

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2019

Turville Parish Council has had a fairly quiet year in comparison with last year. I am not sure that this will be the case when the new Buckinghamshire Council is formed out of the original 4 smaller Councils, The structural changes order was laid before parliament on April 5<sup>th</sup> and the progress will take around 6 to 8 weeks, with the potential of Elections in May 2020

Despite all 4 Councils firmly believing that the two unitary Authority approach based on two different economic geographies in Bucks, is the best option for protecting , delivering and transforming the services needed now and in the future. The order to Parliament is for a single Unitary Council.

I am not sure how the parish councils will be affected, I have concerns that this new council will be spread too thinly and we are going to be asked to research and supply more information, all PC Councilors work on a voluntary basis, we all have busy lives and we are not able to do more than we do at the moment.

On the planning front.

There have been some major planning applications

Turville heath Farm submitted planning for a café in the barn.

The PC had no objection but requested that there would be no external lighting, the café would remain (car less) with no customer parking, and the Common Land around the café is respected and defended from any possible encroachment. WDC granted permission.

Stable and paddock Adjacent to Cobstone Farm Turville.

Permission was granted by WDC and The workshops were completed in January this year.

The buildings look in offensive and no larger than the original buildings. The opening was well attended and I was glad to see many locals enthusiastic about the whole project.

Swains at Northend. Pending application to demolish and rebuild.

Swains is already a large and rambling house, it is situated on a very high spot in the Chilterns, the design of the house is dated and ripe for change. It is in full view along the Turville Valley, the windmill and parts of the Hambleden Valley. We already have a massive development over looking the Turville Valley going on at Litmore Shaw, Greys Lane, Ibstone Parish, underground garages that have ended up much larger than on the plans, and described as under ground

storage. Piles of Chalk from underground, have been used to create tracks around the fields, the latest plans include ground source heating which is going to create more earthmoving. The Chiltern Conservation Board, Michael Stubbs has written a 4 page objection to this development.

These large private developments seem to inundate WDC with small applications, it seems to have a cumulative effect, which masks the real idea and proportions of these massive developments so they do get passed.

Twigsid at Ibstone is a good example of a huge redevelopment and I am not sure how the Manor Farm, Ibstone, development will turn out, another that is in full view of the Turville Valley.

In our parish is the Mushroom Farm, at Northend, the design was a low profile building set in the landscape, looking unobtrusive with a sloping roof, the finished building has a much higher flat roof. The whole building looks exposed and much larger than suggested on the plans.

We need to look much more closely at these developments, WDC has a lot to do especially when they are inundated and it really is up to us to monitor what is potentially going to happen in our Parish.

The Northend Pond Project is progressing slowly, We do now have a plan thanks to Carolyn Wyndham, we also have permission from Charles Hoare - Nairn to carry out improvements, the first part of the plan will be to meet up every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and start clearing, after the birds have nested, so probably September this year.

There have been no resignations! There was one meeting cancelled due to Councilors not able to attend, but as there was little happening , this was not a problem.

Councilor Dan Wels has been maintaining The TPC facebook and Turville.net, both of which have improved our communications and hopefully more of the parish are getting involved in their local activities so I would like to thank you Dan For doing this and I hope you will continue.

Councilor Hector Sants and Councilor Deborah Abbot have been with us for a year now, they both are keen and contribute good information when it is needed.

I would like to thank Hector and Dan for getting to grips with the BT Broadband issue. With the TB AG group pressure, it now seems that all the parish have available Super Fast broadband.

I would also like to thank Councilor Ray Jones for his 100 % record of attendance and his ability to convey information when he attends meetings that others probably do not have the time to go too.

And finally I would like to thank Lorna for her sterling work through the year, keeping us informed and giving us good advise when needed.

Alice Nuttgens

Chair 08/05/2019