

Turville Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Turville Parish Council on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at the Turville Village School, Turville at 7.30 pm

To be confirmed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

In attendance: Deirdre Hansen- Clerk.

6 members of the public were present; Valmai Pickett, Chris Hall, Garrick Steventon, James Vaughan, James McConville and Mark Weiner.

147. No apologies were received.

148 Cllr Jones declared a personal and Cllr Fois declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 10/07658/FUL. Cllr Fois is a neighbour and Cllr Jones lives on the same lane. Cllr Blake declared an interest in item 154.

The meeting was suspended to allow for public questions and answers.

1. *James McConville commented that the Turville Times is an excellent publication, but asked if the community needed the Turville Times as it already received other publications. Had the Parish Council considered advertising to cover the cost of publishing the Turville Times? Could the Turville Times be made self funding? Had electronic distribution been considered? He asked the questions in view of the substantial rise in the precept 2011/12. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council had been using reserves to fund its activities in recent years but this could not continue as the reserves had been greatly reduced. In additional income from filming was nil this year and had been substantially reduced in recent years. The Parish Council had previously decided not to include advertising in the Turville Times, but would reconsider advertising and consider possible sponsorship and other means of distribution, at the next meeting. Clerk to put the item on the agenda.*
2. *Valmai Pickett asked if a note could be put in the Turville Times asking people to just put the waste bins out on collection days and remove them from the road side the same day. She felt that waste bins being left out for days on end spoil the scenery and may advertise that residents were absent.*

149. The minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman after the following amendments were made to appendix I: the name of the previous owner of Turville Court was removed from appendix I and replaced by "the previous owner".

150. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

- a. The Parish Council now owns the red telephone box in Turville.

151. Reports:

- a. Northend- residents association. The Christmas party was excellent. The Chairman thanked Cllr Blake for organising it.
- b. Turville- village association. Carols on the Green had been a great success on the 2nd Saturday in December. The AGM will possibly be held in February.
- c. The Chairman had nothing to report.

- d. Correspondence received: the Parish Council had received copy correspondence from Mr. James Vaughan who had been calling on BCC to repair a substantial pothole on Balham's Lane. He was thanked for raising the issue.
- e. Village Hall- nothing to report.
- f. Meetings attended; WDC "Budget Conversation" meeting had been attended by Cllr Jones. In the past 5 years WDC had achieved £5.6m savings. They had cut staff 1/6 of staff and 50% of management. Further savings would have to come through efficiencies. It was not yet known what the budget for 2011/12 will be along with proposals for cost savings.

152. Proposed Stopping up at Turville Court:

The Chairman thanked everyone for their efforts in responding to the consultation on the proposed Stopping Up of part of Dolesden Lane and made the following comments:

Some responses were received after the closing date and some correspondents did not wish to have their correspondence published on the web-site or wished to remain anonymous. The Parish Council had to decide if these should be included in the considerations.

The PC had received copy correspondence from Mark Weiner, Turville Court Estate, from BCC (dated 2009) and from the British Horse Society (dated 2002) supporting the stopping up.

The clerk had been advised by the current Team Leader, Rights of Way BCC that if the PC were to approve the stopping up proposal, BCC may need to reconsider the proposal fully due to the passing of time.

Ownership of the land on which the road surface lays has been confirmed both by Turville Court and BCC as being Mr. and Mrs Clare's.

One of the issues raised by residents was the loss of parking facilities if Dolesden Lane was stopped up. The Parish Council had received an offer from Mr Clare to create a small car park about 1/3 up the lane and to start the stopping up after that point. This would require planning permission as it involved a change of use of land.

The PC had also been advised by the Head of Legal Services BCC, Anne Davies, that a "prohibition of driving" order could be raised on that part of Dolesden Lane.

The 2 above proposals are not part of the original Parish Council consultation, it was agreed not to consider them at this moment in time.

