

TURVEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Turvey Parish Council held on Thursday 26th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Niblett, E Poll, A Bartoli, J Skippins, D Clarke, R Kirk, G Morris, J Ludlow, Mrs S Bottoms (Clerk) and 13 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Lynch, Borough Cllrs Dylan Simmons and Robert Rigby.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Kirk (7ii) and Cllr Bartoli (10).

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

26/00269/FUL Land to the rear of 9-15 Priory Close: The parish council do not write in support of planning applications. Therefore it had submitted no response.

Blocked Gullies in the High Street: All residents must report any highways issues (see under 9 below). Cllr Ludlow will report, but action is more likely when more residents report something as an issue. **Action: Cllr Ludlow.**

PSPO Dog Control Signs: These are now in place on the recreation field. It is the responsibility of the Dog Warden for the Borough Council to enforce. But any residents seeing any breach of these controls should report to the Borough Council.

Review of the existing NDP: This was discussed and a decision reached under 7ii.

4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2026:** It was **agreed** that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.

5. **Finance:**

i) Bank Balances at 22nd March 2026: £116,077.90

ii) Monies received since the January meeting:

Interest	£ 180.86
Cemetery	£ 335.00

iii) Accounts to be settled:

BACS 63	K Cockings – Grass	£ 670.00
BACS 64	SLCC – Subs	£ 31.60
BACS 65	Quercus – Exam Beech Tree	£ 216.00
BACS 66	Turvey Bloomers – Grant	£ 127.00
BACS 67	J Ludlow – Leaflets	£ 55.25
BACS 68	Clerk's Salary (Feb)	£ 375.15
BACS 69	HMRC – PAYE (Feb)	£ 280.76
BACS 70	K Cockings – Grass/Misc	£ 925.00
BACS 71	Premier – Village Hall	£ 1,100.00
BACS 72	HMRC – PAYE (Mar)	£ 280.76
BACS 73	Clerk's Salary (Mar)	£ 375.15
BACS 74	Mazars – External Audit	£ 300.00
BACS 75	S Bottoms – Expenses	£ 22.00
BACS 76	Quercus – Work to Cotoneaster	£ 216.00
BACS 77	Villager Bus – Grant	£ 300.00
BACS 78	BBC – Dog Signs	£ 153.78

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

Rates £91)

- iv) To consider a grant for the Villager Bus: It was **agreed** to grant £300. **Action: the Clerk.**

- v) To consider a grant towards the cost of leaflets re:25/02555/MAO: This will be discussed at the May meeting once a grant application form is submitted.

Action: the Clerk.

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- vi) To review the Asset Register and the Risk Assessment: It was **agreed** to add Lancelots Piece to the asset register at a nominal value of £1. Otherwise no other changes to 2025. No changes to the risk assessment. The Clerk will adjust the dates and put on the website. **Action: the Clerk.**
- 6. **Report by Bedford Borough Councillors:** A report had been received and circulated to all parish councillors. The Clerk had put a copy on the website.
- 7. **Planning:**
 - i) Planning Report:
 - 26/00178/FUL Todsbrook, Jacks Lane, MK43 8DH. Proposed demolition of outbuildings, refurbishment of existing cottage and extension and erection of one and two storey side/rear extension. The Parish Council had no objection or comments to make.
 - 26/00269/FUL Land to the rear of 9-15 Priory Close. Change of use of land and diversion of existing public right of way to provide amenity space in the form of landscaping, wildflower planting and woodland planting. The Parish Council had no objection or comments to make.
 - 26/00390/FUL The Woolery, High Street, MK43 8DB. Single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no objection or comments to make.
 - 26/00390/LBC The Woolery, High Street, MK43 8DB. Single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no objection or comments to make.
 - ii) To consider and agree action re: review of the NDP: Following the discussion under 3 above, it was **agreed** that Cllrs Kirk, Niblett and Ludlow will form a working group to investigate reviewing the NDP and will get the process underway. **Action: Cllrs Kirk, Niblett and Ludlow.**
- 8. **Open Spaces including Turvey Rec, Play Areas and Cemetery:**
 - i) To receive any updates on works to tennis courts and play area: Thanks were expressed to Cllr Morris for her work seeking quotes for refurbishment to the tennis courts. The various quotes were discussed with the lowest being approximately £66,000 for complete renewal. A company called Labosport UK have suggested that a light touch refurbishment is a possibility and would charge £950 to attend and undertake an assessment. Following discussion, it was **agreed** to attempt, in the first instance, to get a rough estimate from Labosport UK as to what the likely cost would be for a light touch refurbishment before considering paying for a visit. **Action: Cllr Morris.**
With regards the new play equipment, it was **agreed** to have the rubber mulch safety surface. The Clerk will place the order for the Avon Multiplay (£8,825) and the rubber mulch safety surface (£3,770) all ex. VAT. **Action: the Clerk.**
 - ii) To receive any update re: landscaping works to Lancelot's Piece:
 - a. State of the wall: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Keith Cockings for £500. He is likely to aim to undertake it in approximately 4-6 weeks.
 - b. To agree action re: Beech Tree: Following the second opinion from Quercus, it was **agreed** to undertake no further work to the tree but to get it re-assessed annually.
 - c. To receive an update re: Cotoneaster: Work has been completed on this (BACS 76).
- 9. **Highways, Parking and Maintenance:** Residents are encouraged to report any highways matters including potholes and blocked gullies/drains and footway issues

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direct to Bedford Borough Council on its report it section on its website. The link is on the parish council website.

- i) Any update: re: request to change the average speed camera signage: Borough Cllr Rigby is chasing this. The Clerk will contact Borough Cllr Rigby and also Andrew Prigmore. **Action: the Clerk.**
- ii) Speed camera data: On average 17 drivers over the last year had been caught driving in excess of the speed limit. The correspondence suggested that the Borough Council wished to engage with the parish council as to the effectiveness of the cameras. It was **agreed** that the Clerk respond to say that the parish council believes the cameras to be very effective. The parish council wishes to engage with the Borough Council but would like to know what form that engagement will take. **Action: the Clerk.**
- iii) Representative needed for Highways: Cllr Ludlow.

10. Footpaths and Bridleways: Cllr Bartolli reported that ahead of clearing FP7, a leaflet had been dropped to the affected properties and following an objection, the clearing has been placed on hold. On the 13th March a meeting was held with the Rights of Way Officer, another officer, Borough Cllr Rigby and affected residents and the parish council. The Rights of Way Officer is away on holiday and so we await the outcome. Cllr Ludlow reported that he has produced temporary signage to go up to ensure walkers could continue to navigate the path.

11. Village Hall:

Cllr Skippins said that the registration of the Village Hall is now underway with Premier Solicitors and no further action is currently needed. Cllr Skippins will report back when further action is needed.

The finances of the Village Hall are in a good state. Bookings are good. Keith Cocking has undertaken some painting and refurbishment works.

12. Correspondence Received:

- i) 2 emails re: review of the NDP: Discussed under 3 and 7ii above.
- ii) Railings on A428 near Priory Close: This was a Borough Council issue and the Clerk to check for an update with Borough Cllr Rigby. **Action: the Clerk.**
- iii) Bridleway work: Noted.
- iv) 2 emails re: state of the tennis court: The Clerk sent an update.
- v) 2 emails re: 25/0255/MAO Land East of Newton Lane: Clerk directed the writers to send objections to the Planning Department.
- vi) Pre-School and fencing: Clerk suggested that contact is made initially with the Church and the Planning Department.
- vii) Emails re: FP7: Dealt with at the recent meeting referred to under 10 above.

13. Date of the Next Meeting: The Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.