

**MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 7th July 2026 AT THE ARK**

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman), Cllr S Hughesdon, Cllr J Forbes, Cllrs P Coote, Cllr I Gibson, Cllr F Lutman, Cllr C Jarvis, and Cllr G Marsh, Mrs C Jim (Clerk)

232 Apologies
None

233 Declarations of interests in any agenda item listed
None.

234 Fifteen minutes for public participation
One member of the public in attendance.

235 Chairman's announcements
None.

236 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June, 2026
These were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

237 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk
* A letter of thanks was received from 4Sight Vision Support following the Parish Council's previous grant award. The letter, together with the charity's newsletter, was circulated to councillors. The grant provided support to three Turners Hill residents.
* The Clerk requested an update from Cllr G. Marsh regarding the planning application for Vicarage Field & Old Estate Yard, as no formal decision notice has yet been received despite the application being approved at the District Council's Planning Committee meeting. Cllr Marsh advised that the legal agreement relating to developer contributions is still being finalised.

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

DM/26/1483	Turners Hill Park, Whole Site Record, Nightingale Lane Tree Surgery, Various safety works as detailed in accompanying Arboricultural Survey and Risk Assessment Report
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Turners Hill Parish Council commented that they would like to defer to the tree officer and that replacement trees be planted.

DM/26/0330	Worth Abbey Paddockhurst Road Creation of a new welcome centre within the existing Narthex of the church and associated access changes within the external landscape, the creation of a library space within the existing refurbished ambulatory, the refurbishment of all WCs and installation of a new roof condenser unit (Additional information submitted on 5 June)
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Turners Hill Parish Council commented that they have no concern or objections to the proposed planning application.

Pre – Application Consultation: Public Path Diversion Order for the diversion of path number EAG-40EEG. (The application aims to improve privacy, reduce potential health and safety risks, and ensure the continued provision of a safe and accessible route for all users).

Turners Hill Parish Council had no objection.

239 Report on previous planning applications:

DM/26/1013 The Hollies Lion Lane
& DM/26/1095 Granted Permission on 12th June 2026.

DM/26/1249 12 Mantlemas Cottages, Lion Lane
Trees in a Conservation Area
No Objection 19th June 2026

240 West Sussex County Council – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (Ref: MDS8016-MM)

The Parish Councillors noted the information provided and discussed the proposed changes and RESOLVED to support the traffic regulation order.

241 Withypitts Pond

*The Council considered its position regarding Withypitts Pond following Paddockhurst Estate's decision not to include the pond within its proposed grant application or participate in the application process. Members discussed the Council's options for securing funding and the future management of the pond.

*Councillors requested that the Clerk contact the Council's grass-cutting contractor, as the 2026 contract was intended to include more formal maintenance of the area, with it being maintained at each scheduled grass-cutting visit.

*The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Aquamaintain, a local company with an amphibious vehicle capable of operating on the pond, to discuss the removal of the bullrushes, seek advice on the long-term management of the pond, and obtain information and costs that may support any future grant applications.

*Cllr G. Marsh suggested arranging a meeting with the prospective developer of Withypitts Farm to gauge whether they would be willing to help with the management of the pond.

*Members agreed that Withypitts Pond remains a valued local amenity and that opportunities to improve and maintain it should continue to be explored.

*The Clerk reported that she had previously met with an officer from the High Weald National Landscape Partnership, who had provided useful advice. However, Members agreed that, given the grant application deadline of 13 July 2026, there was insufficient time to prepare and submit a suitable application.

242 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.
- 243 To consider the grant application received from charity 4 Sight Vision Support –
Amount requested £220

The Parish Council RESOLVED to grant £220 to 4 Sight Vision Support.

- 244 Correspondence
*Cllr S Hughesdon agreed to inspect the allotments so that prizes could be awarded
for the best kept allotment and runner up.
*Thursday 6th August was set for Finance and ACE Committee meetings to take
place.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:21 pm

SignedChairman

1st September 2026

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**The next meeting of Turners Hill Parish Council will be held on 1st September 2026 at
7.30pm in the Dove Suite**