

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr P Coote Cllr J Forbes Cllr C Jarvis Cllr G Marsh, Mrs L Bannister (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

083 Apologies Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) and Cllr B Theobald

084 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.

085 Public Participation
It was reported that the white road markings are faded at the mini roundabout into Withypitts and on the road by Cox Skips. This will be reported to Highways.

086 Chairman's Announcements
None

087 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th August 2024 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

088 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk
Allotments
The overgrown tree at the allotment was pruned by the Steward to The Ark. The 'shed' was removed, and the plot has been made good by the Steward, Deputy Clerk and Clerk who filled the holes with earth supplied by Cox Skips. All vacant plots have now been re-let. Allotment markers have been bought and are being marked to be installed in the next few weeks.

Highways
Following submission of the Community Highways Scheme applications, the Clerk met with a WSCC Highways Officer to discuss the applications. These will be discussed at pre-moderation at the end of the month and felt positive it would go through. She said the application was strong. Additional dragon's teeth markings and red surfacing at the crossing point on North Street will be added to the application as it was felt that this was part of the same 'walk to school' improvement.

Other
The S106 application has been submitted for upgrading the street light lanterns to LEDs.

Some of the litter posters have now been put up and can be seen around the village.

089 Planning Applications
It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/24/1931 Burleigh Oak Stables, East Street
Defer to Officer

DM/24/2042 Burleigh Oak Stables, East Street
No comments

090 Report on Previous Applications
Nothing to report.

091 Risk Assessment It was RESOLVED to approve this.

092 Civic Award Written nominations to be sent to the Clerk by the end of October for consideration by Councillors in November and presentation in January.

093 Remembrance Cllr Forbes has already personally purchased 2x wreaths and 5x lamp post poppies for the Village Green and Lower Green.

094 External Audit It was noted that the audit for the year ended 31st March 2024 has now been completed and no notes were raised by the auditor. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been published.

095 Winter Management Plan It was RESOLVED to approve this.

096 Withypitts Pond

a The notes of the meeting held with Knight Frank on 15th August were accepted.

b No plan can be made until Knight Frank has updated the Parish Council about how Paddockhurst Estate may be willing to help. However, the grounds maintenance contractors will be asked to bring forward the annual full clearance.

Councillors noted that they have safety concerns about the overgrowth at the edge of the Pond. This is obscuring the view of the edge of the water which could cause people or animals to get too close and fall in and then be unable to get back out.

097 Licensing No comments were raised.

098 National Planning Policy Framework It was agreed to feedback that a key issue is acute lack of infrastructure in the area, and this has not been addressed by the proposed changes.

099 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 6th August, be approved; and

c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

100 Correspondence

The Skyline London to Brighton cycle will be held on Sunday 15th September. They strongly recommend avoiding Turners Hill Road for travel south as it will have traffic control points on the B2028 at Wallage Lane and the Crossroads.

All Local Authorities have been reminded by the Minister for Local Government that councillors can ask the Monitoring Officer to withhold home addresses from their Register of Interests if they feel that having it published could lead to violence or intimidation of them or their family.

The Twinning Association has written to say that their members have formally voted to close the Turners Hill Twinning Association. This decision was reluctantly taken due to the lack of new members and the advancing age of their existing members who are less able to travel to France or to host visitors. It was decided that it is no longer viable or logistically possible to keep going in the current form. The association will be wound up by the end of September after donating residual funds to charity in accordance with their constitution. The St Leger Twinning Association has been informed. They thank the Parish Council for its support for the Association during the past years.

Meeting closed at 8.08 pm

SignedChairman

3rd September 2024