

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Gibson
Cllr J Forbes Cllr G Marsh, 4 members of the public and Mrs L Bannister
(Clerk)

093 Apologies Cllr P Coote

094 Public Participation

The applicant for DM/23/1345 explained about the reason for the application. This relates to the Pumpkin Nights element of the business and is to bring in line the licence with the planning permission.

095 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Marsh declared an interest in all planning applications as the Chairman of the MSDC Planning Committee.

096 Chairman's Announcements

None

097 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st August 2023 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

098 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

An update from the Highways Manager has been received as follows:

The speed data collected from the most recent traffic survey is outlined below.

This data was captured over the course of a week:

Selsfield Rd = 29.7mph

Church Road = 28.2mph

East Street = 29.0mph

North Street = 30.5mph

The scheme for Lion Lane is still being considered.

The reference to 3-5 years to implement new schemes refers to Community Highway Schemes only. The 20mph zone application is due to be taken through moderation in the next couple of months which will determine if this is something that will be taken forward for implementation. If it is agreed that this scheme is to be brought to fruition then this may take some time depending on conflicting priorities and the level of work required.

The service inspection report of the street lights has been completed. This shows several defects of varying severity. A quote has been requested to correct the issues, and a note of which work needs doing straight away and which can wait.

The lanterns on all of the side roads have now been upgraded to LEDs.

The heritage lanterns have been delayed due to difficulty in obtaining cast parts of the lantern.

The flag pole has been painted.

The Winter Management Plan has been updated and, subject to receiving a quote for snow clearance, will be added to the October agenda.

The village gates are with the contractor to be installed.

099 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/23/1345 Land West of Rowfant Business Centre, Wallage Lane
The Parish Council requests that the Planning Officer confirms that the bus collecting visitors from the train station still forms part of the sustainable transport plan.

DM/23/1990 Kiln Cottage, Turners Hill Road
The Parish Council would like to ensure that no burning of construction materials is allowed.

DM/23/2057 Tulleys Farm, Turners Hill Road
The Parish Council supports this application

DM/23/2012 Land South of Medvale Farm, East Street
The Parish Council raised the following concerns:
The plans are not in keeping with the Area of Natural Beauty and would ruin the rural tranquillity of the site. The building would be highly visible due to the slope of the land.
This is not a sustainable site – it is not possible to walk to the village as there is no pavement on that side of the road and East Street cannot be crossed outside the site. Also, there is only one bus that stops through East Street infrequently.
The application does not accord with TPH4 (Turners Hill Neighbourhood Plan) as it does not fit with the design of new homes and the village design statement.
The application does not accord with TPH8 (Turners Hill Neighbourhood Plan).
There are concerns that the contaminated land cannot be mitigated against.
Councillors believe that this design should meet NPPF Para 80, criteria ‘e’ in terms of being an outstanding design.

For these reasons the Parish Council requests that the application is called in to be decided at Committee.

100 Report on Previous Applications

DM/23/1373 2 Newstone Cottages, East Street Permitted
& 1374

DM/23/1771 The Courtyard, North Street Permitted

DM/23/1854 The Old Manse, North Street Permitted

101 Risk Assessment It was RESOLVED to approve this.

- 102 Civic Award Written nominations to be sent to the Clerk by end of October for consideration by Councillors in November and presentation in January.
- 103 Remembrance Day Wreath It was RESOLVED to donate £40 towards the wreath. Cllr J Forbes will try to contact a Legion branch that can provide a wreath as the Crawley Down branch is no longer open.
- 104 External Audit It was noted that the Audit was completed with no notes raised by the Auditor. Councillors congratulated the Clerk and Deputy Clerk on this achievement.
- 105 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 1st August, be approved; and
 - c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.
- 106 Correspondence
 Mid Sussex District Council has updated that they are in the process of reviewing the responses received from the Regulation 18 consultation to the draft District Plan. For those Parish Councils that do not have sites allocated in their areas, they will be holding a workshop for all Town and Parish Councils, as well as a workshop for all District Councillors.
 A resident has suggested the following measures to resolve dangerous driving on East Street:
- A speed camera that would report to the Police
 - 20mph speed limit
 - Speed humps or half humps
 - Pinch points at entry to the village
 - Speed camera
 - Stop sign at junction beside the Village Green to stop traffic turning left onto East Street
- Most of these suggestions have been investigated by the Parish Council before and so the Clerk will respond to the resident with details.

Meeting closed at 8.22 pm

SignedChairman

3rd October 2023