

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 November 2024

Present: Cllrs H Howard, H Morrison, C Pemberton and S Watts

In Attendance 4 Members of public

1. Apologies for absence

To approve Cllr Green's absence

RESOLVED: Approved

2. Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal/prejudicial interests on agenda items.

RESOLVED: None

3. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2024 (previously circulated).

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2024.

4. Ward Councillor Report

- As of March, there will be new ward councillors as Cllr's Fealey and Cornell are moving to a different ward.
- In Buckingham Library on 19th, 26th November and 3rd December, there are meetings for help with Pension Credits.
- In the lead up to Christmas, Buckinghamshire County Council are partnering up with a charity called Inspire to create 'Christmas Angels' that provide presents for children at Christmas.
- If there are any unpaid carers in the community, it maybe worth looking in to the Helping Hands programme to assist with bills, food etc.
- The last Lime Tree on the Green is yet to be completed, it has been held back due to nesting season.
- The council asked the Ward Councillors about traffic calming and how to initiate an application. Cllr Cornell advised she would send over email to the clerk all information to get application moving.
- The dog poo bins are advised to be ordered through Ward Councillors. Clerk will action.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr Morrison to speak to John Wincott regarding the hedgerows around the play area, as he normally cuts the inside of the play area.

6. To report on Planning

6.1 Planning Applications report:

A. 24/03281/APP - TURWESTON; Rally School Turweston Aerodrome Whitfield Road Biddlesden Buckinghamshire Change of use from rally school to general commercial storage. **No comments.**

B. 24/02888/APP - TURWESTON Oatleys Woodway Oatleys Road Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JX Householder application for demolition of lean-to porch and front conservatory. Erection of single storey front extension and oak framed entrance canopy including changes to fenestration **No comments.**

C. 24/02897/APP - BIDDLESDEN Land Adjacent To Sunset Park Homes Whitfield Road Biddlesden Buckinghamshire Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed use Gypsy and Traveller residential and equestrian use, to include 4no. permanent pitches and each pitch to include a dayroom, mobile home and touring caravan. Replacement dayrooms and addition of 2no. mobile homes and 1no. caravan to pitches 1 and 2 and 1no. mobile home next to stables **No comments.**

D. The proposed Whitfield Solar Farm- **It has been noted that the exhibition that was held around 18 months ago, there has been no change in maps since.**

Cllr Morrison made representation on behalf of the council explaining that there is no HS2 or the diverted footpaths on the maps.

7. To receive a report on the HS2 Rail Link

- A422 crossing – Installing the piers and columns for the new overbridge and preparation for installation of the beams early 2025
- Cutting from A422 to River Ouse – works slow down and focus on winter readiness. Ditches and ponds ensuring the capacity for the winter months.
- Green Bridge work – Continue to lift beams in to place once a week until the end of the year. Then reinforcement of the deck and installing the utility sleeves.
- Viaduct over the Ouse:
 - Assembly of girders on the launching platform (Turweston embankment), by Eiffage Metal. Getting all the steel work ready to launch (expected beginning of February 2025)
 - Finishing of the substructure (all the abutments, the pier and the retaining walls) and the backfill of the landing platform (Helmdon Embankment). All the substructure will be completed up to Bearing level before Christmas.
- and schedule of work for A43 crossing – All work continues inside the construction island. Mid to late Feb we are planning to lift the beams over the A43, from the northbound side, on a full weekend closure. We are currently finalising consents and will update communities early 2025.

7.1 To report on HS2 road cleaning

It has been noted that the crossing is very muddy and slippery. To be cautious, especially with colder weather pending.

8. To report on the Playing Field

Cllr Morrison has been in touch with the representatives for Fields in Trust and they confirm that money that the council has received is for the council to spend on the play area. The council are awaiting the last 10% of funding from HS2 which is around £18,000.

8.1 Review findings from weekly inspections.

Nothing to report from Cllr Howard.

9. To report on the Parish Roads/Paths/Verges

9.1 To receive update regarding dog bins

To apply for dog bins via the ward councillors as previously mentioned in item 4.

RESOLVED: Clerk to action.

10. Accounts

10.1 To approve the following payment(s):

Payee	Amount	Payment method	Details
Cartwrights	125.40	FPO	Grass Cutting
Charmaine Jay	10.98	FPO	HPI Printer

RESOLVED: To approve payments.

10.2 To approve bank reconciliation to 6th November 2024

RESOLVED: To approve bank reconciliation to 6th November 2024

10.3 To consider draft budget for 2025-26

RESOLVED: To note the draft budget for 2025-26, to finalise and approve in January meeting.

11. To consider potential projects in the Village

There are two projects that the council would like to explore:

- Traffic calming
- Improve play area

Clerk to get some quotes for the play area to bring to January meeting.

To decide final figures in January meeting.

RESOLVED: Approved.

12. To consent to the clerk under taking new employment

Clerk is under taking new employment, the council have no objections.

RESOLVED: Approved

13. Matters raised by Councillors

The water leak has been reported on Fix my Street. It has been inspected and there is no room in the budget to be repaired.

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 14th January 2025

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