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**MINUTES OF THE TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm in Northend Village Hall**

PRESENT:

Alice Nuttgens – Chair, Ray Jones, David Cairns, Margaret Drage.

In attendance: Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

17/18.30 Apologies for absence:

District Councillor Whitehead. Apologies accepted.

17/18.31 Disclosure of Pecuniary and Personal Interest in items on the agenda

None declared.

17/18.32 To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th July 2017

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th July were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

17/18.33 To report on matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – for information:

- Action:Clerk
- The External Audit has been signed off by Mazars LLP with no problems. Clerk will publish as necessary.
 - SSE have agreed to carry out works to underground cables in Turville Village, namely the cable that runs across the road over the Bull and Butcher. Work will commence in 2018.
 - There is approximately £1700 in a fund for the AEDs, held by the South Central Ambulance Service Charity fund, which was accessed to replace the battery in the machine at Northend to get it up and running again.
 - The "Dog Poo Fairy" signs have come off, likely due to the recent heavy rain.

17/18.34 Public question and answer session

None.

17/18.35 Reports to be received if any:

- Clerk attended Transport for Bucks Stakeholder Conference where information about services provided by TfB was showcased. Feedback was given from attendees about where they wished more or less money to be spent. It was noted that Bucks County Council were ranked 27th out of 28 County Councils in a recent NHT Public Satisfaction Survey.
- There was a Local Area Forum meeting held on 05/09/17, the minutes are available on the BCC website. The next meeting is 06/02/18 at Hambleden Village Hall.

17/18.36 Items to note:

- Action:Clerk
- The annual subscription to the Open Spaces Society is due for renewal at a cost of £45. All resolved to renew. Clerk to action.
 - District Councillor Whitehead has a small sum of money that can be granted to good causes in the parish. The deadline for applications is January 2018. To be discussed as an agenda item in November.

17/18.37 Broadband – update if available:

Councillor Cairns, reported on the current progress as follows: the green cabinet has been installed at Northend as a result of the efforts of local residents and the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire project run by Oxfordshire County Council. When connected with fibre, the cabinet will provide superfast broadband to Northend properties in both Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire (target date 31 December 2017). The fibre route starts in Turville at the Turville Heath telephone exchange and runs up Dolesden Lane, across Turville Heath and along Northend Road to Northend. However, the ducts that carry the BT cables are full of silt which will be cleared by BT. This will necessitate road closures on Dolesden Lane on

21st – 27th November. At the same time, Balhams lane will also be subject to road closures so that BT can clear the ducts in order to service Stonor, Pishill and Maidensgrove via the green cabinet recently installed in Stonor as a result of the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire project.

Currently no information is publicly available about the provision of superfast broadband to Turville Heath, Southend and Turville village. WDC Cllr Whitehead has informed the Parish Council that maps are available which show when superfast broadband will be extended to all areas in Turville parish but WDC/BCC have decided that the information should remain confidential

17/18.38 Planning:

a. WDC decisions:

17/07057/CTREE – Cobstones Turville Valley Road Turville - Fell in sections to ground level to large Laurels and adjacent Conifers (G1), trim back both sides to maximum extent of greenery and up to height of 4 metres on drive side to allow higher vehicle access (G2), fell and remove Conifers, shrubs, Cherry tree, Irish Yews, Ornamental Pears (G3), fell Crab Apple and all shrubs to the left hand side of rear garden, Conifers, Yew, Plum, Cotoneaster to fell to near ground level and remove (G4) and fell in sections to large Conifer Hedge (H2) – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

Note: PC commented no objection between meetings.

17/06919/FUL – Swains House Northend Road Northend – Householder application for permanent retention of entrance and access track – **Application Permitted**

Note: PC commented no objection between meetings on the Chair's casting vote.

17/06961/CTR – Summerheath Cottage Dolesden Lane Turville Heath – Fell Hollies behind the house to ground level and grind stumps to 150-200mm below ground level, reduce down to approximately 1.8-2m to match the other side of the gate and trim side growth to the furthest extent of the greenery to Hedge on frontage, fell 1 x Hawthorne to ground level and grind the stump to 150-200mm below ground level and reduce the Laurel hedge to 1.8m - **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

Note: PC commented no objection between meetings.

b. Awaiting decision:

There are no applications awaiting decision currently.

c. New applications:

17/07286/VCDN - Site Of Brackendale Northend Road Northend – Variation of condition 1 (plan numbers) and condition 2 (materials) attached to PP 16/05039/FUL (Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of a detached 4-bed dwelling with double garage (alternative scheme to 15/05019/FUL)) to allow an amended list of approved drawings and to allow existing materials to be used instead of those granted under pp PI15/00549/ADRC – **a site visit will be carried out by some Councillors with comments made later. Cllr Cairns and Jones have no objection to the application.**

17/18.39 CIL money received by the PC:

Action:Cllr Cairns CIL money currently stands at £3372.79. £2000 is earmarked for funding the pond project in Northend. Other CIL money has been used for replacement benches at Churchfield Wood and Southend Bridleway. Cllr Cairns will ask for an update with regards to the pond project.

