

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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 Mr B Theobald, 2 members of the public and Mrs L Bannister (Clerk)

206 Apologies None

207 Public Participation

Mr Forbes and Mr Marsh declared an interest in this presentation due to being on the Planning Committee at MSDC.

Mr Wood presented his plans for a climbing centre at Rowfant. This is a £5.9m project and will create 29 full time equivalent positions. The building will be 17m high and will include climbing walls inside and outside. The formal application is expected to be submitted in a few months. Mr Wood will send the presentation through to the Clerk to be shared with Councillors.

208 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Mr Forbes and Mr Marsh declared an interest in the planning applications in case there is any conflict at future MSDC Planning Committee meetings.

209 Chairman's Announcements

Mr Forbes announced that Mr Chris Hersey, former Chairman of MSDC, has sadly died.

210 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

211 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

Mr O'Grady has lost his seat as a Councillor due to non-attendance at meetings.

All Councillors were reminded that there are elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May and those wishing to stand should complete a nomination form and make an appointment to take it to MSDC between 21<sup>st</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April. Nomination forms can be found on the MSDC website, or the Clerk can supply a copy.

Due to the Elections, the May meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

The Air Ambulance, Fire Service and Knight Frank have all confirmed they will attend the Annual Parish Assembly, which is being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Regarding the amount generated by the solar panels, the generation/export tariff rates are set by Ofgem and posted on their website. These are subject to change in April each year in line with the Retail Prices Index. The current rate is 16.33p generation and 5.99p export.

West Sussex County Council is finding out what options are available to the Parish Council regarding the flooding outside Kiln Cottage.

After reporting the pavements on Selsfield Road, WSCC said the damage is not currently at a level where it would be scheduled for immediate repair, but it will be monitored. The litter cleansing team at MSDC has been asked to side the narrowed pavements in the interim.

MSDC has been asked to pick litter on Paddockhurst Road and on Mount Lane opposite the playground.

The application for a 20mph zone has been submitted.

The brown sign advertising Grange Farm at the crossroads has now been removed.

With thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund, a grant has been awarded of £3,245 to pay for the blinds and curtains at The Ark.

An allotment holder has been asked to vacate their plot as it has come to light that they are no longer living in Turners Hill.

## 212 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/22/3887 10 Medway

The Parish Council maintains its previous comment is still relevant:

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.

DM/23/0015 Stable Block Burleigh Oaks Farmhouse

The Parish Council maintains its previous comment is still relevant:

Providing that there are conditions included as set out in the neighbour's representation, the Parish Council would support this application.

## 213 Report on Previous Applications

DM/22/3728 Turners Hill Park, Nightingale Lane Permitted

DM/22/2540 4 Newstone Cottages, East Street Permitted

DM/22/2541 4 Newstone Cottages (listed building) Permitted

## 214 King's Coronation It was RESOLVED to:

- Hold a street party on the Village Green on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Create a budget of £500 and apply for funding from MSDC.
- Delegate authority to the Clerk to make final arrangements and make any necessary purchases within the agreed budget.
- Close the road between The Crown and the Village Green.
- Ask residents to decorate their house. Two Councillors/volunteers to judge and prizes to be given to the top 3 of wine and chocolates.
- Hold a contest for children to enter such as make a crown or draw a picture, to be judged by two Councillors/volunteers. Book token to be given to winners and runners up.

## 215 Walk and Drive in Safety Policy It was RESOLVED to adopt this.

- 216 Village Gates It was RESOLVED to purchase two recycled plastic village gates in dark oak colour from Glasdon with 6x continuation posts in white to replace the gates on Paddockhurst Road at a cost of £2938.96 plus VAT, plus appoint Kenwards to fit the gates at a cost of £985 plus VAT.
- 217 Street lights It was RESOLVED to appoint Streetlights to replace the lanterns, converting them to LEDs, on all side roads, Selsfield Road and North Street at a cost of £23,460 plus VAT. It was also RESOLVED to replace the lanterns on Lion Lane at a cost of £5,800 plus VAT, to be paid for from the VES Earmarked Reserve.
- 218 Withypitts Pond It was RESOLVED to appoint Evergreen to remove foliage at the Pond at a cost of £987.75 plus VAT.
- 219 Policies It was RESOLVED to approve the Community Emergency Plan and Protocol for marking the Death of a Senior National Figure.
- 220 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, be approved; and
  - c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.
- 221 Correspondence
- MSDC has confirmed that Small Business Rates relief has been applied to The Ark.
- Center Parcs has announced that it will not be progressing plans to develop a forest holiday village at Oldhouse Warren.
- The Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme for Buses have been made for West Sussex. These documents can be seen on their website.
- MSDC will increase its Council Tax by 2.75% which is £4.95 for an average Band D property.
- The cost of waste collection and glass recycling at The Ark will increase by £2.23 per week from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.
- £1,500 compensation has been credited to the water account to reflect the disruption to water services in December 2022; this represents £500 for The Ark and £1,000 for the allotments.
- The proposal to add electric vehicle charging bays in Withypitts East will not be going ahead following concerns that were raised about the scheme.
- Turners Hill Community Speedwatch is looking for more members. Those interested should apply at [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org).
- A resident has suggested various ways that the S106 funding for sustainable transport should be spent, including stickers for wheelie bins, village gates and vehicle activated signs.

Meeting closed at 8.18 pm

Signed .....Chairman

4<sup>th</sup> April 2023