

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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, 1 member of the public and Mrs L Bannister (Clerk)

222 Apologies Mr B Theobald

223 Public Participation

It was asked if the road will be closed between The Crown and the Village Green. This was confirmed.

224 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

225 Chairman's Announcements

None

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

227 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

The dropped gully on East Street has been reported to WSCC, who has scheduled this to be fixed.

Councillors were reminded that the May meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Annual Parish Assembly on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

The road closure for the Coronation event on 6<sup>th</sup> May has been approved, and funding has been applied for.

A grant of £5,000 has been approved from REPOWERBalcombe towards converting the street lights to LEDs. Another grant has been applied for Suez Landfill Communities to cover the remainder of the costs, but the outcome of this won't be known until autumn. This will allow all the lights to be converted in the coming year.

The cost of the village gates has increased by £426.44, making the total cost £3,264.80.

Work at the Pond has been completed.

228 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/23/0550 Fen Place Bungalow, East Street  
No comments

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

DM/23/0707 9 Wren Street  
The Parish Council will defer to the Tree Officer

229 Report on Previous Applications

DM/22/3887	10 Medway	Permitted
DM/23/0015	Stable Block, Burleigh Oaks Farmhouse	Permitted
DM/23/0160	Furze Field House, East Street	Permitted
DM/23/0139	Worth School, Paddockhurst Road	Permitted

230 Asset Register It was RESOLVED to approve this and the insurance values for 2023-24. It was noted that the Council is in a 3 year contract with BHIB until 2024 for insurance cover.

231 Allotments It was RESOLVED to:

- Only allow one plot per household (or two half plots). Other members of the household may apply and if nobody is waiting they will be offered the plot on an annual basis until someone else joins the waiting list. This will be applied going forward and will not affect current plot-holders.
- Allow Plot 3 to erect a 6ft x 8ft glass greenhouse, subject to planning permission not being required. Mr Marsh will check this with MSDC.

232 Crawley Down GP Surgery It was RESOLVED to send a joint letter with East Grinstead Town Council and other Parishes to Modality to request improvements to services.

234 Parish, Town and District Communications Group The notes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and attended by the Clerk were received.

235 Grants It was RESOLVED to grant £300 to Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex.

236 Streetlights It was RESOLVED to appoint Streetlights as the contractor for 2023-2026 at a cost of £1,953 plus VAT this year, rising with inflation in 2024 and 2025.

237 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> March 2023, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

238 Correspondence

The cost of dog waste collection is increasing from £3.17 to £3.51 per collection, per bin from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

There will be a London to Brighton walking/running challenge being held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May which will affect Turners Hill as Tulleys Farm is a rest point. A short stretch of Turners Hill Road will be affected, but mostly the route follows Public Rights of Way.

The Post-16 Transport Policy Statement is out for consultation. Anyone interested should submit their views to West Sussex County Council by 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Holly Class at Turners Hill School have written to THPC as they have noticed lots of litter around Turners Hill. They are taking part in a national environmental competition called The Better Energy School Awards and would like to base their entry on reducing the amount of litter around Turners Hill. As part of this they will be doing a survey to find out how much litter there is and will do some litter picking. They will analyse this to see what is dropped most. They would then like to put up posters to tell people to stop littering. They will also be counting the amount of bins in Turners Hill and deciding if more would be helpful. Finally, they will be designing new types of waste bins which could be placed next to the road for drivers to be able to drop their litter in as they are passing.

The South of England Show has confirmed that they will not be offering discounts to Turners Hill residents this year, however there are discounts available for students, seniors and advance bookings.

A resident has suggested that the Council buys a new bench to commemorate the Coronation of the King.

The Elections Officer at MSDC has confirmed that 7 nominations have been received for Turners Hill.

Meeting closed at 8.11 pm

Signed .....Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> May 2023