17/18.40 The PC to discuss holding a Village Day or Fete in Turville Village:

Action:Cllr Nuttgens Some residents have expressed a wish to restart the May Day celebrations held in previous years. Cllr Nuttgens has spoken with Turville village residents and the general idea so far is a low key event to have a get together on the Village Green with the Maypole during the day, and a film to be shown in the evening. People could provide their own food, or possibly a BBQ on the evening. Non-residents of the parish would also be welcome. There are residents enthusiastic to help, including providing extra parking for cars. The Village Association will be approached as will Northend Village Association. It would need to be advertised all over the parish to make sure all areas are aware and can get involved. Cllr Nuttgens is happy to distribute a leaflet and organise a meeting with all interested parties.

17/18.41 The PC to discuss problems that have arisen with filming in the Parish:

Action:Clerk

During recent filming in the parish there were problems with residents being denied access to their properties. Bucks County Council receive money from film companies for allowing the road closures and it is residents who suffer the consequences.

Recent closures on Balhams Lane and Dolesden Lane prevented residents returning home, and lasted for longer than permission had been granted for. They also extended further than the map of the closure advertised. There is no financial benefit to the parish for these closures, only problems while BCC get large sums of money. Clerk to write to BCC to advise how much inconvenience the road closures cause for residents, and asking how they enforce the timings of the road closures which are not adhered as well as positions. If there are future road closures more information is needed about exact positions of where will be closed.

17/18.42 The PC to discuss tree works that will be carried out on Lime Avenue:

A meeting of the Lime Avenue Advisory Group is scheduled for later in September. Cllr Nuttgens shall attend as Cllr Cairns is unavailable. Any works carried out to the trees need planning permission from WDC as they are subject to Tree Preservation Orders and are in the Conservation Area. The PC have noted the comments from Phillip Arnott, a member of the Advisory Group and subject to the outcome of the meeting in September have no objections to the Estate's proposals.

17/18.43 Update on stiles from Chiltern Society:

The parish council donated £1000 to the Chiltern Society Donate-a-Gate scheme for 4 stiles on footpaths T14/1 and T4/3A to replace the stiles meaning that the walk would be opened up for more people to enjoy. The council noted that the stile on land owned by the Bosmore Park estate has already been replaced by a metal gate. Clerk has spoken with the Chiltern Society who said that BCC were having difficulties ascertaining who owned the land the other 3 stiles are situated on notwithstanding that the parish council had provided that information when making its donation. Clerk has advised again who the landowners are, and BCC have contacted them. Turville Grange has now agreed to the replacement of its two stiles by wooden gates. Rights of Way at BCC will contact Turville Court estate, the landowner of the remaining stile as soon as possible.

17/18.44 The PC to discuss co-opting a New Member to the Parish Council

Action:Clerk

The parish council noted that George Case had ceased to be a Councillor on 30th May 2017 under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 because he had not attended any meeting of the Council throughout the period of 6 months from the date of his last attendance (30th November 2016) and that his absence had not been approved by the Council. Due to this vacancy it is necessary to co-opt a new Member to the parish council, interest has been shown from some residents who need to contact the Clerk to apply for the role. Clerk to put notices around the parish, on Turville.net and the website advertising the vacancy. Interested parties should supply a personal statement why they believe they would be suitable for the vacancy, with the possibility of an interview with the PC depending on how many applications are received. The closing date for applications is Monday 16th October at 9am.

17/18.45 Finance:

a. Bank Balances:

Opening Balance 01/07/17	9015.57
Less July payments	(659.05)
Opening Balance 01/08/17	8356.52
Less August payments – salary via S/O	(257.29)
Closing Balance 31/08/17	8099.23

b. Reserves:

CIL restricted reserve	3372.79
(CIL – committed for Northend pond	2000.00)
CIL restricted reserve less Northend pond	1372.79

Unrestricted reserve	4726.44
Total reserves as of 31/08/17	8099.23

c. To sign the following payments:

Lorna Coldwell – September salary – paid via Standing Order	257.29
Lorna Coldwell – expenses and mileage July/August	66.92
Skirmett Village Hall – meeting 07/08/17	24.00
R J Symes and Son – grass mow	36.00
Northend Village Hall – meeting hire 13/09/17	20.00
Open Spaces Society – subs renewal	45.00
Total:	449.21

All cheques were agreed to be signed.

17/18.46 Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 8th November, The Bull and Butcher, Turville Village.

The meeting was closed at 20.52

The Chair Date