

TURVEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Turvey Parish Council held on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs E Poll, J Ludlow, R Kirk, G Morris, J Lynch, A Bartoli, D Clarke and J Skippins, Borough Cllr Dylan Simmons, Borough Cllr Robert Rigby, 1 member of the public and Mrs S Bottoms (Clerk). In the absence of Cllr Niblett, Cllr Poll chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Niblett.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllrs Clarke and Poll re: 8iv.
3. **Public Questions (15 mins):** None.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2024:** It was agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.

5. **Finance:**

i) **Bank Balances at 24th March 2024:** £103,866.42.

ii) **Monies received since the January meeting:**

a. Ward Funding towards fencing	£ 3400.00
b. Interest	£ 260.60

iii) **Accounts to be settled:**

BACS 70	K Cockings – Grass	£ 725.00
BACS 71	Beds Pension Scheme (Feb)	£ 188.45
BACS 72	HMRC – PAYE (Feb)	£ 110.20
BACS 73	Clerk's Salary (Feb)	£ 441.16
BACS 74	K Cockings – Grass	£ 787.00
BACS 75	K Cockings – Fencing	£ 3500.00
BACS 76	HMRC – PAYE (March)	£ 110.20
BACS 77	Beds Pension Scheme (March)	£ 188.45
BACS 78	Clerk's Salary (March)	£ 441.16
BACS 79	CPRE – Membership	£ 36.00
BACS 80	Clerk's Expenses	£ 89.19

It was agreed to settle these accounts.

iv) **To agree the appointment of Pam Anthony as internal auditor:** **It was agreed.**

v) **To agree Asset Register:** **It was agreed.** One existing wooden bench was removed from the register and two new benches were added. One replacing the bench that had been removed from the Asset Register which was near the church. The Clerk will put the latest version on the website. **Action: the Clerk.**

vi) **To agree the Risk Assessment:** **It was agreed** with no changes except to note the date reviewed. The Clerk will put the latest version on the website. **Action: the Clerk.**

vii) **To agree the Financial Regulations:** **These were agreed** with no changes except to note the date reviewed. The Clerk will put the latest version on the website. **Action: the Clerk.**

6. **Report by Bedford Borough Councillors:** The report from the Borough Cllrs had been circulated to members of the Parish Council. The Clerk had also put a copy on the website. Borough Cllr Simmons spoke to the report. Following a question at a previous meeting about how much Bedford Borough Council spends on diversity and inclusion posts, Borough Cllr Rigby reported that it was one post with the person employed for 37 hours at an annual cost of £62,000 inclusive of all ongoing costs. Following discussion, the Borough Councillors agreed to ask the Mayor if he could attend the July Parish Council meeting.

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7. **Planning:**

- i) Report by Cllr Poll: Cllr Poll presented his report on the planning applications considered by the Parish Council Planning Committee.

24/00178/TCA The Granary 34 High Street, MK43 8DB. T1 - Spruce - Remove tree to ground level. The Planning Committee did not comment. It has been permitted by Bedford Borough Council.

24/00308/TCA 10 Abbey Square, MK43 8DJ. H1 Hazel, Hawthorn, Lilac, Yew and Cotoneaster - Remove (fell) section of hedge located within 10m of the building to near ground level. The Planning Committee did not comment. It has been permitted by Bedford Borough Council.

24/00341/FUL 6 Carlton Road, MK43 8EG. Alterations and replacement of existing garden doors to kitchen and hallway; addition of timber cladding to the existing two-storey extension; conversion of existing garage to studio with the addition of new windows; addition of timber cladding to the garage and garden wall. The Planning Committee did not comment. Awaiting decision by Bedford Borough Council.

24/00371/FUL Holmwood House High Street, MK43 8DE. Partial demolition of a Grade II listed house and annexe to facilitate rear extensions to the house and annexe and a glass link. Internal works to the house and annexe. Replacement of glazing with vacuum glass. Demolition and rebuild of a garage. Reshaping of swimming pool. The Planning Committee did not comment. Awaiting decision by Bedford Borough Council.

24/00372/LBC Holmwood House High Street, MK43 8DE. Partial demolition of a Grade II listed house and annexe to facilitate rear extensions to the house and annexe and a glass link. Internal works to the house and annexe. Replacement of glazing with vacuum glass. Demolition and rebuild of a garage. Reshaping of swimming pool. The Planning Committee did not comment. Awaiting decision by Bedford Borough Council.

24/00399/FUL The Old Mill House Mill Lane, MK43 8ES. Erection of detached annexe following the demolition of existing garage and associated landscaping works. (Revised scheme). The Planning Committee did not comment. Awaiting decision by Bedford Borough Council.