The Chairman summarised the responses to the consultation. 42 responses by 54 people had been received, which included 35 people who are parishioners. 48% of the people were in favour of the stopping up, some with conditions and 52% were against. Various reasons had been given for the opposition. If the non parishioners were excluded, the balance shifted to 63% of the people were against the stopping up proposal and 37% in favour subject to conditions.

The PC decided to include all comments received after 05/01/11 in their considerations as well as those of which the writers did not want their responses published on the web-site.

The PC decided that it would make a decision regarding the stopping up request at an EOM in February. Mr and Mrs Clare to be invited to attend. A date of 16/02/11 was agreed. Clerk to action.

All councillors expressed their satisfaction with the very good response from the public and were pleased with the process followed.

It was noted that if a new bridleway were to be made along an existing footpath, this footpath would need to be “extinguished” which would lead to a public enquiry.

It was agreed that the decision on the stopping up proposal of part of Dolesden Lane leading to Turville court and the proposed new bridleway was complicated.

153. The future of Editorship of Turville Times was discussed. Lauren Fois has now stepped down from the editorial team of the Turville Times and a replacement is sought. Councillors agreed to seek possible new members to the editorial team.

154. Long term plans for the Hambleden branch surgery: the PC decided to write to the Marlow Medical Group requesting what the implications of a reduction in services provided by their Hambleden branch surgery are for the long term future of that surgery. Action Clerk.

155. Finance:

- a. Bank balances: Lloyds Bank cleared balance 31/12/10 £ 2,274.67
Nationwide Building society: £ 1791.17
- b. It was decided to make a £50 donation to Henley CAB. This would be the 2nd donation of £50 this year; no donation would be made in the next financial year.
- c. The following payments were approved and the cheques signed;

Between meetings the following cheque was signed: Ruscombe Printing	for Turville Times printing December 2010. (£137 expenditure)		£ 110.00
D Hansen	Clerk salary for Dec/Jan Clerk's expenses Dec/Jan SLCC 1/3 subscription	£ 429.17 £ 96.43 £ 34.00	£ 559.60
Total			£ 669.60

156. Planning:

- a. WDC decisions:
10/07289/FUL Turville Court, Dolesden Lane householder application for the erection of a garden store on existing paved area open on one long elevation. PC no objection. WDC permitted.
- b. New applications:
10/07481/CONAA Boundary Cottage, Northend Construction of wall to front boundary of garden/dwelling. PC objection. The wall does not fit in with the surrounding conservation area. The hedges around the cottage would be classified as important hedges and should therefore be maintained. The application has been withdrawn.

10/07609/FUL Swains Wood, Northend. Householder application for construction of infill extension to provide entrance hall and shower room and widening of existing access. PC no objection.

10/07565/FUL The White House, Turville Heath. Householder application for construction of front porch, insertion of 2 windows into east and west elevations and 1st floor level glazing, replacement chimney and rendering of property (retrospective). PC no objection, pleased that the house is finally being refurbished, but commented that the hard standing was felt to be out of context in the conservation area.

10/07658/FUL 3 School Lane, Turville. Householder application of 2 x front and 1 x rear roof lights and internal spiral staircase in connection with loft conversion. PC objection roof lights are out of character with the streetscape and roofscape of school lane and the historic built environment of the Turville conservation area and the Chilterns building design guide.

157. Any other business:

- a. Cllr Jones will look at the consultation of the BCC Local Transport Plan
- b. It appears some resurfacing work is being carried out on the bridleway from, Dolesden Farm to Southend Farm.

158. The date of the **next ordinary meeting Wednesday 09/03/11** at Turville Village Hall Northend. Clerk to confirm starting time. An **extra ordinary meeting will be held Wednesday 16th February 2011**. Clerk to confirm time and location.

159. Future meeting dates:

- Wednesday 18/05/11 @ Turville School @ 7.30pm
- Wednesday 13/07/11 @ Northend
- Wednesday 14/09/11 @ Turville School @ 7.30pm
- Wednesday 09/11/11@ Northend

The Chairman.....

Date.....