

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th JULY 2023 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Mr P Coote
Dr I Gibson Mrs J Forbes Mr G Marsh, 2 members of the public and Mrs
L Bannister (Clerk)

058 Apologies Mrs C Jarvis Mr B Theobald

059 Co-option It was RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Phillip Coote, and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

060 Public Participation

The Council was asked to reconsider entering a flower display at the Worth Horticultural Society's Summer Show. Mrs Hughesdon will submit an entry. Mr Forbes read out emails to and from a resident who is requesting a dropped kerb who would like a letter of support from the Parish Council. WSCC has told him the next step is to apply for planning permission and the Clerk will suggest that he does this, and will also recommend that he contacts an Occupational Therapist for assistance.

061 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Mr Marsh declared an interest in all planning applications as chairman of the MSDC Planning Committee.

062 Chairman's Announcements

The Council has heard the sad news that Peter Fieldwick of 3 Medway has died. He was born 68 years ago in Medway and raised in the same house in which he died. A true Turners Hill man.

A Minor Variation of a Premises Licence for the Cowdray Arms has been received, but too late to be added to the agenda. The application is to remove condition number 2 (toughened or plastic glasses only shall be used in the outside area). There have never been any historical issues with the licensing objectives, and Mr Forbes believes that the condition is too restrictive to be appropriate.

063 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th June 2023 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

064 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

The Coronation bench has been ordered and will be installed at The Ark. The new lanterns for the street lights have been ordered along with the paint for the flag pole.

065 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/23/0011 East Street Business Centre
No comments

066 Report on Previous Applications

None

067 Memberships It was RESOLVED to pay for the Clerk's membership in the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £236.

068 Allotments The inspection report was noted. It was agreed to write to Plot 8b about the fruit cage.

069 Donations It was RESOLVED to make a donation of £600 to St Leonard's Church towards the upkeep of the Church Yard.

070 Grit bins Dr Gibson will carry out an audit of the grit bins.

071 Roads and Vehicle Working Group

a The notes of the meeting held on 13th June were accepted. Since the meeting was held, Mr Aggett has confirmed that the work on Lion Lane will include a hydrant, and has provided a plan showing how this can be incorporated.

b It was RESOLVED to apply to WSCC to improve the walking route to school, details included in the meeting notes.

072 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 6th June, be approved; and

c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

Mrs Forbes asked why the Business Rates for The Ark was not in the budget. This is because it was an unexpected cost; the Rateable Value for the building increased and so the Small Business Rates Relief did not cover the entire bill. Transitional Relief means the amount due was capped at £600 this year, but the cost is expected to be £1,200 next year.

073 Correspondence

Four emails of objection were received to the planning application DM/23/1345 for a climbing wall.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm

SignedChairman

1st August 2023