

## Minutes of the meeting of Turville Parish Council on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at the Function Room of the Bull and Butcher, Turville commencing at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Deirdre Hansen- Clerk.

Also attended by WD Cllr Chris Whitehead, BC Cllr Jean Teesdale, Danny Fois, Pam Jones, Rick Scannell, Sarah Evans and Robin Harman.

15/16.25 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr George Case.

15/16.26 Disclosure of personal interest in items on the agenda was made by David Cairns in item 15/16.38 as a resident of Turville Heath and in item 15/16.31.a as an unpaid voluntary usher at Garsington Opera

15/16.27 The Chairman welcomed WD Cllr Chris Whitehead and BC Cllr Jean Teesdale and invited them to introduce themselves. WD Cllr Chris Whitehead addressed the meeting and expressed his wish to bring District and Parish councils closer together. He aims to visit the parish councils in his ward regularly and brought his Saturday morning surgery on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning from 10.00-14.00 at Hambleden Village Hall to everyone's attention. He can be contacted on [chris.whitehead@wycombe.gov.uk](mailto:chris.whitehead@wycombe.gov.uk)

BC Cllr Jean Teesdale mentioned that she is also a District Councillor and that it is also her intention to visit parish councils in her ward regularly. She can be contacted on: [jteesdale@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:jteesdale@buckscc.gov.uk)

15/16.28 The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman; the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed after the following amendments were agreed:  
15/16.13 was amended to read

- a. *"The clerk reported that she had advised the chosen contractor by email that he had been awarded the contract. The contractor, who was amongst the public, advised the council that he had not yet replied to the clerk's email, but would undertake the contract and invoice the council only for the work undertaken.*
- b. *A letter to the residents of Turville Heath has been issued informing them of the activities that will be carried out to clear the HB over a 3 year period and asking for the residents to assist. One resident has offered to help pulling up HB with her family. The council agreed that a copy of the letter to Turville Heath residents should be placed on each parish council notice board.*
- c. *The council noted that several members of the public had expressed concerns about the arrangements and the lack of financial contributions by the landowners. The council agreed that a formal contract should be drawn up between the council and the contractor dealing with such matters as the work that would be carried out, the timetable for that work, the payment terms and conditions and the council's right to terminate or amend the contract. The council agreed that the clerk should draft a suitable contract.*

The minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15/16.29 There were no matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

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

- *A resident raised his recurrent problem of water pressure dropping to very low levels and at times to nil in Northend. Sarah Evans offered to investigate if other Northend residents suffered the same problem.*
- *A resident raised the matter of the state of the roads in the parish.*

*The meeting was reopened.*

15/16.30 Reports received:

- Police; not present. The Chairman informed the meeting that Melissa Hearn had completed the maps of the parish.
- Northend- village association }
- Turville- village association } these items were not discussed.
- The Chairman's report }
- Village Hall }
- Meetings attended:

On a general LAF note the Chairman reported that the LAF is seeking expressions of interest from local groups for how to deliver sustainable community transport in the LAF area. The LAF will have a budget of £41,375 in 2016/17 to spend on community projects. Priority will be given to; community transport, support for young people, road safety or other well-evidenced community needs. Deadline for submission of expressions of interest is 14/09/15.

Meetings:

- SW Chilterns & Marlow LAF Community Transport sub-group. The Chairman had attended the meeting on 18/06/15 and reported that the BCC Localities and Communities Manager had suggested allocating the next two years LAF budget in totality to community transport. Some members had advocated the purchase of a bus whilst others had preferred focussing on the needs of larger settlements and addressing how these could be met.
- LAF: Ray Jones had attended the meeting on 23/06/15. The usage of the community bus services, subsidised by BCC via the LAF, is very poor. The last bus service will run 14/07/15, but is being replaced by shared taxis running to Henley on Thursday mornings, operating in the same way as the bus. The Tuesday Marlow service will be stopped. The PC discussed the situation and potential alternative solutions to the transport problem.