24/00482/TCA The Granary 34 High Street, MK43 8DB. T1 Conifer to be removed to ground level. The Planning Committee did not comment. It has been permitted by Bedford Borough Council.

24/00639/TPO The Laws High Street. Yew tree to raise lower canopy to clear road by 5.2m. Cherry tree to raise lower canopy to clear road by 5.2m. The Planning Committee did not comment. Awaiting decision by Bedford Borough Council.

Cllr Poll also reported that he and Cllrs Clarke and Niblett had attended the Bedford Borough Council Planning Committee meeting on March 25th to speak regarding application 23/00019/MAO: Land East of Carlton Road, Turvey. As a result, the decision on the application was deferred unanimously by the Committee with the view that the developers should go away and consider how they might get around the difficulties regarding Carlton Road. Cllrs Niblett, Poll and Clarke had voiced their dissatisfaction with the NDP and their serious concerns about Carlton Road and how misleading the Plan was. Cllr Poll asked the owner of the land to meet with the Parish Council as to date there has been no contact.

8. **Open Spaces including Turvey Rec, Play Areas and Cemetery:**

- i) Update on works to play area etc: Cllr Kirk reported that the work will be completed in the last week of April.

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- ii) Any update re: tennis court: Cllr Kirk reported that the work will be completed 1st week in May. The dates for the work under this item and item i) above will be confirmed by the contractor as it will be necessary to close the play area and the tennis courts whilst the work is undertaken. Notices to that effect will need to go on the Turvey website as well as the noticeboards. **Action: Cllr Kirk and the Clerk.**
 - iii) Rospa Annual Inspections – any action required: Borough Cllr Simmons to provide information on who the Borough Council use to carry out repair works to play areas. Hopefully by the time of the May parish council meeting, Cllr Kirk will be able to come forward with prices etc. **Action: Borough Cllr Simmons and Cllr Kirk.**
 - iv) To agree any update and any further actions re: improvements at the Pavilion: Cllr Clarke is still awaiting further quotations. The Parish Council **agreed** that it would fund up to £20,000 of repairs and improvements. **It was agreed** that the Clerk would produce a letter confirming this and forward it to Cllr Poll. Cllr Poll would then be able to start the grant application process with the FA. **Action: Cllr Poll and the Clerk.**
 - v) Update on PSPO regarding control of dogs on the rec: Cllr Clarke referred to a response from Paul Pace at Bedford Borough Council following an enquiry by Borough Cllr Simmons. The current PSPO is in place until 25th July 2025 and covers the Priory Close Play Area and the rec. Following advice from Borough Cllr Simmons, the Parish Council **agreed** to pass a motion noting the intention to ask for the expansion of the PSPO, then collect signatures for a petition alongside documentary evidence of dogs misbehaving/leaving their droppings, then once the signatures and evidence had been collected to pass another motion at a later date asking for the expansion. Given that the deadline is 2025 there will be time. It is thought that 30 signatures were needed but Borough Cllr Rigby will check. **Action: Borough Cllr Rigby.**
- 9. Highways, Parking and Maintenance:**
- i) Update re: request to change the average speed camera signage: **It was agreed** that the Clerk contact Andrew Prigmore and accept the quotation for two signs at a cost of £500 per sign. **Action: the Clerk.**
 - ii) Walls along Carlton Road: The latest on this was reported by Borough Cllr Simmons who had received information on the 26th February to say that a further update to be provided later. Borough Cllr Simmons will chase this. **Action: Borough Cllr Simmons.**
- 10. Footpaths and Bridleways:** Cllr Ludlow reported problems with the path as you go up Picts Hill near the railway bridge where the gap is narrow as you head towards Stagsden. He agreed to take photos and forward to Borough Cllrs Rigby and Simmons to raise. **Action: Cllr Ludlow and Borough Cllrs Rigby and Simmons.**
- 11. Village Hall:** Nothing to report.
- 12. To agree Code of Conduct and Standing Orders:** **These were agreed** with no changes except to note the date reviewed. The Clerk will put the latest versions on the website. **Action: the Clerk.**
- 13. Correspondence Received:**
- i) Two e-mails re: state of footpath from Priory Close to the village: Clerk had given a link to the Borough Council website.
 - ii) E-mail re: 25 Houses in Carlton Road: Responses have been sent.

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- iii) Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2024-29 Consultation: Noted. The Clerk will put on the website. **Action: the Clerk.**
 - iv) Any update on the Bus Service Consultation: There is to be a complete review of bus services. One thought is perhaps to use smaller buses in rural areas. But no further formal update was available.
 - v) PCC Election: No information has been sent to the Clerk as yet.
- 14. Date of the Next Meeting**: Thursday 30th May 2024. This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.