

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman), Cllr J Forbes, Cllr G Marsh, Cllr P Coote, Mrs C Jim (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

182 Apologies – Cllr S Hughesdon, Cllr F Lutman, Cllr C Jarvis & Cllr I Gibson

183 Declarations of interests in any agenda item listed – None

184 Fifteen Minutes Public Participation

A representative from Turners Hill Cricket Club provided an update on the club's activities and its progress to date. Questions were raised regarding the club's planning application, including whether additional funding had been secured beyond the Section 106 funds already allocated. The Fete Committee have granted £8,000 to the Cricket Club.

A second member of the public expressed dissatisfaction with the outcome of the planning appeal, noting that it had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

185 Chairman's Announcements – Cllr Forbes confirmed that he will not be standing for re-election to West Sussex County Council at the elections on 7 May. Confirmation was received of the proposed Community Highway Scheme on Lion Lane, scheduled to commence on 20 April, weather permitting.

186 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

187 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

\* The Clerk confirmed that they will follow up with Knight Frank and the Paddockhurst Estate regarding the pond and the potential to obtain grant funding.

\* The Mid Sussex District Council (Section 106 department) has formally confirmed written approval for the purchase of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). The Clerk will now proceed with placing the order with the manufacturer.

\* Price Increases – The street lighting contractor will be applying a 4% increase. The Recycling Partnership has introduced a temporary collection fee with immediate effect due to rising fuel costs.

\* The broken picnic bench at WithyPitts Pond has been dismantled. Cox Skips has offered to collect and dispose of the materials. The possibility of acquiring a replacement was discussed, and attendees agreed to report back with any updates.

\* The allotment site has also been subject to fly-tipping; the waste has been relocated, and Cox Skips has similarly volunteered assistance with its removal.

\* Councillors were updated on the situation with the pumping station at WithyPitts, which continues to experience operational challenges. Southern Water continues to attend the site regularly to manage the situation.

\* A representative from the Mid Sussex Older People's Council provided an update on the coffee morning held on 25 February in the Dove Suite, which had been supported by a grant from the Parish Council. The event was well received, with approximately 25 attendees.

188 Planning Applications

DM/26/0661 Turners Hill Cricket Club, Turners Hill Road  
Full Application Installation of a new double bay cricket practice facility. Installation is a non-turf pitch enclosed with netted frame.

Turners Hill Parish Council commented that it supports the proposed planning application and considers it to be a beneficial facility for the parish.

DM/26/0750 Police House, North Street  
Proposed single storey side/rear extension

Turners Hill Parish Council commented that it has no objection in principle to the proposal.

189 Report on previous planning applications:

DM/26/0228 Withdrawal of Application - Fen Place Farm, East Street  
(DM/25/1248 and DM/25/1249) Planning Appeal Decision AP/25/0051 and  
AP/25/0052 - 8 Newstone Cottages, East Street

190 Accounts Due for Payment:

It was RESOLVED that:

- a The Accounts shown on the schedule as being due for payment be paid.
- b The Accounts shown on the schedule as being paid since the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

191 It was RESOLVED to approve the continuation of the grass cutting contract with Enterprise Services Group Ltd at an annual cost of £3,542.24, payable in six monthly instalments of £590.37.

192 It was RESOLVED to approve the quote from Larry Whittaker for the replacement of various posts and cleft rails on the boundary fence at the allotments, at a total cost of £2,582.00.

193 Correspondence

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:32pm

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The next meeting of Turners Hill Parish Council will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:30pm in  
The Dove Suite.

Signed .....Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> May 2026