

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 3rd September 2025 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Forbes Cllr G Marsh Cllr P Coote Cllr I Gibson Cllr F Lutman
Mrs C Jim (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

083 Apologies – Cllr C Jarvis

084 Declarations of interests in any agenda item listed – None

085 Fifteen Minutes Public Participation

A representative from Turners Hill Cricket Club expressed thanks to the Clerk for assistance in contacting Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) and confirming that the Section 106 funds applied for have been ringfenced. The Club will now liaise with the MSDC Planning Department to progress their planning application. It was also reported that the Club has successfully secured match funding of £5,000 from Sport England.

086 Chairman's Announcements

None

087 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th August 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

088 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

- **Dunlop Hall Floor Replacement**
Confirmation of Section 106 funding has been received. The contractor has been notified, and the Clerk is currently awaiting confirmation of the contractor's availability to schedule the work. The Dunlop Hall floor will be out of use for approximately 10–14 days during the replacement period.
- **London to Brighton Cycle Ride**
The event will take place on Sunday 14th September and is expected to cause congestion. Traffic control measures will be in place on the B2028 Turners Hill Road, including a point to allow cyclists to turn into Wallage Lane, and traffic light control at the crossroads. Delays are expected between 07:00 and 15:00.
- **Ash Dieback Works**
Scheduled for 8th and 9th September, with works taking place on the B2028, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down. Two-way traffic lights will be in operation during this time to facilitate the work.
- **Turners Hill Parish Magazine and Update on St Leonard's Church**
St Leonard's Church is now being supported by the clergy and administrative staff from Copthorne Parish. As part of this new arrangement, they plan to produce a Turners Hill Parish Magazine six times a year. This follows the decision that the Crawley Down church will no longer produce the joint "Two Villages" magazine.

089 Planning Applications – to consider the following:

DM/25/1763 Woodlands Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill
Single storey rear kitchen extension.
The Parish Council raised no objections to the proposed planning application.

DM/25/2114 1 Hill House Close
T1 - Quercus Robur - Crown reduce by 3m overall, crown lift 6 m, removal
of epicormic growth to 5m due to tree subject to shock drop and limb
failure, potentially dangerous to pedestrians.
Turners Hill Parish Council have no objections to the proposed planning application.

DM/25/2043 Sundial Cottage, 6 Newstone Cottages, East Street
To add barn type black wooden garage doors.
Turners Hill Parish Council would like to defer to the conservation officer with regards to the
listed building.

DM/25/2154 26 Withypitts
Proposed porch to front elevation and new oak framed garage
Turners Hill Parish Council have no objections to the proposed planning application.

090 Report on previous planning applications:

DM/25/1621 9 Newstone Cottages, East Street
Granted Permission on 14th August 2025
Variation of condition 1 relating to DM/22/2872 to allow for updated drawings.

DM/25/1636 Worth School, Paddockhurst Road
& Granted Permission on 21st August 2025.
DM/25/1637

DM/23/0550 Fen Place Bungalow, East Street
Application was withdrawn 2nd September 2025

091 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 5th August, be
approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

092 'The Community Emergency Plan' was reviewed and the changes confirmed.

093 The 'Walk & Drive in Safety' policy was reviewed and the changes made confirmed.

094 It was RESOLVED to grant £600 to St Leonards Church for maintenance of the church yard.

095 To consider the quote from Evergreen of £1,100.00 excluding VAT for removal of all bramble
growth, tree suckers and waste from around the pond.

The Councillors agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting to allow time for a comprehensive review of all existing landscaping contracts, including previous ad hoc instructed works. This will ensure all related expenditures and contractor arrangements are considered before proceeding.

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

097 Correspondence

A pond working group meeting is to be held to discuss the pond maintenance.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:29pm

SignedChairman

7th October 2025