

Turville Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Turville Parish Council on Thursday 10th May 2010 at the Turville Village School, Turville following the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting

To be confirmed at the meeting 21/07/10

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

In attendance: Deirdre Hansen- Clerk.

Also attended by Robin Harman, James Vaughan, Gary Steventon

Public question and answer session.

Robin Harman had asked if the Parish Council had had any contact from Boshers following the lorry which had become stuck on the Heath for 2 days on route to Turville Grange to deliver materials. Boshers, the main contractor had been slow in getting involved and offering assistance. PcsO Sara Turner had been most helpful in arranging the removal of the lorry. The Parish Council had not heard from Boshers. It was decided that the Parish Council would write to Boshers expressing their dismay about this deliver, the damage caused and the way they were slow to offer assistance.

James Vaughan felt that the vacancy on the Parish Council created by the resignation of Richard Higgin had not been well advertised. The Chairman explained that it had been advertised in the usual fashion via the notice boards. James Vaughan had noted the increase in the precept and wondered if it would not be more economical to distribute the Turville Times via e-mail. The Chairman thanked him for raising the matter. The Parish Council will look at the position of the Turville Times in the near future. he also explained that, a conscious decision had been taken by the Council to use the Parish Councils reserves, but they are not limitless and the income from film money has dwindled. The Turville Times is a valuable document and the presentation is professional.

91. No apologies were received.
92. No disclosure of interest in items on the agenda was made.
93. The minutes of the meeting of 10th March 2010 and the extra ordinary meeting 13/04/10 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
94. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda
 - a. Turville BT box; WDC have agreed to adoption, the matter can now be progressed.
95. Reports:
 - a. Northend- residents association: Cllr Blake reported that they had recently held a children's event with more than 70 children from the parish attending. The next event is the 50th anniversary of the Village Hall on the 5th June. (see below)
 - b. Turville- village association: Gary Steventon reported that there will be a garden party on the 28th August in the Old Vicarage Garden. The organisers are Angela Fois and Caroline Steventon.
 - c. LAF- Cllr Jones reported on the meeting of 27/04/10, which he had attended.

There were 18 attendees.

Public Rights of Way

The Council's Environment Group's budget had been reduced by 35% resulting in a reduction of 4 members of staff. The Parish Paths Partnership Scheme would be closed down although the Group's work with the Chilterns Society would continue.

Issues raised by Parish Councils:

- Potholes: The Council advised that they had been using hot tar to fill the reported Category 1 potholes since the middle of March. They would be undertaking more substantial plane and patch type repairs at the worst pothole locations. They planned to finish repairing reported potholes by the end of May. They would then be looking to begin resurfacing where appropriate. The Council had spent over £3million on road repairs in the first 4 months of 2010. The meeting noted that there appeared to be a significant difference between the state of urban and rural roads. Those in the Hambleden Valley were considered to be poor.
- Grit bins: Grit Bins are available from the Council at £450 each. The Council would be responsible for keeping the bins filled. The normal colour for the bins is green but a batch had been produced in yellow.
- Highways delegated budget scheme
Of the £30,988 available, £20,000 was allocated to a Pelican Crossing for Cadmore End school. The balance went to West Wycombe for additional street lighting outside a school. Hambleden's bid for £5,000 to carry out maintenance work at the Skirmett end of Watery Lane was unsuccessful.
- Area planning process A Working Group would be established to progress the Local Priorities identified at the Local Area Planning Workshop.
- High Speed 2 (HS2) Rail link: It is possible that the consultation process will consume a considerable amount of Council resources. There will be a meeting on HS2 at Princess Risborough on 25 May. Clerk to put this item on the next agenda.
- Future topics Parish Councils were asked to provide topics for discussion at future meetings rather than having the agenda made up of inputs from Council Services.

The next meeting will be held on 20 July 2010.

- d. NAG- cancelled, no new date set yet.
- e. Chairman's report/correspondence received; issues had been raised by James Vaughan at the last meeting.
 - i. Raised manhole cover. This has now been dealt with by BCC.
 - ii. Flints in the road verge at Turville Heath. The Chairman explained that if BCC were asked to remove these flints they would have to examine all verges in the parish and the outcome may not be desired.
 - iii. Overhanging branches; these are the landowner's responsibility. The Chairman had spoken to Charles Hoare Nairne and he would deal with any overhanging braches on his land in due course.
 - iv. The Chairman reported that Charles Hoare Nairne had told him that he had not stopped the electricity board from cutting back branches, but that he had stopped others from cutting back branches on his land.

Other matters:

- i. Charles Hoare Nairne as owner of much Common land in the Parish felt the need had arisen to remind people of things one can and can not do on Common land i.e. building work, driving on Common land, and the building of dens. Charles Hoare Nairne will write a piece for the Turville Times.

