

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT THE ARK**

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

107 Apologies None

108 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests  
Cllr Marsh declared an interest in all planning applications as the Chairman of the MSDC Planning Committee.

109 Public Participation  
No comments were raised.

110 Chairman's Announcements  
The Chairman has bought a new flag that has now been put up.  
Congratulations were offered to Turners Hill Park which has won the Park of the Year Award for 2023.

111 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

112 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk  
The Clerk met with the PCSOs at the allotment site following reports of thefts over the summer. Advice was given on what plot holders can do to deter thefts and this was passed on to them.

A resident has reported water running down Selsfield Road (after/during rainfall) which is too deep for children to walk through on their way to school and becomes icy and dangerous in winter. This has been reported to the Operation Watershed team at WSCC.

A letter has been sent to a resident in Withypitts East as rubbish has been found around the street light column outside their house (and next to their bins).

The agent for planning application DM/23/1345 has emailed to confirm that the minibus service is still included in the Travel Plan, and this has been strengthened to be based on a scheduled timetable rather than being just on demand.

MSDC were notified that Kiln Cottage (relating to planning application DM/23/1990) was showing as Crawley Down on the address. MSDC investigated and said that the address is a valid postal address and so they cannot amend it. The whole run of cottages on that side of the road are addressed as Crawley Down. Councillors should be advised that there is no direct correlation between local authority administrative boundaries and postal addressing. Discrepancies between the two are often found.

Cllrs Theobald and Gibson are both unable to attend the WSALC AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

A consultation for a planning application for Timberstore, Rowfant Sawmills DM/23/2488 has been received, but too late to add to the agenda. This is for a

variation of a condition for a revised location of a below ground water storage tank relating to a previously approved application. It will not be possible to comment on this application due to the comments deadline, so councillors were encouraged to add a personal comment to the planning portal if they wish to do so.

A minor variation of a premises licence has been received for Tulleys Farm. This will allow children under the age of 16 to enter the site during Shocktober Fest when accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.

113 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/23/0611 Worth Hall Farmhouse, Turners Hill Road  
Support

DM/23/2185 Land East of East Street, East Street  
Councillors are sad to see the loss of open agricultural land, and request that a condition is added that any further growth of buildings, additions or increase in usage must have planning permission

114 Report on Previous Applications

DM/23/1864 8 East Street Refused

DM/23/2012 Land South of Medvale Farm, East Street Refused

115 Social Media It was RESOLVED to set up a Facebook page for the Parish Council. Commenting on posts will not be allowed.

116 Withypitts Pond It was RESOLVED to:

- a Approve the Risk Assessment for the management of Withypitts Pond.
- b Note the report and approve the quote of £1,250 plus VAT from Enterprise to undertake further clearance of the site.

117 Financial Regulations It was RESOLVED to approve these.

118 Winter Management It was RESOLVED to:

- a Approve the Winter Management Plan.
- b Appoint EFP Balcombe to clear snow in the areas listed in the Plan.

119 Allotments The report by Cllr Hughesdon was noted and it was agreed to write to the plot holder of plot 8b and ask them to work their plot. Note that plot 17 was referred to but this should have said 19. Cllr Theobald will take a look at the gate latch.

120 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 5<sup>th</sup> September, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

121 Correspondence

The Mid Sussex Partnership is consulting residents about how safe they feel in local communities. The online consultation takes around 10 minutes and is open until 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The link is

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/community-safety> and has been published on the Parish Council website.

WSSC is consulting on their Active Travel Strategy and their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The survey closes on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The link is

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/active-travel-strategy>.

The West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service is running a series of free electric blanket testing sessions. Residents can book an appointment. Details are published on the Parish Council website.

The High Weald AONB is running a public consultation on their Management Plan for 2024-2029. Should Councillors want to comment on this, a Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting can be arranged.

Meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Signed .....Chairman

7<sup>th</sup> November 2023