret Drage
Richard Higgin
Steven Blake

Deirdre Hansen, clerk

And also present: PC Claire Marchant and 13 members of the public: *Ray Jones, Gary Steventon, Robin Harman, Michael Wicks, James McConville, James Vaughan, Elizabeth and Philip Arnott, Mark Weiner, Dave McCormack, Cayla Themlow, Robert Barber and Sarah Evans.*

With the agreement of the Council items on the agenda were moved.
The public Q&A session was moved to later in the meeting

72.No apologies received.

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

74.The minutes of the meetings of 13th January 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

75.**Lime Avenue**- follow up to public meeting on 8 February 2010.

The Chairman explained that the PC had written to Lord Sainsbury thanking him for the David Taylor's attendance. The Chairman summarised the recent "Lime Avenue" history. Since the meeting of 08/02/10 the clerk and Chairman had spoken to Lord Sainsbury. The Chairman had also spoken with Charles Hoare Nairne, the owner of the Northside of the Lime Avenue. Lord Sainsbury owns the Southside.

All parties share a common ground; to keep the Lime Avenue in good order and for it to live on beyond our life time.

Lord Sainsbury had repeatedly offered to inform the Parish Council of any tree felling in advance of the work commencing.

The Chairman reported that Lord Sainsbury was very sensitive to the issues raised at the meeting 08/02/10. The Chairman had explained the parish's concerns regarding the current forestry consultant employed to deal with the Lime Avenue. Lord Sainsbury had offered a solution, which may well satisfy all concerned.

Lord Sainsbury had raised his own issues with the Lime Avenue:

He would like to:

- Have the holly tree removed. It does not fit aesthetically. Charles Hoare Nairne did not see this as a problem. It is on the Northside.
- Remove a tree growing out of a log and replace with a new tree currently being grown from original stock.
- Remove one of the original trees that has a branch growing into the ground and has much wrapping around it and is stunted. This again would be replaced by a new tree currently being grown from original stock.

The WDC tree officer would have to be involved in all 3 above cases and the Parish Council would be consulted in the usual way.

The Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting to allow public comment on this matter.

Philip Arnott commented that communication has been a problem in the past. The Chairman reminded the meeting that it had been suggested that a small group of interested person was formed whom the Parish Council could contact when information was received from Lord Sainsbury. Cllr Blake reminded the meeting that this should be a balanced group. The Parish Council in general agreed the proposal. There was public backing for the plan.

Robin Harman thanked the Chairman for managing the situation well and for getting to this point.

The Chairman reminded those present that the relationship between Charles Hoare Nairne and Lord Sainsbury was not a public matter.

The Chairman asked those with an interest to decide who should sit on this small group. Robin Harman, Philip Arnott, Robert Barber were willing to be part of this group and Nigel Adams was suggested as the 4th person. Questions were raised about how this group would communicate with Lord Sainsbury. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council would write to Lord Sainsbury and explain what was happening.

Michael Wicks was concerned that the tree that had been replace on the corner at Saviours was small. He was advised to give it time.

PC Claire Marchant was given the opportunity to give her report as she had to leave early.

- a) *She explained that due to a Home Office directive the Police had to make themselves more visible to the public. As a result they are now having regular "Have your say meetings" to which the public are invited to attend. The next one in our Parish takes place 31/03/10 at the Bull & Butcher at 11.00. Every 3rd Wednesday of each month they are also held at Hambleden Village Hall.*
- b) *Every 2nd Wednesday of each month PCSO Sarah Turner leads a circular walk in Hambleden.*
- c) *NAG. Mr McConville and the Clerk had attended the last one. These are for local groups, Parish Councils and interested residents to inform the police "How the can help the community". A summary of the residents questionnaire came up with the following concerns:*
 - *Speeding*
 - *State of the roads*
 - *And a variety of other matters that all had equal listing.*
- d) *PC Claire Marchant will send the Chairman the next Neighbourhood policing update for inclusion in the Turville Times.*
- e) *Few crimes are reported, 20 various crimes were reported in 2009. 1st quarter 2010 2 crimes reported, 1 down on the same period 2009. She commented that all ringmaster notices have to be checked with police prior to circulation.*
- f) *The police can be contacted on: 08458 505505*

James McConville commented that he had been attending NAG meetings since the outset, but he was disappointed that PC representation was at times lacking. He also felt a PC presence should be visible at the Hambleden Village Hall meetings.

PC Claire Marchant reminded the meeting that the NAG meetings were not "Open Meetings".

The Chairman thanked PC Claire Marchant for her report and attendance.

The next NAG has to be re-arranged.

76. Matters arising not on the agenda

1. Turville BT box; BT are not taking on any repair or maintenance jobs whilst the phone boxes are going through the adoption process.
2. Turville Court- the hedge which had been cut down has now been replaced and the Chairman acknowledged that with hind-sight the Parish Council should have contacted the estate by telephone.

77. Reports:

- a. Northend- residents association: Tree cutting along the Common is causing some local concern. People were reminded that Charles Hoare Nairne should be contacted prior to cutting down trees.
- b. Turville- village association. AGM to be held 15/03/10 in the Bull & Butcher.
- c. LAF- attended by Chairman on 03/02/10. It had been a closed, informal meeting chaired by BC councillor R. Woollard. The Parish Councils present had questioned BCC about their relationship with Ringway-Jacobs, as many Parish Councils were unclear on this. The severe weather conditions had also been raised, but this will be covered by item 78.
- d. Cllr Fois had attended a planning workshop in Stokenchurch. The attendees had been split up into groups and were then asked to prioritise important issues. The outcome of this "Brain storming session" would be published and it was intended that WDC would take note of important local matters when planning issues came up provided funds were available. It had been a worthwhile meeting.
- e. NAG- attended by clerk. See notes by PC Claire Marchant.

