

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Forbes Cllr F Lutman  
Cllr C Jarvis Cllr G Marsh Cllrs Mrs C Jim (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

142 Apologies – Cllr P Coote and Cllr I Gibson

143 Declarations of interests in any agenda item listed – None

144 Fifteen Minutes Public Participation  
None

145 Chairman's Announcements  
Cllr B Forbes provided an update on the school crossing patrol situation. Unfortunately, the current school crossing patrol member, Derek Bentall, will be leaving in February. While WSCC confirmed that an additional patroller could be recruited to cover the area outside the School/Fire Station, no appointment has yet been made. Cllr Forbes is currently liaising with WSCC to establish what interim, or alternative measures can be put in place.

146 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

147 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk  
Grit bins across the village have been refilled following reports that some were depleted during the recent cold weather, with uncertainty as to whether WSCC had missed some locations. The new floor at Dunlop Hall is progressing and, despite a slight delay, the hall is expected to now reopen on 19th January.  
Ongoing staffing pressures at The Ark continue to impact the Clerk and Assistant Clerk. Casual support has been obtained, and a new steward has been recruited but has not yet started.

148 Planning Applications – None received at the time of publishing the agenda.  
To consider any applications received after publication of the agenda

149 Report on previous planning applications:

DM/25/3170	Worth Hall Farm, Turners Hill Road Granted Permission on 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
DM/25/2605	Turners Hill Park, Nightingale Lane No objection 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
DM/25/2631	Burleigh Oaks Stables, East Street Granted Permission 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

150 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 December 2025, be approved; and

c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

151 Finance: It was RESOLVED to:

- Approve the budget and set the Precept for 2026/27 at £109,184
- Note the council tax for a Band D property will be £163.92 for the year, which equates to £3.15 per week.

152 The Ark: It was RESOLVED to:

- Approve the recommendations for hire rates for The Ark; with most rates increasing by £1.00 per hour.
- Approve the recommendations for the subsidy and hire rates for the office and clinics
- Approve the recommendations for The Ark budget estimates.
- The Council approved the expenditure of up to £6,450 (excl. VAT) for the replacement of Boiler 2, to be funded from the Parish Council budget.

153 Allotments: It was RESOLVED to:

- Approve the allotment rents for 2027 at £50 for a full-size plot and £25 for a half-size plot (currently £40 and £20 respectively). This increase was agreed to offset significantly rising costs, particularly water charges, which are estimated to increase by approximately 40%, and to ensure the ongoing viability and maintenance of the allotments.

154 Correspondence:

The Clerk provided a summary of recent correspondence that may be of interest to Councillors and offered to share any relevant items upon request.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm

Signed .....Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026