

**Minutes of the meeting of Turville Parish Council on Wednesday 12th
March 2014 at Turville Village Hall, Northend
commencing at 7.30 pm**

Present: David Cairns- Chairman
Ray Jones
Margaret Drage
Veronica Ramsay

In attendance: Deirdre Hansen- Clerk.

Also attended by Kate Ashbrook, Michael Wicks and Sarah Evans.

259. Apologies received and accepted from Barbara Phillips.

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

261. The minutes of ordinary meeting of 16th January 2014 were confirmed as true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

a. Undergrounding electric cabling Turville

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to residents who explained their objections to undergrounding of electric cabling on their land and the legal agreements involved.

7.40pm Veronica Ramsay arrived.

b. Noticeboard repairs: the clerk is still chasing up quotes. She asked for the names of alternative carpenters. Michael Wicks offered to get quotes for the repairs.

c. Waste recycling vehicles damaging the verges of common land: clerk to write to WDC. (*following the meeting a resident had complained to WDC via Twitter with the result that Serco had carried out some repairs to the edges of tracks*)

d. Bonfire on common land: a bonfire had taken place at the junction with Dolesden Lane in Turville Heath. The matter was resolved by the landowner with the persons who had started the fire.

e. Nomination of the Bull and Butcher as an Asset of Community Value has been submitted to WDC.

f. Veronica Ramsay will submit a draft of a leaflet replacing the Turville Times at the next meeting.

*Meeting was closed for Public **question and answer session***

(a member of the public asked if the PC could ask BCC to clean the village name signs)

The meeting was reopened

263 Reports:

a. Police: not present.

Ray Jones gave an update from the March Thames Valley Police report.

b. Northend- village association: Sarah Evans reported.

It was noted that the Chair had resigned.

c. Turville- village association: no representative has been recruited yet.

The BBC-One Show had filmed a programme featuring local residents on the filming of 'Went the Day Well' and had shown the film to an audience of residents

in the Bull and Butcher. The programme makers will make a donation to the village.

The Community Lent Lunch will take place 22/03/14

- d. Chairman's report/correspondence received.
The Chairman informed the meeting that:
- i. Correspondence had been received from the Chiltern Society in which they are volunteering to take on the footpath maintenance from BCC once BCC have delegated this task to parish councils. Any funding to go with this task could then be passed onto the Chiltern Society. The clerk has been chasing BCC Right of Way to get more information.
 - ii. Parking by school parents on Square Close had been brought to his attention. The school and residents are dealing with this.
 - iii. Parking on the village green in Turville has been causing problems. Ray Jones had agreed to place the "no parking" sign on the green at busy times.
 - iv. A resident had suggested that the felling of trees when the track to the cricket club and the houses to the south of Turville Heath was repaired may have affected the current state of the track. The resident was asked to raise the matter with the agents of the Turville Park Estate.
 - v. Following the storm Oct 2013, when electricity had been lost, SSE are planning improvements to the high voltage cables between Spinney Farm and Turville Heath.
- e. Village Hall:
- i. There have been 2 resignations from the management committee.
 - ii. Bookings remain steady.
 - iii. The advert in the Hambleden Valley magazine is being refreshed.
 - iv. Some fundraising events are taking place
 - v. Various maintenance activities have been carried out.
 - vi. The terms and conditions of hire will be simplified.
 - vii. The halls' management committee had asked the PC to renew and reinstate the Village welcome letter. The meeting agreed to do this. Clerk to send copy of the old letter to Sarah Evans.
 - viii. The halls' management committee had asked the PC to investigate improvements to Broadband connections. The clerk was asked to enquire about Superbroadband and what the current state of play is with it.
 - ix. Community communications: new residents to be encouraged to use the Turville.net web site.
- f. Meetings attended:
- LAF 11/02/14 attended by Clerk.
 - WDC Local Plan workshop 26/02/14 attended by Chairman.
 - Clerk had informed WDC that there had been no changed reported by councillors of their declarations of pecuniary interest

264. Pot holes.

- a. Residents have been reporting pot holes to TfB (BCC) with the result that TfB had repaired some of the larger potholes.
- b. The flooding in Turville Valley Road is hiding many dangerous potholes. They have been notified to TfB, but repairs cannot be carried out until the flooding stops. The clerk to ask for a dangerous road surface sign to be put in place to warn advancing road users. (*After the meeting it was discovered that during the time of the meeting such a sign had been placed at the junction with Dolesden Lane!*).
- c. The many potholes on Dolesden Lane were discussed and it was decided to ask our County Cllr, Jean Teesdale to request resurfacing of the lower part of Dolesden Lane coming from Turville up to the sharp right hand bend. Action Clerk.

265. The meeting discussed the difficulties of holding recent meetings at Turville School. It was decided to express this concern to both the Turville School Trust and the Turville School. Action clerk.

266. Proposed temporary closure of M40 J5 bridge.

The PC had received an application from BCC for the temporary night time closure of the bridge over the M40 at J5. The application covered a period of nearly 6 months. The diversion routes proposed were wrongly and badly worded. The chairman had put together a number of questions to be put to BCC. The period proposed covered the Garsington Opera performances. The chairman had also informed GO, with the result that GO had also expressed concerns to BCC. As a result of questioning BCC, the diversion routes were altered and BCC informed the PC that closure may well be avoided and if it would take place, it would only be for 1 evening. GO remains in touch with UK Highways (who will be carrying out this work).

268. Comment on WDC Local plan.

The meeting agreed that Ray Jones would head up a working party to look at this and they will compile the responses which are due in 04/04/14.

269. Finance:

- a. Bank balances: 28/01/14- £ 5165.10 Nationwide £ 1792.06 noted.
- b. Building society interest received 2013 £0.18 noted
- c. Clerk's salary incl. working from home allowance February and March by S/O of £272.62 per month approved.
- d. Income and expenditure year to date was reviewed:

Income	YTD £	Expenditure	YTD £
Precept	6500.00	Staff costs	2998.82
Interest	0.18	Admin	400.29
Grant from WDC	108.46	Insurance	357.90
		Grasscutting	180.00
		Maintenance	163.00
		(Internal) audit	20.00
		Subscriptions	202.38
		Donations	50.00
		Turville Times	0
		Training	0
		Sundry	41.98
Total	6608.46	Total	4414.37

- e. The following cheques were approved for payment and signed;

Cheques to be approved:		
Mr R Oldershaw	Domain renewal Turvilleparishcouncil.org.uk	£ 8.38
The Information Commissioner	Data protection registration renewal	£35.00
D Hansen	Clerk's expenses Feb/March	£ 56.55
Total		£ 99.93

270. Planning:

- a. WDC decisions

- 13/08048/FUL Northend House, Northend. Installation of photo voltaic panels on the ground. PC objection on the grounds of inappropriate development in the AONB. WDC permitted. It was noted that the applicant had subsequently submitted a letter to WDC explaining that the photovoltaic panels would be the same size as on the previous application and that they would not produce more electricity than the house required.
- 14/05094/CTREE Flint Cottage, 7 Southend Common. Overall crown reduction of approx. 2.5m to two cherry trees and a willow. PC no objections. WDC decided not to make a Tree Preservation order.
- 14/05249/CTREE The Old Smithy, Northend. Fell ash , fell mixed species group within 3m of property and fell mixed species group within 1m of property. PC objected on grounds of attractive local prominence and amenities etc. WDC decided to make a Tree Preservation Order.

b. New applications: no new applications.

271. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 7th May 2014 at Turville Village Hall Northend. The ordinary meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting starting at 7.30pm.

The chairman.....

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