

TURVEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Turvey Parish Council held on Thursday 25th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Niblett, A Bartoli, J Ludlow, R Kirk, G Morris, D Clarke and Borough Cllrs Robert Rigby and Dylan Simmons, Mr Andrew Prigmore (Manager for Traffic Operations, Bedford Borough Council), 4 members of the public and Mrs S Bottoms (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs E Poll, J Skippins.

2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Clarke (item 9).

3. **Public Questions (15 mins):**

Could the Loop be made one way? It was noted that it has been on a number of occasions when events have been taking place at Turvey House. Discussion took place involving Mr Prigmore. It was noted that discussions had taken place in the past about this matter but no action was pursued as there were objections from residents, the pub and shops. If a one way system was installed it would require large illuminated signage which was not popular, it can also increase traffic speed. In general it had not been supported by the Parish Council. Following reference to a possible accident in this area, Mr Prigmore agreed to look at any history of accidents at this location. The matter could be discussed again once any data came back to the Parish Council.

4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2024:** It was agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.

5. **Finance:**

i) Bank Balances at 19th July 2024: £111,831.91

ii) Monies received since the March meeting:

VAT	£ 2,903.54
Grass Grant	£ 690.00
Interest	£ 268.29
Funeral	£ 35.00

iii) Accounts to be settled:

BACS 17	Habur Design - Pavilion	£ 684.00
BACS 18	K Cockings – Grass	£ 685.00
BACS 19	Beds Pension Scheme (June)	£ 188.45
BACS 20	RPM – Play area	£ 2,214.00
BACS 21	HMRC – PAYE (June)	£ 110.20
BACS 22	Clerk's Salary (June)	£ 441.16
BACS 23	K Cockings – Grass	£ 745.00
BACS 24	P Anthony – Payroll	£ 45.00
BACS 25	P Anthony – Audit	£ 140.00
BACS 26	Ginkgo – Lych Gate	£ 995.00
BACS 27	Beds Pension Scheme (June)	£ 188.45
BACS 28	HMRC – PAYE (June)	£ 110.20
BACS 29	Clerk's Salary – (July)	£ 441.16

(Payments above have already been settled)

BACS 30	Rospa Play Safety	£ 220.80
BACS 31	WAVE – Water Pavilion	£ 21.10
BACS 32	RPM – Play area	£ 5,532.00
BACS 33	Clerk's Expenses	£ 82.40
BACS 34	The Tree People – Priory Close	£ 300.00
BACS 35	Villager Minibus – Grant	£ 300.00

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(Monthly payments are made by direct debit to the following:

Rates £39). All above were approved.

iv) Grant application from The Villager Minibus: Following discussion, **it was agreed** to grant £300. See Bacs 35 above.

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 Cllrs Simmons and Rigby spoke to the report.

7. **Planning:**

Report by Cllr Poll: Cllr Poll, in his absence, had forwarded his report on the planning applications considered by the Parish Council Planning Committee.

- i) 24/01122/FUL 6 Carlton Road, MK43 8EG. Alterations and replacement of existing garden doors to kitchen and hallway; conversion of existing garage to studio with the addition of new windows. The Planning Committee had no objections or comments to make.
- ii) 24/01187/FUL Meadow House, Norfolk Road, MK43 8EG. Demolition of the existing detached dwelling and associated outbuildings, followed by the erection of a replacement self-build detached dwelling and associated works. The Planning Committee had no objections or comments to make.
- iii) 24/01221/FUL Recreation Ground, Grove Road. Reconfiguration of existing changing rooms to better use space adding an away changing room area and improving disabled accessibility. Additional external storage. The Planning Committee had no objections or comments to make.

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

- i) Update on works to tennis courts, play area etc: Cllr Kirk reported that the weather has delayed Ginkgo from completing the works but it will be done as soon as possible. RPM have carried out the repair works as agreed. At the same time the Play Safety report was received and there are no issues identified which were not already being identified for repair.
- ii) Update on PSPO regarding control of dogs on the rec: No further update. The Clerk to remove from future agendas until there is more information. **Action: the Clerk.**
- iii) Golf being played on the rec: Balls have been hitting adjacent properties. There are some no golf signs which could go up. Then might then be possible to take action.

9. **Update on improvements to the Pavilion:** Cllr Clarke reported that the drawings have been forwarded to the Beds FA, Sport England, the Football Foundation and the LTA. None could see no reason not to approve them. Sport England have said that the changing rooms for the referee and the away changing rooms need to be almost double the size allowed in the drawings as well as opaque windows. The requirements are those for football clubs in much higher leagues than ours. The response has been made back that this is an unreasonable stipulation to be placed. A quote for £90,000 has been received to complete the works. Discussion took place around the Rural Prosperity Fund. The Clerk to forward details to Cllr Clarke.

10. **Highways, Parking and Maintenance:**

- i) Update re: request to change the average speed camera signage: Mr Prigmore is in the process of getting a price and a sign made up for consideration by the Parish Council.
- ii) Walls along Carlton Road: Borough Cllr Simmons asked and **it was agreed** that the Parish Council should come up with a series of questions it would like addressing to

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be sent to Borough Cllr Simmons. He would then seek answers from the Borough Council. It was noted that the Parish Council had made a strong case to the Planning Committee of the Borough Council regarding transport and access to the proposed site on Carlton Road. None of the Borough Cllrs on that Committee would propose the transport and access proposal. The Parish Council has since heard it has been approved. Borough Cllr Simmons to raise the matter with the Director of Planning.

Action: Borough Cllr Simmons.

11. Footpaths and Bridleways: Nothing to report.

12. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence Received:

- i) Water buffalo at Pictshill: Mr Prigmore from Bedford Borough Council had attended the meeting and this matter was therefore moved up the agenda. He reported that the complaint is being investigated by the Borough Council using due diligence. Clarification of the species will be required. Mr Prigmore will provide an update at a later stage. The Parish Council had received no other reports of incidents. Mr Prigmore was thanked for attending and left the meeting.
- ii) Weed Growth rear of 21-23 Norfolk Road: Mr Cockings has completed the works.
- iii) Request for a Memorial seat: The Clerk had sent to the resident details of the Glasdon seat.
- iv) Verge in Priory Close: Once the Borough Council have cut back the hedge, Mr Cockings will complete the cutting of the verge.
- v) Play Area in Priory Close: Following the completion of the tree works, Mr Cockings will be able to undertake the remainder of the works.
- vi) Events at Turvey House: There has been correspondence between Cllr Niblett and Turvey House. The Parish Council wants there to be events and for both Turvey House and the village to prosper from them. The concern is that the Parish Council is not notified or consulted about events at Turvey House and informing the residents is often down to the organiser. It seems that the Borough Council automatically approves parking and traffic restrictions without any liaison with the Parish Council. Borough Cllr Rigby to take up the matter with the Borough Council.

Action: Borough Cllr Rigby.

vii) Priority Setting Meeting: Cllr Ludlow to attend.

viii) Policies Map for Local Plan 2040: This had been forwarded to Cllr Poll.

ix) Footpath from Village to Priory Farm: The Clerk had sent a link to the resident to report on the Borough Council website.

14. Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.