15/16.31 Planning:

It was agreed the change the order of the planning agenda items:

- Enforcement requests raised by residents:
  - 15/00162/OP: Brackendale- works taking place not as in approved plans ( erection of unauthorised stable). WDC had investigated this request for enforcement action and a planning application for the stable is expected.
  - 15/00363/OP: Alleged building of swimming pool without planning permission and erection of gate in conservation area at the Kites (Northend House). WDC is investigating.
  - 15/00362/OP: Garsington Opera, Wormsley. Prohibited use of the south exit gate at the Wormsley estate in particular that on 1 and 2 July they had sign posted HGV traffic for the filming of the opera though Turville village, directed convoys of HGVs and support vehicles through Turville village late in the evening, placed traffic cones in public and residents parking areas to restrict village parking and threatened villagers who removed the traffic cones. While the

enforcement request was under consideration by WDC, it it had also been forwarded to the parish council. Therefore, the Chairman had sought clarifications from Garsington Opera and the Wormsley Estate. Garsington Opera had stated that the filming of the opera on 25 July had not required the use of HGVs and the few individuals involved in the filming had arrived in cars and had used the Ibstone gate in the same way as all its other traffic. Garsington Opera has not been involved in any other filming. The Wormsley Estate had stated that it had hired out some of its fields in the south of the estate to Working Title, a film company, and that the filming was wholly unrelated and not associated with Garsington Opera. None of the same personnel were involved. The Wormsley Estate confirmed Working Title used the Turville gate into the estate on 1 and 2 July and had used cones in the narrow section of Turville village alongside the church. Working Title also confirmed these facts and stated that it was certain that the allegations of threatening behaviour were untrue. It had expressed its sorrow for any upset and confusion that it had caused and acknowledged that in hindsight it should have written to all the residents that may have been affected in advance. As soon as it appreciated the concerns of the residents, Working Title had contacted the Turville residents association and had offered their apologies and agreed a donation to compensate for any inconvenience it had caused.

It was decided that the PC would write to Garsington Opera, The Wormsley Estate and Working Title acknowledging their responses and thanking them for their help in dealing quickly with this matter. It was agreed to ask Wormsley if they would advise film companies in future to warn Turville residents in advance if they may be affected by their activities. Action clerk.

b. WDC decisions noted:

- 15/05993/FUL 2 Beulah Cottages, Turville. Householder application for construction of first floor rear/side extension incorporating porch and support pier at ground floor side and insertion of window at first floor to rear. PC no objection. WDC permitted.
- 15/06286/TPO Woodpeckers, Turville Heath. Maintenance and felling TPO trees as listed in Heritage Tree Services Report May 2015. PC no objection. WDC permitted.

c. New applications:

- 15/06636/FUL Threeways Dolesden Lane, Turville Heath. Householder application for construction of roof extensions/alterations, first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, associated external/internal alterations and alterations to provide new access. PC no objection.
- 15/06655/TPO Cobstone Mill Farmhouse, Turville Valley Road. Fell T2 larch, T3 Scots Pine and T4 Scots pine to ground level. PC no objection.
- 15/06761/FUL Fir Tree Cottage, 40 Southend Common, Southend. Householder application for installation of 10 solar panels to southwest roof slope. PC no objection.

d. PC's concerns of the WDC planning and decisions making process: The Chairman gave a brief history to WD Cllr Chris Whitehead and BC Cllr Jean Teesdale on the PC's concerns of the WDC planning and decisions making process. The two replies that had been received from WDC had not answered the PC's concerns about the inconsistencies in the decisions and process as perceived by the parish council. WD Cllr Chris Whitehead explained that he had spoken to Alistair Nicholson, Development Manager at WDC. Alistair Nicholson had told Chris that there are no precedents in planning and each case is look at upon its own merits. Chris gave some explanation on the workings of the Planning Committee and the training the councillors have to undertake. There is a dichotomy between urban and rural councillors.

e. Following the explanations from WD Cllr Chris Whitehead and BC Cllr Jean Teesdale, the meeting discussed the letter from Alistair Nicholson, WDC Development Manager, to the PC's letter addressed to Penelope Tollitt Head of Planning and Sustainability and decided to invite him to attend a future PC meeting. Action clerk.

- f. Planning application 15/06509/FUL for Tumblewood may well come before WDC Planning Committee on 29/07/15. It had been agreed at the EOM 24/06/15 that the Chairman would speak on behalf of the PC at this meeting. The Chairman is not available to attend on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The PC needs to arrange for another councillor to speak on behalf of the council.

15/16.32 The state of the roads in the parish and the review with the local area technician.

The Chairman explained that the whole parish is very unhappy about the poor state of the many of the roads in the parish.

1. BC Cllr Teesdale appreciated the parishes concerns, mainly due to lack of maintenance over many years. She explained that each county councillor can only list five roads for treatment in their wards. She has listed Dolesden Lane for treatment; this is due to happen Jan-March 2016.
2. She also reminded everyone that serious potholes, meeting the criteria, can be filled in the meantime.

The Chairman thanked her.

