

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2026 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman) Cllr S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Forbes Cllr F Lutman
Cllr C Jarvis Mrs C Jim (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

168 Apologies – Cllr G Marsh & Cllr I Gibson

169 Absences - Cllr P Coote

170 Declarations of interests in any agenda item listed – None

171 Fifteen Minutes Public Participation – A resident spoke and asked questions in relation to the potential development of WithyPitts Farm. The resident raised concerns regarding safe access and egress at the location.

At present, the Parish Council is not aware of any formal planning application for the proposed development. However, the Council has been notified by a developer who is currently in the process of purchasing the land with the intention of bringing forward a development proposal. *The Turners Hill Neighbourhood Plan (page 26) states that land to the rear of Withypitts, off Selsfield Road (MSDC reference 569), is considered to be available and achievable but not suitable for development. The site has serious access constraints, lies within an Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB), and there are other more suitable sites in Turners Hill to meet the local housing need. The Neighbourhood Plan further notes that development of this site would be damaging to the wider landscape and would breach the defensible boundary of the village, potentially opening the wider area to further development.*

172 Chairman's Announcements – Cllr Forbes confirmed that he will not be standing for re-election to West Sussex County Council at the elections on 7 May.

173 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

174 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

Offered to chase Knight Frank/Paddockhurst Estate regarding the pond a possible grant/s.

175 Planning Applications

DM/26/0228 Fen Place Farm, East Street
Turners Hill Parish Council made no comments.

DM/26/0330 Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road
Turners Hill Parish Council do not object to the proposed planning application.

176 Report on previous planning applications: None received

177 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 3rd February 2026, be approved; and

c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

178 Fingerpost Replacement – B2110 / Turners Hill Road Junction – The Parish Council
RESOLVED to replace the finger post at a cost of £1637.00 (excl. VAT).

179 Matters for Consideration:

- a. The Ark Conditions of Hire – The Councillors reviewed, considered and approved the proposed updates to the current conditions of hire for The Ark.
- b. The Ark Regular Hirers’ Cancellation Policy Letter – The Councillors considered the draft letter regarding cancellation terms for regular hirers of The Ark; a minor amendment was agreed and approved. These documents will be circulated to all regular hirers and a copy of the application for Hire of The Ark will be completed and returned by all regular hirers.

c. Confidential Business (*Public and press excluded*)

180 Art Society Donation – The Ark

This was discussed under confidential business.

181 Correspondence

Cllr Forbes provided an update on the Primary Schools planned activities with the Church such as R.E Day.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:51pm

SignedChairman

7th April 2026