

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2025 AT THE ARK**

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Forbes Cllr I Gibson Cllr P Coote Cllr C Jarvis and Cllr G Marsh
Mrs C Jim (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

165 Apologies
None.

166 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
None.

167 Public Participation
The Treasurer and Secretary of the Turners Hill Cricket Club provided an update on their plans to make improvements to the building and grounds and shared a presentation with the councillors prior to the meeting. They are planning to apply for Section 106 funding that had been allocated to formal sport.
A second member of the public spoke about the concerns over the proposed development on the land at Withypitts Farm. A response was provided under this agenda item later on during the meeting.

168 Chairman's Announcements
Cllr B Forbes informed the Cllrs that he had attended a meeting with Stuart and Sam Beare at Tulleys Farm to discuss the next event being held, which is the Tulip Festival. Following the success of the event in 2024 when numbers exceeded 80,000. Metro bus will be involved in providing an additional no. 84 bus per hour (meaning 2 buses per hour to the village green from Three Bridges Station). Tulleys will also be putting on minibuses to transport people to the farm. The hope is to minimise the impact of the event on the village and ensure visitor safety.

169 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th January 2025 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

170 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk
The Clerk announced that the Assistant Clerk would officially begin her employment on Thursday, February 6th. In the absence of another member of staff the Clerk stated that she had been prioritizing her workload to ensure the smooth operation of both the Parish Council and the Ark within the scope of her responsibilities.

171 Planning Applications
It was RESOLVED to send the following comments to MSDC:

DM/25/0176 Worth School, Paddockhurst Road
The Parish Council does not wish to object to this application and made no further comments.

172 Report on Previous Applications

DM/24/2926	3 Fen Place Cottages, East Street	Permitted
DM/24/2911	8 Newstone Cottages, East Street	Withdrawn
DM/24/2910	8 Newstone Cottages, East Street	Withdrawn
DM/24/2986	10 Willow Ridge	Permitted

DM/24/1970
DM/24/2101

Old Piggery, Worth Abbey
Springfield, Rashes Farm, Selsfield Rd

Permitted
Refusal

- 173 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 14th January, be approved; and
c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.
- 174 To receive the financial report for Quarter 3
Differed until after the Finance Committee meeting.
- 175 To consider nominations for the Mid Sussex Applauds Awards
The Parish Councillors requested for the nomination information/website link to be shared on the Turners Hill Parish Council and Turners Hill Facebook pages. Cllr J Forbes and Cllr G Marsh stated that they would like to suggest a nomination each and it was agreed to provide the Clerk with some words on behalf of the Council.
- 176 To note the proposed sale of Land for development at Withypitts Farm, Selsfield Road
The Parish Council have been informed that the land at Withypitts Farm is being advertised for sale. The Parish Council have not been notified at this time that a planning application has been received or the purchase of the land.
- 177 The Annual Parish Assembly must be held between 1st March and 1st June. Council needs to decide a date and agree a speaker/topic.
Wednesday 28th May was put forward as a possible date for the meeting. Cllrs J Forbes and B Forbes suggested inviting Stuart Beare from Tulleys Farm to present about the History of the Farm.
- 178 Correspondence
Cllr I Gibson spoke about his concerns over the additional traffic through Turners Hill that was likely to as a result if the 560 homes proposed for the Heathy Wood development in Copthorne went ahead. There are footpath works on the roundabout by the Dukes Head (A264).
A resident enquired about tree planting after further Ash die back works was carried out on the Selsfield Road. The Clerk to respond and provide some guidance on how licences can be applied for etc.

Meeting closed at 8.24pm

SignedChairman
4th March 2025