

MINUTES OF THE TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2026 AT THE ARK

PRESENT: Cllr B Forbes (Chairman), Cllr S Hughesdon, Cllr J Forbes, Cllr I Gibson, and Cllr G Marsh, Mrs C Jim (Clerk)

Mid Sussex District Cllr: Jenny Edwards

West Sussex County Cllr: Mel Win

245 Apologies

Cllrs: P Coote, F Lutman, C Jarvis

246 Declarations of interests in any agenda item listed

None.

247 Fifteen minutes for public participation

None.

248 Chairman's announcements

None.

249 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2026

The minutes were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

250 Matters currently being pursued - report by the Clerk

- Proposed Housing Developments: The Clerk provided an update on the two proposed new housing developments:
Land at Old Vicarage Field and The Old Estate Yard, Church Road (DM/25/1467): A decision is still awaited. Delays have been incurred due to matters relating to infrastructure contributions.
WithyPitts Farm: The developers are progressing with the necessary surveys and hope to submit a formal planning application shortly.
- Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA): The Clerk was made aware that a member of the public had an accident while playing sport at the MUGA and required medical attention. The incident has been reported to Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC), which is responsible for the facility. Concerns have also been raised with MSDC regarding deterioration of the playing surface, requesting that the matter be investigated.
- The Ark – Boilers: Boiler 1 is currently not operational, despite having recently been serviced and passing its inspection. The contractors are due to attend and investigate the issue. Boiler 2 has recently been replaced. The Parish Council was advised to budget accordingly and consider establishing an Ear Marked Reserve to provide for the eventual replacement of Boiler 1.

251 Planning Applications – to consider the following:

DM/24/2721

11 Mantlemas Cottages, Lion Lane
Retrospective internal and external alterations (Amended description and plans)

The Council would like to defer to the planning and conservation officers.

DM/24/2653 11 Mantlemas Cottages, Lion Lane
Retrospective external hard and soft landscaping to rear to
increase size of garden area, retaining wall and new steps
(Amended description and plans)

The Council would like to defer to the planning and conservation officers.

DM/26/1829 & Mantlemas, Lion Lane (Listed building consent)
DM/26/1830 Demolition of existing detached garage, and the construction of
a single-storey car port structure.
Pending consideration

The Council would like to defer to the planning and conservation officers.

252 Report on previous planning applications:

DM/26/1483 Turners Hill Park, Nightingale Lane
Whole site record - Various safety works as detailed in
accompanying arboricultural survey and risk assessment report.
Permitted 4th August 2026

253 The Ark Community Executive Committee

a. To confirm the minutes of the Ark Community Executive Committee meeting held on 6th August 2026.

The minutes of the Ark Community Executive Committee meeting held on 6th August 2026 were noted and approved by the Council.

254 To note the Financial Report and minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 6th August 2026 – Quarter 1, covering the period 1st April to 30th June 2026.

The Council noted the Financial Report and the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 6th August 2026.

255 To note the completion of the External Audit for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The Council noted the completion of the External Audit for the year ended 31st March 2026. No matters or notes were raised by the Auditor, and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has now been published.

256 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 having been paid since the meeting held on 7th July 2026 be approved.
- c. The accounts schedule, covering payments made up to and including 26th August 2026, be duly signed.

257 Mid Sussex District Planning Policy Consultations

Councillors were asked to consider submitting comments on the proposed Main Modifications to the Mid Sussex District Plan.

It was agreed to submit the following comment in relation to Main Modifications 62 and 63: The impact on the Turners Hill Crossroads could be exacerbated if the additional 120 units proposed for Turners Hill Road, and East Grinstead, are approved.

- 258 Grant Applications – To consider the grant application received from Wellness Group, Turners Hill Park, for £180.

It was RESOLVED to award Wellness Group a grant of £180.

- 259 Withypitts Pond – To consider appointing Aquamaintain Ltd to produce a management plan at a cost of £780.

It was RESOLVED to appoint Aquamaintain Ltd to produce a management plan for Withypitts Pond at a cost of £780. The Councillors will use the report and associated costings to review the future management of the pond.

- 260 Correspondence

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:57pm

SignedChairman
6th October 2026

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The next meeting of Turners Hill Parish Council will be held on 6th October 2026 at 7:30pm in the Dove Suite