

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2023 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs J Forbes Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mr B Theobald, 2 members of the public and Mrs L Bannister (Clerk)

187 Apologies Mr G Marsh Mrs S Hughesdon, Absent – Mr O O’Grady

188 Public Participation

A resident asked the following questions:

- What has the Council done about road safety in the last 4 years? Councillors explained about the VES plans that had been rejected by WSCC, and the new Roads and Vehicle Working Group that has been set up to take new ideas forward.
- When will the pavement from Selsfield Road to Taranas be widened like the pavement on East Street? It is so narrow that it causes pedestrians to walk very close to traffic. This has already been reported to WSCC, but can be reported again.
- The village gates on East Street have been replaced, is that the finished article? Yes, the work is finished there. They were not replaced with white plastic gates due to the cost.
- What are the plans for the coronation? This was discussed later in the meeting.
- What is the policy for advertising on the Village Green as there is a sign up for Grange Farm? This will be investigated.
- Thank you for replacing the Perspex in the notice board.

189 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

190 Chairman’s Announcements

None

191 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2023, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

192 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

Letters have been sent to Kiln Cottage and Rydal again to ask them to get in touch about a scheme to solve the flooding on the road outside the properties. No response has been received. The Clerk will ask WSCC if there are any other options available.

Quotes have been received for full clearance at the Pond and these will be added to the March agenda; they were not available in time for this meeting.

Some of the hedge on North Street has been cut back following letters sent by the Deputy Clerk.

Tulleys Farm refilled all the grit bins in the village free of charge, and also fitted a replacement grit bin.

193 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/23/0011 East Street Business Centre, East Street
No comments

DM/23/0015 Stable Block Burleigh Oaks Farmhouse
Providing that there are conditions included as set out in the neighbour's representation, the Parish Council would support this application

DM/23/0160 Furze Field House East Street
No comments

DM/23/0139 Worth School, Paddockhurst Road
No comments

194 Report on Previous Applications

DM/22/2576 Millwood, East Street Permitted

DM/22/3716 Sundial Cottage, 6 Newstone Cottages Permitted

195 The Ark It was RESOLVED:

- a To receive and approve the Minutes of the ACE Committee meeting held on 19th January 2023.
- b To appoint Roman Heating to replace 9 radiators and clean the heating system at a cost of £3,270.
- c To approve the ACE Committee Terms of Reference.

196 Licence application LI/23/0089 for Embers Camping, Paddockhurst Road No comments

197 Pensions It was RESOLVED to approve the letter of variation to the West Sussex Small Schedule Body Employer Agreement.

198 Summer Road Safety Virtual Briefing It was RESOLVED that Mrs Forbes will attend the meeting on 13th March.

199 Annual Parish Assembly It was RESOLVED to hold the meeting on 23rd May and to invite the Fire Service, the Air Ambulance, the PCSOs and the new agents for Paddockhurst Estate.

200 Quarter 3 Financial Report It was RESOLVED to approve this.

201 Allotments It was RESOLVED to set the cost of allotment plots for 2024 as £18 for a 2 rod plot and £36 for a 4 rod plot.

202 Electricity supplier for The Ark It was RESOLVED to appoint EDF Energy on a one year contract at an approximate annual cost of £4,060.59.

203 Electricity supplier for street lights It was RESOLVED to appoint SSE Southern Electric for a one year contract at an approximate annual cost of £5,533.24. This is expected to reduce when the lanterns have been converted to LEDs.

204 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 10th January 2023, be approved; and
c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

205 Correspondence
It is Parish Councillor elections on 4th May 2023 where the term for all current Councillors comes to an end. Candidate nominations open on Tuesday 21st March for 11 working days. The deadline for submitting nomination papers is 4pm on Tuesday 4th April. The link to the nomination papers can be provided to anyone wishing to stand; they will need to be taken into MSDC, and it is strongly recommended that an appointment is made to do so.

Voters at the elections on 4th May will need ID at polling stations.

The Governors of Queen Victoria Hospital have asked if any Councillors or residents have views they would wish to raise in relation to the services provided by QVH. The Governors would be willing to attend a meeting to briefly introduce themselves and listen to views. Invite to Annual Parish Meeting.

The West Sussex Association of Local Councils is encouraging Local Councils to consider any plans they may have to mark the Coronation. If a uniformed military presence is wanted, a request will need to be made no later than mid-March. Councillors are keen to put together a plan for the Coronation so this will be added to the next agenda.

West Sussex County Council has confirmed that there is just over £100,000 of S106 funds available for sustainable transport improvements within the Parish.

Ms Stanbridge has now raised over £1,000 for Turners Hill Primary School.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

SignedChairman

7th February 2023