

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on Thursday 28th March 2019 at 7.30pm in The Pavilion

Present: Cllrs D Niblett, G Innes, P Jenkins, T Smith, K Nixon, Borough Councillor M Smith, 1 member of the public and the Clerk (Mrs S Bottoms).

i) **Apologies:** Cllrs M Felts, M Westwood, E Poll and R Corns.

ii) **Report by the Chairman of Turvey Parish Council Cllr D Niblett:**

It is my pleasure as Chair to report on the activities of Turvey Parish Council during the last year. In May, we welcomed Karen Nixon who was co-opted to fill the vacancy created by Mr Collins. Since then there have been no other changes in councillors during the year.

1. **Planning:**

As consultees, Turvey Parish Council consider all planning applications within the parish and respond as necessary to Bedford Borough Council.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group continues to make excellent progress towards its final goal of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Turvey which will have an influence on future planning development in the parish. I would like to thank all those volunteers who have given up so much of their time and effort to date in working on this project.

2. **The Recreation Ground:**

The play area fencing was replaced with RoSPA compliant metal fencing and gates. A quotation has been accepted from Kompan for replacement swings.

3. **Highways and Footpaths:**

The parish council continues to monitor highways and footpaths and works to achieve improvements to both within the parish, as well as general road safety. Following the introduction of the 40mph speed limit at Station End, we have continued to request that the police monitor speed and enforce the limit. The parish council has asked the Mayor to consider the funding of average speed cameras on the A428 through Turvey.

4. **Silent Soldiers:**

As part of the centenary since the ending of WW1, the parish council purchased two silhouettes, one of which was installed at the roundel and one at Station End.

5. **Grants:** The parish council welcome grant applications from any organisation which benefits a number of residents of the parish. There is now both a grant application form as well as a grant criteria form on the website. Please consider applying.

6. **Good Neighbours Group:**

The parish council had a presentation at its January meeting by Andrea MacAdam and as a result is now considering whether to fund a feasibility study to establish if there is a need for such a service in the village and whether there would be sufficient volunteers to run it.

7. Precept: This will be £33,900 for 2019-20 which remains unchanged from last year.
8. Change of Clerk: The parish council was sad to see the departure in August of Gill Wiggs who had served the parish council for the previous thirteen years. She has been replaced by Sue Bottoms.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow parish councillors for all their hard work on behalf of the residents of Turvey and their support of me as Chairman over the last year.

I would also like to encourage all Turvey residents to attend the bi-monthly meetings and use the opportunity to engage with local democracy. The parish council meeting always starts with a public question session which is the opportunity for residents to raise concerns. We publicise the dates of our meetings on the noticeboards and the website. The latter also contains copies of our agendas and minutes.

iii) Financial statement by the Clerk of Turvey Parish Council:

Turvey PC Financial Accounts 2018-19	
Income	<u>31/03/2019</u>
Groundworks NP Grant	£8,970.00
Precept	£33,900.00
Council Tax grant	
CIL	
Interest	£125.27
Ward Fund Turvey Tots cemetery income	£1,370.00
BBC grass cutting/weeding rebate	£401.68
Rec income	£4,799.86
<u>vat reclaimed</u>	<u>£5,989.00</u>
Total income	£55,555.81
Expenditure	
General Running Costs	£17,393.54
Sillouttes	£1,552.61
bin	£450.00
Turvey Pre-School Monies from Fireworks 2017	£2,600.00
donations/grants	£2,000.00
Recreation Ground	<u>£17,362.19</u>
	£41,358.34
VAT	<u>£1,693.66</u>
	£43,052.00
Bal cfwd	£96,470.45
Add: Income	£55,555.81
Less: Expenditure	£43,052.00
	£108,974.26
Cashbook balance	£108,974.26
Balance cfwd 31/3/19	£108,974.26
	<u>Reserves held at 31/3/19</u>
Salt Fund for The Green	£160.00
Play Area/Rec improvements	£12,426.50
Play Equipment Replacement Fund	£8,000.00
Pavilion contingency fund	£6,000.00
Cemetery improvements fund	£7,497.00
Capital Improvements Fund	£17,346.00
Tennis club fund	£6,271.90
Neighbourhood Plan Fund	£12,399.68
Pre School grant	£25,000.00
General contingency fund	£12,000.00
Undesignated	£1,873.18

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