

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE ARK

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

122 Apologies Cllr B Theobald and Cllr P Coote

123 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
Cllr Marsh declared an interest in planning application DM/23/1990 in case it gets heard at the MSDC Planning Committee.

124 Public Participation
It was reported that the water level around Kiln Cottage is high again; the jetting of the drains doesn't appear to have been effective. Pictures will be sent to the Clerk so that this can be reported to WSCC.

125 Chairman's Announcements
The Chairman will be attending two Remembrance services on Remembrance Sunday. All councillors were encouraged to attend.

126 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October 2023 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

127 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk
Cllr Theobald has fixed the latch on the gate at the allotment.
WSCC is managing some volunteers and has asked for some areas for them to work. The Clerk has suggested basic maintenance of foliage in areas that they can visit - the allotments, Withypitts Pond and The Ark. They will be managed entirely by WSCC.
The pavement along Selsfield Road from The Crown down towards Withypitts was reported to MSDC as the pavement has been narrowed due to grass and soil growing out from the slope. MSDC said that this is not their responsibility, and advised to contact WSCC. WSCC investigated but said it is not currently at a level where it would require repair.
MSDC has confirmed that they will cut back the area alongside the Recreation Ground on East Street as the vegetation is growing over the pavement. MSDC is currently transitioning to a new maintenance contract but has committed to doing this by mid November.
A resident of Selsfield Road was contacted regarding the water flowing down Selsfield Road. They assured the Clerk that the water was in fact coming from blocked drains further up the road, and WSCC has now cleared these.
The moderation for the 20mph zone is scheduled to take place in November.
The Turners Hill/Twinning sign on Selsfield Road by Taranas has been damaged.
A street light on East Street has been damaged by a road traffic accident. The Clerk is investigating to see if the repair will be covered by insurance.
A plan to clear the reeds at Withypitts Pond is still being formed, and will appear on a future agenda.

128 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/23/1990 Kiln Cottage, Turners Hill Road
No further comments

DM/23/2631 Park Store, Nightingale Lane
Defer to Tree Officer

129 Report on Previous Applications

DM/23/0611 Worth Hall Farmhouse, Turners Hill Road Permitted
DM/23/2488 Timberstore, Rowfant Sawmills Permitted

130 Ark Community Executive Committee It was RESOLVED to:

- a Approve the minutes of the ACE Committee meeting held on 12th October.
- b Approve the purchase of a notice board from David Ogilvie Engineering at a cost of £1,707 plus VAT plus £135 delivery fee. S106 funding will be applied for to cover the cost, but the purchase approval is not dependent on this.

131 Street Lights It was RESOLVED to:

- a Note the service inspection report.
- b Approve the cost of both the urgent and end of year works at a total cost of £6,675 plus VAT. £2,000 will be spent from running costs and the remainder will be spent from general reserves.

132 East Grinstead Recycling Centre It was noted that a booking system is being introduced. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to WSCC to note councillors' objections to this.

133 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 3rd October, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

134 Correspondence

The Turners Hill Speedwatch Team has advised that they are providing stickers for wheelie bins on Selsfield Road, North Street, East Street and Church Road. These have been sponsored by Tulleys Farm.
The cost of advertising in the Two Villages will increase to £545 for the next year.

135 Confidential It was RESOLVED to temporarily exclude the public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business to be discussed.

136 Civic Award It was RESOLVED that the Civic Award will be presented to Sean Cox, who has now retired. Sean has always worked with the Parish Council quietly and without making a fuss, generously donating time and resources when something is needed. The presentation will be made at the January Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.28 pm

SignedChairman

5th December 2023