

**Turvey Parish Council
Annual Report
Year ending 31st March 2017**

At the 2016 AGM, Phil Atkinson was re-elected as Parish Council Chairman and Edward Poll was re-elected as Chairman of the Planning Sub - Committee.

Planning

The Parish Council objected to a proposal for up to 49 dwellings and 1 commercial unit on the old Cargill's site at Station End. The application was refused although the developers have recently submitted an appeal.

A consultation exercise was carried out via questionnaire and meetings in the village hall to obtain residents' views regarding the 10 sites suggested by landowners for inclusion in the Borough Council's new Local Plan 2035. At the time of writing, the results had still to be assessed. Separately, however, the Parish Council objected to an application to build up to 80 properties on one of these sites (in Newton Lane)

The Recreation Ground

Internal refurbishment of the pavilion was completed in February making it suitable to be hired out for children's parties and other social events. Favourable comments were received regarding both the installation of four new pieces of equipment in the play area and the renovation of existing items. All play equipment at both "The Rec" and Priory Close was now being inspected regularly. Following last year's consultation regarding current usage of "The Rec", it was agreed to create a play area for older children and purchase appropriate equipment. Further maintenance work was undertaken including the addition of shingle in the car park, security lighting and paving by the entrance

Once again, a very profitable and well attended fireworks display was held.

Highways & Maintenance

Following lobbying by the Parish Council, the following improvements were made by the Borough Council:-

- The granite kerb stones in May Road were reset and a small area of pavement opposite the corner stores resurfaced
- Coloured cat's eyes now mark the road entrance to the A428 at Priory Close

Reading Room

A grant of £20,000 was approved for Turvey Pre-School as matched funding to support their attempt to purchase the Reading Room

Station End/Priory Close

Maintenance work was carried out in the play area including the purchase of a new rubbish bin whilst repairs were scheduled for the PC noticeboard

Liaison with other village organisations

The Parish Council continued to support a number of village organisations, principally:-

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Turvey News
- Village Hall Committee

Finally ...

Once again, this has been an extremely busy year. The acquisition of the lease for "The Rec" has proved to be a drain both in terms of money and time (albeit expected). I would like to express my sincere thanks to Gill Wiggs and my fellow councillors for all their hard work and continued efforts to ensure that Turvey remains an attractive place in which to live.

Turvey Parish Council Members

Hazel Morgan (Vice Chairman)
Edward Poll (Chairman, Planning Sub-Committee)
Jim Chapman
Pete Collins
Rebecca Corns
Paul Jenkins
David Niblett
Tony Smith

Gill Wiggs (Parish Clerk)

Phil Atkinson
(Chairman)