

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th AUGUST 2024 AT THE ARK

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

065 Apologies Cllr P Coote

066 Presentation of the Allotment Award The Chairman presented the cup and prize to Mrs Harding.

067 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
Cllr Marsh declared an interest in item 8 in case the applications are decided at MSDC planning committee.

068 St Leonards Church Rev. Keyte told the meeting that there is a concern with the Church as their treasurer is wanting to stand down and wants to do so as soon as possible. They have not been able to find a replacement. If they cannot find someone the Church will no longer be able to operate. Apart from this, things are going well (although they always need more volunteers). They have been in touch with a bookkeeper who will take care of the more difficult tasks for a fee, but they still need someone who can keep an eye on the finances on a day-to-day basis.

069 Public Participation

The following issues were reported:

- A branch has fallen on the Clockfield Estate
- The Pond cannot be seen for the reeds

070 Chairman's Announcements

None

071 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2024 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

072 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

Regarding the crossing patrol on Church Road, the Highways team need to assess the site for infrastructure to set in place.

The overgrown vegetation on Wallage Lane was reported to WSCC. They have investigated and do not believe it needs immediate attention.

The fallen tree/branch at Clockfield has been reported to the management company.

Paddockhurst Estate were asked if their groundsmen would repair the rotten fence at Withypitts Pond; they declined.

The verge outside the Pond is very overgrown. This is the responsibility of WSCC, and it is not due to be mown until September.

The Community Highways Scheme applications were submitted to WSCC in July.

The Vehicle Activated Sign on North Street has been reported and is now working.

The vegetation covering the traffic light sign on North Street has now been cut back.

An allotment holder has given up their plot, but it does need a tree removing as it is too tall and overtaking other plots.

073 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/24/1741 Medvale Farm, East Street

The Parish Council objects to this application because it is contrary to Para 134 of the NPPF as the proposal is not 'well designed'. The Parish Council refers to its comments on the previous application for this property – DM/23/2012 as these still apply:

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.

DM/24/1814 Bonavista, East Street

No comments

074 Report on Previous Applications

Nothing to report.

075 Finance Committee The report for Quarter 1 was noted.

076 A22-A264 Webinar The notes of the meeting attended by the Clerk were noted.

077 The Ark Community Executive Committee It was RESOLVED to:

a Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2024.

b Approve the ACE Terms of Reference.

- c Appoint James Watters to fit new flooring in the Dunlop Hall at an estimated cost of £22,140.50 plus VAT, subject to S106 funding being granted.

078 Street lights It was RESOLVED to:

- a Apply for S106 funding to replace the remaining lanterns at a cost of £9,765 plus VAT, and if this application is rejected, to replace lanterns on Church Road at a cost of £2,872.50 plus VAT.
- b Replace 4 columns at a cost of £11,385 plus VAT, to be paid for from the earmarked reserves and the maintenance budget.

079 Policies It was RESOLVED to approve the following policies:

- a Grants Policy.
- b Scheme of Delegation, subject to correcting a typo in item 2.

080 Withypitts Pond Neither of the agenda items were agreed, and a meeting will be requested with Paddockhurst Estate to discuss the future of the Pond as it is getting increasingly expensive to maintain.

081 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 2nd July, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

082 Correspondence

MSDC has advised that the District Plan has been passed to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination.

Meeting closed at 8.19 pm

SignedChairman

3rd September 2024