

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

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Forbes
C Jarvis and Cllr G Marsh
Mrs C Jim (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

179 Apologies

Cllr I Gibson & Cllr P Coote

180 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

181 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to make representation.

182 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr B Forbes presented the Civic Award to Stuart Beare. Cllr Forbes provided the following words: "Stuart you were chosen to receive the award for your commitment and generosity to the Parish Council and other village organisations over many years. The council wanted to recognise the support you and your team provide to the village, always quietly and without fanfare."

169 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th of February 2025
were approved and signed by the Chairman.

170 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

Street Light Energy Contract: The Clerk stated that the energy supplier for the streetlights has only been able to confirm a 5-month contract. This is because the supplier is unable to guarantee the pricing until after July 31st, due to market fluctuations or contract terms.

Grass Cutting Contractor: The Clerk also brought up the renewal of the grass cutting contractor's contract. The Councillors were asked if they were comfortable renewing the contract as long as the service level continues to meet expectations. The Clerk will sign the contract on behalf of the Parish Council.

Outcome of Community Highway Scheme (CHS) application: The improvements to the pedestrian crossing facility on Lion Lane, has been approved for inclusion into West Sussex County Council's works programme and progressed to feasibility and design, which will be carried out across the financial year 2025/26. Responsibility for progressing this proposal now sits with WSCC's Highways Improvements team.

The Clerk reported that the second part of the application to install vehicle-activated signs (VAS) on the four roads leading to the crossroads (North Street, Church Road, East Street, and Selsfield Road) was not entered as part of the CHS. However, there is hope to collaborate with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Highways to address this and move the project forward.

171 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Francesca (Frankie) Lutman was co-opted and welcomed onto the Parish Council. The Council looks forward to working with Francesca and benefiting from her contributions moving forward.
Francesca signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

172 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED to send the following comments to MSDC:

DM/25/0464 The Studio Brickyard Cottages, Wallage Lane, Rowfant
The Parish Council does not wish to object to this application and made no further comments.

173 Report on previous planning applications:

DM/24/0298	Millwood, East Street	Permitted 12.02.2025
DM/24/2042	Burleigh Oaks Stables, East Street	Refusal 3.02.2025
AP/25/0007	Springfield, Rashes Farm, Selsfield Rd	Appeal to Secretary of State 25.02.25
DM/24/0976	Miswells Cottages, Turners Hill Road	Permitted 4.03.2025

174 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 4th February, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

175 To receive the financial report for Quarter 3

The Cllrs noted the financial report for Quarter 3.

176 Correspondence

None

Meeting closed at 8.14pm

SignedChairman
1st April 2025