

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2024 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Gibson Cllr C Jarvis Cllr G Marsh Cllr B Theobald, Mrs L Bannister (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

With the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Hughesdon acted as Chairman of the meeting

030 Apologies Cllr B Forbes, Cllr J Forbes and Cllr P Coote

031 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
None

032 Public Participation

The applicant to planning application DM/24/1165 explained about the reasons for their application. They plan to move more into horticulture as the business grows – e.g. tulips, lavender and potentially a vineyard in the future. They are looking at anything that has a horticultural feel and helps to retain the feel of the business as a family business. The visitor centre and possibly a small café would enable that to happen. This will be registered as a separate business to the entertainment side of Tulleys Farm called ‘Tulleys Growing Inspired Ltd’.

Cllr Marsh declared an interest in this application as he attended a pre-application meeting with MSDC.

Tulleys Farm will look into putting on transport into future tulip events as they were much more popular than expected.

A member of the public complained about a comment made at the Annual Parish Assembly about nurses being overweight (the comment was made by another member of the public).

033 Chairman’s Announcements
None.

034 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2024 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

035 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

The parish survey for the Community Highways Schemes has begun, and 48 responses have been received so far. Letters of support have been received from the Fire Station, Headteacher, Governors, District Councillor and pupils at the school.

The meeting was reminded that the London to Brighton Bike Ride is taking place on 16th June and Cox Skips has agreed to leave a skip by the bus stop for the day.

WSSC has agreed to consider a second crossing patrol for the village on Church Road. They need to check that it meets criteria, but already having one patrol will not be grounds for refusal.

A member of the public made a complaint about a property on Lion Lane having work done to it without planning permission. MSDC has visited the property and ordered a stop to the works.

A resident of Lion Lane has written to request that the lights remain on overnight. This is because they view this as a safety hazard and a contributor to crime.

036 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/24/1221 Cart Lodge, Rashes Farm, Selsfield Road
No comments

DM/24/1165 Land at Tulleys Farm, Turners Hill Road
The Parish Council strongly supports this application.

037 Report on Previous Applications

Application DC/24/0298 for Millwood, East Street will be heard at Planning Committee on 13th June and is recommended for permission.

DM/24/0540 Land West of Rowfant Business Centre Permission

038 Annual Parish Assembly It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2024.

039 Worth Horticultural Society's Summer Show Members decided not to enter the community class.

040 Steward to The Ark It was RESOLVED to confirm the appointment of Carlton Webster as Steward to The Ark.

041 Street lights on Lion Lane It was RESOLVED to change all lights on Lion Lane to stay on all night, and add a backplate to lanterns if there are complaints.

042 Internal Audit Report The contents of the report were noted.

043 Annual Governance and Accountability Return It was RESOLVED to:

a Approve the Annual Governance Statement. This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

b Approve the Accounting Statement. This was signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer.

c Set the dates of the Notice of Public Rights as Monday 10th June to Friday 19th July.

044 Local List Consultation It was RESOLVED to support this.

045 Street lights:

- a The Service Inspection Report for 2024 was noted.
- b It was RESOLVED to appoint Streetlights to arrange traffic management for the replacement of two lights on Church Road at a cost of £655 plus VAT.
- c It was RESOLVED to appoint Streetlights to complete pruning on columns on Church Road while traffic management is set up at a cost of £230 plus VAT.

046 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 7th May, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

047 Correspondence

The Air Ambulance and Wellness Group both sent letters of thanks for the grants that were awarded to them.

The PCSO conducted foot patrols around Turners Hill on 25th May, engaged with some residents and offered crime prevention advice. If there are any areas that need to be patrolled regularly due to crime or anti-social behaviour this can be requested.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

SignedChairman

2nd July 2024