

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023 AT THE ARK**

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Gibson  
Cllr J Forbes Cllr G Marsh, 1 member of the public and Mrs L Bannister  
(Clerk)

074 Apologies Cllr P Coote

075 Allotment Award Mr Hazeltine was unable to attend the meeting, so the cup and prize will be given to him by the Clerk/Deputy Clerk.

076 Public Participation

It was reported that hazel bushes on Wallage Lane are growing out into the road. This will be reported to WSCC.

077 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

078 Chairman's Announcements

The Council has heard the sad news that Joan Underwood (previously Buckett) has died aged 92 years old. She lived in Turners Hill her whole life, and is now buried in the churchyard with her eldest daughter and mother.

The village fete was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, it was good to see it return after a year's absence, on a bright sunny day, with afternoon tea by the Free Church and Phil's bar in aid of Sullivan's Heroes. Many thanks go to the organisers and to our Clerks who liaised with them in order to bring the fete back to the village. Happy birthday to Cllr Coote.

079 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

080 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

The fete went well, with the building being left in a clean and tidy condition. The steward on duty made himself available throughout the day. The Fete committee were very grateful to the Council for the grant and also thanked the Steward for his help. £45 was made in t-shirt sales.

Two separate break-ins at the allotments have been reported.

The damaged bollard by the twitten on Lion Lane has been repaired.

The Drainage Maintenance Team from WSCC has visited the section of road that floods outside Kiln Cottage. They reported that the gulley was buried under silt, so they uncovered and jetted it. It was reported as flowing when they left. It will now be added to the jetting schedule. Any flooding at this location should be reported to the Clerk so that other options can be investigated.

Cllr Marsh has been confirmed as the MSDC representative on the ACE Committee.

With thanks to Cox Skips, the Coronation bench has been fitted at The Ark.

081 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/23/1771 The Courtyard, North Street  
The Parish Council will defer to the Tree Officer

DM/23/1702 Chimneys, 7 Newstone Cottages  
The Parish Council will defer to the Tree Officer

DM/23/1854 The Old Manse, North Street  
The Parish Council will defer to the Tree Officer

DM/23/1864 8 East Street  
No comments

082 Report on Previous Applications

DM/23/0821 Timberstore, Rowfant Sawmills Permitted

DM/23/0011 East Street Business Centre, East Street Permitted

083 Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils The notes of the meeting attended by Cllr Theobald were accepted.

084 Meeting with Area Highways Manager The notes of the meeting attended by the Chairman, Cllr J Forbes, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk were accepted.

085 Internal Audit It was RESOLVED to appoint Mulberry & Co as the Internal Auditor at a cost of £65 per hour. A three-year agreement will be entered to fix the fee.

086 Winter Management Plan This will be drafted by the Roads and Transport Working Group.

087 Parish, Town and District Communications Group The notes of the meeting attended by the Clerk were accepted.

088 Office opening hours It was RESOLVED to amend the office opening hours to Tuesday-Thursday 10am-2pm.

089 The Ark Community Executive Committee It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

090 Finance Committee The report on Quarter 1 was accepted.

091 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 4<sup>th</sup> July, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

092 Correspondence

St Leonard's Church PCC has sent their thanks to the Parish Council for the donation of £600.

WSCC has launched a programme of holiday activities and food. Eligible families can use an online booking system to sign up to free summer clubs. Supermarket vouchers will be available.

The Public Right of Way that runs alongside Hill House Close is reportedly blocked by fallen trees on the grassed land at the end of the Close. This has been reported to WSCC.

WSCC is investing a further £4.5m into maintaining highways and roads following a sharp increase in the number of safety defects and issues being reported.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September the London to Brighton Cycle Ride will pass through Turners Hill. There will be traffic control on the B2028 Turners Hill Road to allow cyclists to turn right into Wallage Lane, and there will be traffic light control at the crossroads. Delays should be expected from 7am to 3pm.

Gatwick Airport has applied to rebuild the emergency runway as a 2<sup>nd</sup> runway via a Development Consent Order. The Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Expansion has requested a donation of £1,000-£2,000 to help them oppose the application. Councillors who would like this added to the agenda should contact the Clerk.

The MSDC Chairman has selected Winston's Wish as his selected charity.

Starting on Monday 31 July 2023, households will be contacted via post and some letters will ask residents to confirm or update the electoral registration information for their property. Letters will contain information on how to respond to the canvass and residents should follow the steps provided.

A resident has emailed to find out any plans to prevent vehicles from 'racing' along East Street, and suggested an open evening for everyone to discuss potential solutions. The Clerk responded with details of the Walk and Drive in Safety Policy, including the 20mph zone application. Councillors did not want to arrange an open evening, but welcomed any resident along to Council meetings to discuss road safety issues.

Meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Signed .....Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023