- ii. The Chairman had received a request to have the grit bins in the parish removed during those months they were not required. The clerk is enquiring about this.
- iii. He had also received a request to have the grit bins painted a less obtrusive colour, clerk to make enquiries.
- f. Village Hall- Chairman.
 - i. The 50th anniversary of the Village Hall will be celebrated on Saturday 5th June and it will link in with the annual rounders match. There will be children's activities, food, a jazz band as well as the rounders match. Full details will be published in the Turville Times and flyers have already been distributed.
 - ii. The Village Hall Committee is currently updating its constitution.

96. Kimble Farm bridleway diversion. They are looking at retaining part of the current bridleway in the sunken lane while making the temporary diversion a permitted route. Kimble Farm was commended for their continuous consultation on this matter. In September 2009 the Parish Council after consulting with parishioners had decided not to withdraw their objections to the diversion, although it was acknowledged that local views were divided. Chairman had attended a meeting on 06/04/10 which had been attended by a variety of interested parties. He brought to the meetings attention the Highways Act 1980, which highlights that owner's privacy and security needs have to be considered. The PC awaits further developments.

97. Finance:

- a. The meeting approved the insurance premium for 10/11 @ £353.53
- b. Bank balances as at 30/03/10: Lloyds £ 916.15 plus Building Soc. Account £1791.17 were noted.
- c. The accounts for 2009/10 were approved and adopted.
- d. The statement of accounts 2009/10 was reviewed, agreed and signed.
- e. The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed, agreed and signed. The Parish Council risks were considered to be manageable.
- f. Guy Prince was appointed as internal auditor.
- g. The request from the Open Spaces Society for a donation to its re-opening of the gates campaign to be circulated to the Councillors.
- h. 1st 1/2 of annual Precept received £ 2500.00.
- i. £900 received from the Chilterns Conservation Board for the purchase and placement of footpath maps.
- j. It was decided to make a £50 donation to Henley CAB.
- k. The meeting unanimously approved an increase in the Clerk's salary in line with the nationally agreed scheme.
- l. The following payments were approved and signed;

Between meeting the following cheque was signed: Ruscombe Printing	for Turville Times printing March 2010. (S137 expenditure)		£ 110.00
WDALC	Annual subs. 10/11		£ 4.00
BALC	Annual subs. 10/11		£ 50.25
CPRE	Annual subs. 10/11		£ 29.00
Came & Company	Insurance premium 10/11		£ 353.53
Mr. D Fois	Copying of footpath maps		£ 236.18
BALC	Planning workshop place for Cllr Blake		£ 15.00
D Hansen	Clerk salary for April to May. Clerk's expenses March/Apr.	£ 416.68 £ 57.36	£ 474.04

Henley CAB	Donation	£ 50.00
Total		£ 1322.00

98. Planning:

WDC decisions:

- a.09/07345/FUL, Turville Court, erection of 2.83m gate (retrospective). PC objects. WDC refused. The gate has now been lowered to 2m height. There is no longer a breach of planning regulations.
- b.10/05067/TPO. Wheelwrights, Northend. Fell 1 silver birch tree. PC no comment. WDC refused. Clerk to speak to the planning officer concern and make enquiries concerning the refusal.
- c.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. WDC permitted.

Appeal to the Secretary of State:

- d. APP/K0425/A/10/2124304/WF (09/07168/FUL) Swains House, Northend. Retention of access track across adjacent field to Swains House and closure of existing entrance.
The Parish Council reviewed the comments it had made to the original application and had agreed to objected to the retention of the entrance and access track. The character and appearance of the surrounding rural area would be spoilt by such an urbanised access to the house. The visual appearance of the special character and appearance of the Chilterns AONB would be harmed by the development.

New applications:

- e. 10/005689/CTREE The Old Smithy, Northend. Fell 1 hawthorn tree, group of unknown species, 2 conifers and large shrubs of unknown species. PC no objections.
- f. 10/05874/FUL, 4 St Mary's Cottages, Turville. Fell 1 fir tree. PC would support the removal of the tree.

99. Any other business;

- a. Cllr Blake noted the tiles going on the roof of the Old Bakehouse.
- b. Heavy farming traffic to Wormsley Estate. There are now many lorry movements to the Wormsley Estate. The lorries are very large, they drive through Turville at anti social hours, as well as all day long, they are very smelly and cause enormous disruption. During the summer much more disruptive farming traffic is expected. Clerk to write to the Wormsley Estate asking for the lorries to use the Stokenchurch entrance. Letter to be circulated to the members before sending.
- c. Cllr Fois enquired about the Lime avenue letter. It is in hand.

100. Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 21/07/10 @ 8.00pm in Turville Village Hall Northend.

Meeting closed 21.01.

The Chairman.....

date.....