

TURVEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Turvey Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Niblett, E Poll, J Skippins, J Ludlow, G Morris, D Clarke and Borough Cllr Robert Rigby, 1 member of the public and Mrs S Bottoms (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs R Kirk, J Lynch, A Bartoli and Borough Cllr Dylan Simmons
2. **To note the change of meeting date from the 28th September 2024:** This meeting was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllrs Poll and Clarke re: item 10.
4. **Public Questions (15 mins):**
Traffic congestion across Bedford Borough: It is understood that this is partly due to the temporary closure of the A421 but there is a wider issue. It is thought it is also due to traffic light timing/sequencing amongst other issues. **It was agreed** that the Borough Councillors be asked to investigate the matter and get a report back from the Mayor as to what is happening. **Action: Borough Councillors.**
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2024:** **It was agreed** that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.
6. **Finance:**
 - i) **Bank Balances at 20th September 2024:** £119,819.92
 - ii) **Monies received since the July meeting:**

a. Precept	£17,400.00
b. Interest	£ 268.16
c. Funeral	£ 335.00
 - iii) **Accounts to be settled:**

BACS 36	K Cockings – Grass	£ 675.00
BACS 37	Beds Pension Scheme (Aug)	£ 188.45
BACS 38	HMRC – PAYE (Aug)	£ 110.20
BACS 39	Clerk’s Salary (Aug)	£ 441.16
BACS 40	Community Heartbeat – Defib	£ 426.60
BACS 41	K Cockings – Grass	£ 680.00
BACS 42	Beds Pension Scheme (Sept)	£ 188.45
BACS 43	Clerk’s Salary – (Sept)	£ 441.16
BACS 44	HMRC – PAYE (Sept)	£ 110.20
BACS 45	S Bottoms – Expenses	£ 47.45

(Payments above have already been settled)
 (Monthly payments are made by direct debit to the following:
 Rates £39)
 - iv) **To receive the report on the audited accounts for 2023-4 from Mazars and to note that no issues were raised.** This was duly noted.
7. **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 Rigby spoke to the report.
8. **Planning:**
Report by Cllr Poll: Cllr Poll had forwarded his report on the planning applications considered by the Parish Council Planning Committee.
24/01568/TCA Gable End High Street, MK43 8DB. T1 - Mulberry – Fell. The Planning Committee had made no comment.
24/01670/FUL and 24/01674/TCA Holmwood House High Street, MK43 8DE.

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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 heritage double glazing. Demolition and rebuild of a garage.

Reshaping of swimming pool. The Planning Committee had made no comment.

24/01674/TCA Yew Tree Cottage High Street, MK43 8DE. T1 - Yew - Prune clear of the house by 1m. Remove basal epicormic growth. Crown lift over the footpath to 2.4m.

The Planning Committee had made no comment. This had been permitted by Bedford Borough Council.

24/01746/LBC 9 Abbey Square, MK43 8DJ. Replace 4 windows and 1 door. The Planning Committee had made no comment.

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

- i) Updates on works to tennis courts and play area: Following discussion **it was agreed** that the Clerk write to the contractor saying it is disappointed that the work has not been carried out to date. It accepts that the weather for the rest of 2024 is now going to be a problem but wants confirmation that he will be able to complete the work and for a firm commitment to a date in Spring 2025 when this work will be finished. If he feels unable to commit to a date, the Parish Council would prefer to know so an alternative contractor could be identified. **Action: the Clerk.**

10. Update on improvements to the Pavilion: Cllr Clarke confirmed that planning permission has been approved. We now are entering the tendering process. Attempts will be made to ensure as many potential local companies are given the opportunity to tender. **It was agreed** to put in Turvey News and Facebook. **Action: Cllrs Poll and Clarke.**

11. Highways, Parking and Maintenance:

- i) Any update: re: request to change the average speed camera signage: no update from the attendance by Andrew Prigmore at the September Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will raise with the Borough Councillors. **Action: the Clerk.**
- ii) Speed camera data: Some basic data had been provided but the Clerk agreed to ask the Borough Councillors if they had more detailed data e.g. number and speed of vehicles. She would also ask for the Borough Councillors to establish why it seems the cameras were not working Jan-April 2024. **Action: the Clerk.**
- iii) Any update re: walls along Carlton Road: No update.

12. Footpaths and Bridleways: Nothing to report.

13. Village Hall: Nothing to report as the last meeting was cancelled.

14. Correspondence Received:

Bedfordshire Rural Affordable Housing Needs Survey: This was noted but no action.

Picts Hill: an e-mail had been received from a Borough Council officer asking if the Parish Council were aware of any further complaints. **It was agreed** that the Clerk should respond that the Parish Council are aware of walkers simply avoiding walking in the vicinity. **Action: the Clerk.**

Junction Elmwood and Bamford Lane: The Parish Council would be supportive of the works being undertaken provided it is funded by the Borough Council. **Action: the Clerk.**

Illegal parking at bottom of Carlton Road and state of wall/Lancelot's Piece: One option discussed was to put a note on the cars which are causing the problem or through the doors of the owners. **It was agreed** that the Cllr Rigby would raise the matter with the Highways Department of the Borough Council highlighting the fact that the problem of

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parking has got much worse and what are the possible solutions. Cllr Niblett would send photographs to Borough Cllr Rigby highlighting the problem. Keith Cockings has been asked to deal with the overgrowth around Lancelot's Piece etc. **Action: Cllr Niblett and Borough Cllr Rigby.**

Grass Verge in Priory Close: The Borough Council have suggested that this should be cut by our contractor but it has never been on his schedule. Someone has in the past has been cutting it. The grass is now too long for our contractor to cut so the suggestion would be for the Borough Council grass cutting contractors to do a one-off cut after which our contractor would carry out the regular cutting. Borough Cllr Rigby was asked to see if this could be actioned. **Action: Borough Cllr Rigby.**

14. **Date of the Next Meeting:** Thursday 28th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.