

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT THE ARK**

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Mrs J Forbes Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mr G Marsh, 7 members of the public and Mrs L Bannister (Clerk)

- 171 The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained that the January meeting starts with the presentation of the Civic Award.

Presentation of the Civic Award Cup to Beryl Crowhurst

Beryl was born in the village and still lives in the house on North Street where she grew up with her parents. She attended Turners Hill Primary School and has gone on to play a key part within the village especially within the St. Leonards Church community. She attended Sunday School and went on to join the Choir and then began to help with the flower arrangements in the church itself. Beryl has been making the flower arrangements for St. Leonards Church for many years now, everything from the usual Sunday service flowers to Easter Lilies, Wedding Flowers and the Advent decorations. Beryl started the Christmas Tree Festival with support from her two daughters, Nicky and Tracey and this was very successful right up until COVID hit. Beryl has also been a judge at several local flower shows. Continuing with her service to St Leonards Church she also sits on the PCC.

- 172 Apologies Mr B Theobald, Absent – Mr O O’Grady

173 Public Participation

A resident complained about the poor bus service in the village, particularly on Sundays and Bank Holidays, and asked that the Parish Council support his request to improve this. Mrs Forbes explained a little about the history of the bus service and that West Sussex County Council are responsible for buses and the 84 is fully funded by WSCC. The resident was advised to send an email to the Clerk who will share it with the local County Councillors and officers at WSCC.

A question was asked about what is happening with the hedge opposite the antiques shop and the flooding outside Kiln Cottage. The Clerk is still dealing with these.

174 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Dr Gibson declared an interest in The Ark hire rates as he is a regular hirer.

175 Chairman’s Announcements

None

- 176 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

177 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

In the recent cold weather, the Winter Management Plan was enacted and Mr Jarvis cleared the roads of snow. WSCC did not enact their 'Trigger Warning' so this was at cost to the Parish. The salt bins now need to be refilled. The Stewards are unable to do this and Mr Jarvis is now unable to work on the roads due to the new regulations on the use of red diesel. The Clerk will find out if someone else is available to help refill the salt bins.

The decorating at The Ark has now started. Due to the timing of the project, funding from all available sources was not possible.

178 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/22/3728 Turners Hill Park, Nightingale Lane  
The Parish Council will accept what the Tree Officer recommends

DM/22/3716 Sundial Cottage, 6 Newstone Cottages, East Street  
The Parish Council supports this proposal

DM/22/3810 Burleigh Oaks House, East Street  
No objections

DM/22/3821 Withy Cottage, 63 Selsfield Road  
No objections

DM/22/3887 10 Medway  
The Parish Council has concerns that this design is not in keeping with the character of the local area, including affecting the street scene, and as such this does not fit with policy THP7, criteria a, in the Turners Hill Neighbourhood Plan.

179 Report on Previous Applications

DM/22/2576 Millwood will be decided by Planning Committee at MSDC.

DM/22/2872 9 Newstone Cottages Permitted

DM/22/2893 9 Newstone Cottages Permitted

DM/22/3102 Woodgates, North Street Permitted

180 Finance Committee It was RESOLVED:

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

b That the recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved resulting in a Precept Claim of £84,800.00.

c To approve the recommended changes to Earmarked Reserves.

d To approve the Finance Committee Terms of Reference and Investment Policy.

- 181 The Ark It was RESOLVED to:
- a Approve the recommendations for hire rates for The Ark, including for office space. These are all increases of 7.5%.
  - b Approve the recommendations for The Ark budget estimates.
- 182 Parish, Town and District Communications Group The notes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December and attended by the Clerk were noted.
- 183 Grass cutting It was RESOLVED to appoint Enterprise as the contractor for the 2023 season at a cost of £3,211 plus VAT.
- 184 Variation of a licence application for Tulleys Farm No concerns were raised
- 185 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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, be approved; and
  - c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.
- 186 Correspondence  
From now until 31 March, 2023, a single bus journey will cost no more than £2 on most routes under the Department for Transport's Help for Households funded Bus Fare Cap.  
The fees for the digital VAT submission are increasing from £75 to £100.  
There are two new PCSOs for Turners Hill – Lizzy Whitmore and David Taylor.  
West Sussex County Council have a new system for reporting issues with roads and pavements; they are no longer using Love West Sussex and instead there is a link to report on their website.

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm

Signed .....Chairman

7<sup>th</sup> February 2023