

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Turville Parish Council at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at Turville Village Hall , Northend.**

Present: David Cairns- Chairman  
George Case  
Margaret Drage  
Ray Jones- Vice-Chairman  
Alice Nuttgens

In attendance: Deirdre Hansen- Clerk.

Also attended by WPC Claire Marchant, Michael Wicks, Kate Ashbrook and Robin Harman.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Veronica Ramsay.
3. The Chairman gave a brief report on the parish council's the activities of the last year.  
He thanked Veronica Ramsay and Barbara Phillips for their services to the PC in the last four years. They had not stood for election at the recent election. He welcomed Alice Nuttgens and George Case to the PC and welcomed back Margaret Drage and Ray Jones.

He talked about the PC's budget and the extensive discussion that the PC had had about the large surplus. The PC had considered giving back some of the surplus to the community or putting it to use for the parish. At its March meeting the PC had decided to spend £1000 on replacing stiles with gates and to do the same in the next year to allow for circular walks in the Parish without stiles.

At the same meeting a major decision was taken, not unanimously, but by majority decision, to eradicate the Himalayan Balsam on Turville Heath. The PC had obtained 2 quotes, a 3<sup>rd</sup> one was out of date and was not considered. The PC had considered that chemical eradication was not the preferred solution of landowners and residents. Therefore natural methods of eradication were sought. This is an expensive process and will take a number of years to achieve.

With hindsight a number of lessons are to be learned from this decision. Better financial information is required, more discussion should have taken place, residents should have been listened to more and a more formal approach should have been taken.

The state of the parish roads has been on the agenda for a long time. Our County Councillor is aware of the bad state of the roads and the Chairman had been out with the Local Area Technician to examine the roads, but this had not been very productive.

The Community Bus service has been running since January and is to be continued. It is currently funded by BCC.

Planning: The approach and the subsequent decisions of Wycombe District Council's officers to a number of planning applications in the parish are of great concern to the PC. This was highlighted by the decision on Tumblewood, which the officer recommended for approval, but the Planning Committee at WDC refused due to interference from our then District Councillor Roger Metcalf.

The PC has written several times to Penelope Tollitt, the Head of Planning and Sustainability at WDC, questioning their approach but has not received answers to its questions, nor have replies been received from Penelope Tollit herself. The PC now needs to discuss what to do next. At the July meeting our new District Councillor will be present and we intend to consult with him on this.

We expect continued developer issues in the parish.

The Chairman thanked all

4. The clerk presented the Finance Report, attached.
5. There was no other business

The meeting closed 7.45pm.

**The Chairman**