15/16.33. Broadband:

WD Cllr Chris Whitehead reported on the current situation with broadband in the Hambleden Valley. WDC is aware of the problems that a lack of acceptable broadband service creates for parts of the Hambleden Valley and is contributing £460,800 towards the rollout of superfast broadband. He explained the various problems the geography of area produces for the connection to (superfast) broadband. BT is conducting a survey which will be completed by October 2015, when it will be known when superfast broadband can be rolled out to the remainder of the District. He is in regular contact with the officials from WDC and BCC responsible for the roll out.

WD Cllr Whitehead has written a report on the roll out of (superfast) broadband. This will be sent out on Turville.net.

The Chairman thanked him for his report.

Some discussion took place.

15/16.34 The Chairman read a report from Peter Teague on the state of play regarding Community Responders and defibrillators.

The group of Community Responders was formed in 2009. The group had dwindled over time and the last 2 responders have stood down. The group was able to retain 2 A.E.D. machines (defibrillators), one in Northend and one in Turville. These have been placed in the phone boxes. These machines need regular checking and at times replacement of parts is required. The balance of funds raised for the South Central Ambulance League of Friends has covered this cost to date.

Sarah Evans checks the Northend defibrillator and Alice Nuttgens offered to check the Turville one.

The Chairman dealt with public questions.

15/16.35 Item moved further down the agenda.

Himalayan Balsam:

15/16.36 It was noted that a preliminary review is taking place for the placing of a 30m mobile phone mast in Turville Heath (BUC2018) to provide improved mobile phone coverage. The question was raised if a mast at the proposed site in Turville Heath would enable the people in Turville Valley and village to receive improved mobile phone coverage.

Clerk to enquire and ask for a map of where the signal would reach.

15/16.37 Undergrounding electric cables in Turville.

A reply had been received SSE informing the council that they are working with the Wormsley Estate to seek a suitable alternative location which does not constrain agricultural practice and also meets approval from the Chilterns AONB planning officer.

Danny Fois reported that the project is still fluid.

It was agreed that the PC would inform SSE that the PC was disappointed with the received response. This is a once in a life time opportunity to deal with an unsightly transformer and money should be found.

Action clerk.

15/16.38 Himalayan Balsam:

It was noted that the contractor has withdrawn from the clearance of Himalayan Balsam on Turville Heath. Alice Nuttgens offered to take the matter up. The Chairman and Alice Nuttgens will look into the issues.

15/16.39 Nominations for a Buckinghamshire Parish Council Member to the Chilterns Conservation Board had been received.

The PC voted for George Case to become a Buckinghamshire Parish Council Member to the Chilterns Conservation Board

15/16.40 Receipt of the Turville and Fawley Relief in Sickness Fund accounts and annual report for 2014 was noted.

15/16.41 Finance:

a. Bank balances:

Cleared balance Lloyds 28/05/15- £ 8,376.67

Nationwide 31/12/14                      £ 1,797.27

Total    £ 10,168.94

b. Financial position as at 09/07/15.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Year to date 09/07/15 £</b>	<b>Budget 2015/16 £</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Year to date 09/07/15 £</b>	<b>Budget 2015/16 £</b>
Precept	3250.00	6500.00	Staff costs	833.25	3333.00
WDC grant	78.91	79.00	Admin Expenses	186.20	500.00
Filming			Insurance	265.00	277.00
Vat repayment			Grass cutting	105.00	350.00
Interest			Donations	0	100.00
			Subscriptions	78.48	175.00
			Maintenance	120.00	400.00
			Internal audit fee	20.00	20.00
			PC election	0	200.00
			Training	0	75.00
			Commons	0	3500.00
			Sundry	6.00	250.00
			Footpath improvements	0	1000.00
			Vat	31.11	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3328.92</b>	<b>6579.00</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1645.04</b>	<b>10180.00</b>

- c. The renewing the Chiltern Society membership by DD at £25 was approved
- d. The clerk's salary incl. working from home allowance June and July 2015 by S/O of £277.75 per month was approved
- e. The following payments were approved and the cheques signed;

<b>Cheques to be approved:</b>		£
RJ Symes & Son	Inv 4438 and 4488 grass cuts in May, June	90.00
Keith Hopkins	Repaint Turville Heath Bus shelter	120.00
D Hansen	Clerk's expenses June-July	82.64
<b>Total</b>		<b>292.64</b>

15/16.42 The date of the next Meeting Wednesday 9<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm at the Bull and Butcher, Turville at 7.30pm

The Chairman..... date.....