

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd June 2026 AT THE ARK**

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman), Cllr J Forbes, Cllrs P Coote, Cllr I Gibson, Cllr F Lutman, Mrs C Jim (Clerk)

- 218 Apologies
Cllr S Hughesdon, C Jarvis and G Marsh
- 219 Declarations of interests in any agenda item listed
None.
- 220 Fifteen minutes for public participation
No members of the public in attendance
- 221 Chairman's announcements
On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman expressed his thanks to Jonathan Pratt for his help in getting the first Speed Indicator Device (SID) into operation.
- 222 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on May 5th, 2026
These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 223 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk
*An online meeting was held on 14/05/2026 with MSDC Section 106 officers to clarify remaining and allocated Section 106 funding. An updated reconciled spreadsheet is awaited. Concerns were raised that the Parish Council was not consulted on the proposed Section 106 allocation for the Land at Old Vicarage Field application. Although funding has been allocated to the recreation ground, THPC has no control over its use despite urgent maintenance needs to the MUGA and relocation of the basketball net. Further discussions with MSDC officers and Robert Anderton were suggested regarding the proposed new housing developments.
* The Clerk attended a Clerks' meeting hosted by Mid Sussex District Council on 27.05.26. One issue raised was that when staff changes occur, this is not always communicated clearly, making it difficult to know who to contact regarding ongoing matters and enquiries.
A chart outlining the relevant Assistant Directors (ADs) was subsequently circulated, and the Clerk forwarded this to Councillors. It was also advised that the [Mid Sussex District Council](#) website should be checked regularly, as the staff directory is continually being updated.
*Attended a remote meeting with MSDC on 27/05/2026 regarding additional housing proposals for inclusion in the District Plan. No new properties are proposed for Turners Hill, although Old Vicarage Field and Witherly Pitts Farm remain within the existing District Plan.
*Following a resident request, THPC contacted WSCC regarding communication to Paddockhurst Road residents about the road closure. A response was received and forwarded to the resident.
*Witherly Pitts Pond — Meeting with Janet Whitmen to discuss management of the pond and a possible grant application. The Clerk will continue to communicate with the High Weald National Landscape to progress a grant application, where possible, and gather further information on future management of the pond.

*Jonathan Pratt and Gary Marsh have installed the first SID outside Rayfoster's Mowing premises, and Jonathan has configured and successfully calibrated the devices to display appropriate warnings at various speeds. A second SID is to be installed on the Paddockhurst Road soon. Four SIDs are to be installed in total.

*Boiler Number 1 has been serviced at The Ark and passed inspection without requiring any replacement parts, which is positive news.

*The two cold water storage tanks at the Ark have been cleaned, disinfected, and certified by the appointed Legionella company.

*A three-year electricity contract had been confirmed with SSE for the streetlights managed by the Parish Council, following difficulties experienced by THPC in securing a contract due to changes in unmetered supply and half-hourly billing arrangements.

*A two-year electricity contract has been confirmed and finalised for the Ark. Utility Aid was used to source a supplier, as they were recommended by NALC.

*The internal audit for the year ended 2025–26 took place on 13th May, with no outstanding issues identified.

* Clockfield Estates' new management company has been contacted and is investigating concerns regarding broken bollards on the path between Clockfield and The Ark.

*The Village Fete might be taking place, awaiting confirmation and completed forms from the Fete Committee.

* A resident raised concerns regarding vehicles parking on the grass at the lower Green/Lion Lane. Councillors and the Clerk will continue to monitor the situation, although this has not been personally witnessed.

224 **Planning Applications** – to consider the following:

DM/26/1249 12 Mantlemas Cottages, Lion Lane
Trees in a Conservation Area
Holly, Sycamore and Willow - Re-pollard back to previous points, approx. 4-5 metres. Pine - Reduction of overhanging limb by 5 - 6 metres. Oak - Crown reduction of no more than 2 metres and no further the previous points.

The Parish Council commented that they wished to defer the planning application to the Tree Officer.

DM/26/1073 16 Kingfisher Lane
Fell Spruce tree to ground level.

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225 **Report on previous planning applications:**

DM/24/0750 Police House, North Street
Granted Permission on 20th May 2026.

226 The contents of the Internal Audit Report provided by Mulberry LAS were noted by the Cllrs.

227 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26
It was RESOLVED:

- a To approve the Annual Governance Statement. This was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- b To approve the Accounting Statement. This was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.
- c To set the dates for the Notice of Public Rights as Thursday 4th June to Wednesday 15th July.

228 It was RESOLVED to grant St Catherine’s Hospice the £200 requested.

229 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 May, be approved; and
- c The Accounts schedule be duly signed.

230 It was resolved to authorise Vision ICT to carry out a MOT (website audit) of THPC’s website at a cost of £145 plus VAT.

231 Correspondence

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm

SignedChairman

7th July 2026

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The next meeting of Turners Hill Parish Council will be held on 7th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Dove Suite