

Turvey Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2017-18

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of Turvey PC during the last year.

I was elected Chairman during the year following the resignation of Phil Atkinson. Two councillors have resigned during the year and one appointed (Gary Innes). There are currently two vacancies, but we have two applicants who have been invited to attend the next meeting with a view to appointment as Councillors.

1) Planning:

The Turvey Neighbourhood Plan Committee has been busily working to produce our Neighbourhood Plan, which will decide development in the village for the future. A well-attended consultation meeting has been held to discuss the criteria that will be used to judge the merits of the current 8 sites that have been put forward. We are expected to provide 25-50 new houses in total.

The application for housing on the Newton Lane site was refused and a subsequent appeal dropped. However, a new application has been submitted.

A retrospective application for change of use of the Station End site for storage of lorry trailers has been refused on several grounds, including safety and preservation of the rural environment.

2) The Recreation Ground

New play equipment has been installed, with plans for fencing and more equipment.

3) Grant support: The PC has allocated grants to support:

Turvey Historical Society

Purchase of the Playgroup Building

Wednesday playgroup in order to keep this running

4) Highways and footpaths

We have continued to work to achieve improvements to the highways and footpaths in the Parish, as well as road safety. A new 40 mph speed limit was successfully installed at Station End. We are trying to get the Police to monitor speeds and to enforce the limit.

5) Village defibrillators

A new defibrillator has been installed at Station End, on the wall of Barton and Royle Homes' Hall. It will soon be commissioned and training in resuscitation offered to local residents.

6) The Parish Council Precept has been increased at an inflation only figure.

I would like to encourage Turvey residents to use the opportunity to engage with local democracy by attending the bi-monthly PC meetings, which begin with an public question session (for dates see our website and the notice boards). It is important that we have a full complement of Councillors, so please consider applying when we have vacancies. I am very keen that the councillors should reflect as nearly as possible the village demographics in terms of age, gender and geography.

Dr David Niblett, Chair Turvey PC, 18 March 2018