78. Severe weather conditions:

- a) Snow: BCC will supply grit/salt to bins if it is used properly in accordance with an agreed plan. Using farmers with appropriate equipment was briefly discussed.
- b) Winter maintenance BCC have asked for residents views. Clerk has e-mailed out the BCC link to PC.
The following points were raised:
 - Although potholes were filled fairly quickly, they were only temporarily filled, so re-appeared very soon again.
 - Replenishment of grit bins was good considering the location of the parish.
 - The parish could do with an extra grit bin at the top of Dolesden lane.
 - The community had informally looked after its residents.
 - The question was asked why many of the designated roads outside the parish were not gritted were not gritted.

The chairman opened the meeting to the public for additional comments.

The clearing of roads and verges of fallen branches and trees was brought up. Branches and tress that completely block a road will be cleared by BCC, when a branch part blocks a road it is the land owners responsibility. Members of the public were advised to take these matters up with individual landowners or where appropriate with BCC. The positions of the grit bin on Balhams Lane was discussed.

Robin Harman was commended for all the gritting that he had done and the roads he had managed to clear for residents.

The Chairman asked what contribution the Parish Council could make to spread grit. It was suggested that if a supply of grit could be held by a third party, who would then distribute it, that would be very useful. It was suggested that the PC raise it with BCC, once an operational plan was in place. It was also suggested that the PC may consider buying a grit spreader, to be used with grit/ salt supplied by BCC.

79. Grit bins: the parish needs one at the top of Dolesden Lane.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow for the public Q&A session usually held before the meeting.

- *James Vaughn was concerned about the many potholes and the slow response time in getting the holes filled. Obstacles on the road verged were another concern. The Chairman suggested the PC could look at this at the next meeting. Branches overhanging the road were another concern to Mr. Vaughn. The Chairman responded that the PC would look into the matter for the next meeting. A drain lid in Turville Heath is sticking up and damaging vehicles. Again the Chairman responded that the PC would look into the matter for the next meeting.*
- *Cayla Twemlow. Tractors with large loads are widening the roads. She was advised to report this to the Large Vehicle group in the County. Forms had been distributed with the TT.*

The meeting was re-opened

80. The Parish Council had received a request from the police for a list of vulnerable people. The Chairman suggested that if any members of the public or the PC felt there were vulnerable they should contact PCSO Sarah Turner directly.

81. A new internal auditor needs to be appointed. The Chairman had been the internal auditor for the last 10 years, but had had to stand down from the job. The job was not onerous. He asked for suggestions for an internal auditor. This person had to be a “competent person. We can appoint a person from outside the parish, or their may be persons’ in the parish willing to do the job. Interested persons to contact Clerk.

82. Finance:

1. Bank balances as at 27/01/10: Lloyds £ 827.30 plus Building Soc. Account £1791.17. The Parish Council is still owed £1200 from BCC for the Community Responders. That money is due in the next week.
2. The following payments were approved and the cheques signed;

Between meeting the following cheque was signed: Ruscombe Printing	for Turville Times printing January 2010. (\$137 expenditure)		£221.00
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CJ Oldershaw	Annual hosting service and domain (2 yr deal)		£ 32.88
D Hansen	Clerk salary for Jan to March.	£ 625.02	£ 968.27
	Clerk's expenses Jan/Feb. 2 nd half of the annual "working from home allowance"	£ 93.25	
		£ 250.00	
Total			£ 1222.15

83.Planning:

WDC decisions:

1. 09/07345/FUL, Turville Court, erection of 2.83m gate (retrospective). PC objects. WDC refused. WDC comment had been that the development was inappropriate for this environment.
Mark Weiner for Turville court added that the estate was going to comply with WDC and cut the fence down to 2m height.
2. 09/07168/FUL, Swains House, Northend. Retention of access track across adjacent field to Swains House and closure of existing entrance. PC did not object, but had comments to make. WDC refused. WDC comments similar to 12 a.

New applications:

10/05040/FUL: Southend Farm, Southend. Erection of loose boxes with associated feed store (retrospective). A majority of the PC did not object to this application, but concern was raised about the number of agricultural buildings on the site and if existing buildings may have been used as stables rather than constructing new ones. WDC permitted with the following condition "the stables/looseboxes shall only be used for the stabling of animals all of which are in the ownership or control of a single individual and /or for full livery purposes. The stables/looseboxes in use for the provision of livery facilities shall not at any time be used for DIY livery use."

3. 10/05054/FUL. St Mary's Church, Turville. Change of use of land adjacent to the churchyard to create and extension to the existing burial ground. PC no objection.
4. 10/05067/TPO. Wheelwrights, Northend. Fell 1 silver birch tree. PC no comment.

84.Any other business:

- a) Footpath maps. Cllr Fois showed the PC the finished art work and it was approved. Materials for the notice boards to be ordered. Action Cllr Fois/clerk.

14. The date of the next meeting Thursday 13/05/10 at Turville School @ 7.15pm. The annual Parish meeting and the annual Parish Council will precede the ordinary meeting

The Chairman.....

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