

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Cllrs D Richards (Chairman), A Kirkland, H Morrison, A Green, H Sime (Parish Clerk)
Cllr C Clare (Bucks CC).

In Attendance: No members of the public were present.

		Action
1.	Apologies for absence: Cllr Tilley, Cllr Fealey.	
2.	Declarations of Interest: The Councillors declared an interest in item 8 of the Agenda as all their properties were affected by the proposed HS2 Rail Link. Members would take a practical view and represent the interests of the electorate.	
3.	Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Morrison.	
4.	County Councillor & District Councillor Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Clare reported on the following issues: • Highways England has announced their preferred route for the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford Expressway corridor. Further information to follow in due course. Bucks CC has objected to the chosen route. • There is to be a further consultation regarding the restructuring of the Early Years Help Children's Services. • The roads in the County are now much improved, although recent hot weather has caused problems to the centre part of many rural roads. Improvements to lighting need to be addressed. Cllr Clare asked to be kept informed of problems with water leaks, drainage etc. • There are no further updates concerning HS2, although he is in regular contact with Cheryl Snudden. It is hoped that traffic routes will be available late this year. 	
5.	Matters arising from Minutes:	
i)	Work to potholes in Oatleys Road has been completed. Although the road is still in a poor condition, no further work will be undertaken by TfB.	
ii)	Cllr Morrison displayed a plan showing the areas affected by Giant Hogweed and stated that the owners of the land have been identified. Virtually all of the affected land is owned by Manor Farm Partners, who are dealing with the situation. A small amount is on land owned by Turweston House. Clerk to respond to Bucks CC with an update and to notify the Environment Agency of the landowners concerned.	Clerk
ii)	The Silent Soldier has been placed on the Village Green and looks good. Thanks were given to Cllr Green for arranging the installation. Cllr Morrison suggested moving the figure to a more permanent position, closer to the War Memorial, at the end of the year. This would be something to discuss with the PCC later in the year.	
v)	Foresight Group, owners of the Solar Park, has cleared the footpath as requested. James Jenkison has suggested that he attend a meeting to discuss any issues. It was agreed to ask him to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2019. Clerk to contact him and arrange to notify him when a date is fixed for the next meeting.	Clerk
v)	Cllr Morrison has bought 6 bags from Freestones and filled them with old documents for shredding.	

6.	<p>Parish Roads/Paths/Verges: Following a request from a resident for convex mirrors to improve road safety on the corner of Buckingham Road/Oatleys Road, the Parish Council visited the site. It was agreed to ask the owner of The Cottage on the Green to cut back the Pyracantha and other shrubs. This has now been done and visibility is much better. Cllr Clare was asked for advice and he will take this on as a Highways project. Clerk to send details of the request to Cllr Clare, who will talk to TfB regarding the siting of mirrors if they are thought necessary. Clerk to also update Lucy Jobling.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>Report on Planning: Applications: 18/02530/APP - Land Adjacent To Dun Roamin Park, Whitfield Road, Biddlesden NN13 5TD. Change of use of land from agricultural to a mixed use for the creation of two gypsy pitches and associated works and the construction of stabling, tack room/feed store and fodder storage. Object. Cllr Richards draft response was discussed and agreed. Clerk to submit. Decisions: 18/03149/ATC- Greystones Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JU. Yew tree – fell. Approved.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>HS2 Rail Link update: i) A survey request has been received for the Playing Field. Survey to be carried out during the week 24–28 September 2018. ii) The meeting on 27 September, to discuss The Old Post Office and other listed buildings in Turweston, has been postponed by HS2. A decision has not been received from the DfT regarding HS2’s proposals for the Old Post Office. These proposals have not been seen by the Parish Council. Cllr Morrison to contact Cheryl Snudden to express disappointment at the postponement of this meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>Report on the Playing Field i) Cllr Green has inspected the Playing Field on a regular basis during September. All clean and tidy, with no litter. Cllr Kirkland to take over inspections for October. ii) The Fields in Trust Annual Inspection report had been circulated. Some of the trip hazards identified in the report have now been remedied and it was unanimously agreed to meet at the Playing Field in the spring to discuss any further requirements. iii) The wetpour to the roundabout area has now been replaced, with a 5-year guarantee. Some edging was also repaired, with a 1-year guarantee. iv) The Clerk reported that the Charity Commission Annual Return for 2017/18 has been submitted online.</p>	
10.	<p>Report on other Organisations: i) Nobody had been able to attend the Buckingham LAF meeting on 13 September, but minutes will be available in due course. ii) Cllr Richards was unable to attend the South Northants Parishes Together meeting on 10 September.</p>	
11.	<p>Standing Orders: The draft Model Standing Orders prepared by NALC had been updated by the Clerk to include Freedom of Information and General Data Protection Regulation policies, and circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to formally adopt the Standing Orders. Proposed Cllr Morrison, seconded Cllr Kirkland. Clerk to publish on the website.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>To report on Turweston Airfield: Nothing to report. Cllr Fealey was going to speak to Planning and to liaise with TPC regarding a consultative committee meeting in September/October, but nothing has been arranged so far.</p>	PF

13. i)	<p>To Report on the Accounts: Copies of the accounts to date and the bank reconciliation were circulated previously. Treasurer's A/C at 25 September 2018: £13928.22. Business A/C: £18759.96.</p>																																																																																																																																					
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14.	<p>Matters raised by Councillors: Cllr Morrison has received a request for a defibrillator to be sited in the village. This will be an Agenda item in November.</p> <p>Cllr Richards confirmed that the Stratton Arms will be providing refreshments after the litter pick on 13 October.</p>																																																																																																																																					

15.	Clerk's Correspondence: All as circulated previously by email.	
16.	Date of next meeting: 20 November 2018.	
	The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.	

Signed:Date: