

TURVEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Turvey Parish Council held on Thursday 28th May 2026 immediately following the Annual Assembly at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Niblett, E Poll, J Skippins, D Clarke, R Kirk, G Morris, J Lynch, Borough Cllrs Dylan Simmons and Robert Rigby Mrs S Bottoms (Clerk) and 16 members of the public.

1. Appointment of Chairman and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr Poll was nominated by Cllr Kirk, seconded by Cllr Niblett and there being no further nominations was duly elected as Chairman for 2026-27. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair: Cllr Kirk was nominated by Cllr Poll, seconded by Cllr Morris and there being no further nominations, was duly elected as Vice-Chair for 2026-27.

3. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs A Bartoli, J Ludlow.

4. Appointment of Representatives:

Planning Committee:

Cllrs J Ludlow, (Chairman), D Niblett, R Kirk, (E Poll and A Bartoli) . Any other parish councillors who wish to be involved can be so.

Open Spaces – including The Rec & the Cemetery

Cllrs R Kirk, D Clarke and G Morris.

Highways, Parking & Maintenance: Cllrs J Ludlow, Lynch and Bartoli.

Community Safety: Cllr J Ludlow.

Finance: Sue Bottoms Clerk/RFO and Cllr E Poll.

Village Hall Rep: Cllr J Skippins.

Footpaths & Bridleways: Cllrs J Lynch and A Bartoli who are responsible for Borough Council Liaison on footpath & bridleway matters.

5. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None.

6. Public Questions (15 mins):

State of the tennis courts and broken net: refer to response by the Parish Council under 12i)a below.

25/02555/MAO AMENDED Land East of Newton Lane. Outline application with all matters reserved except access, for the erection of up to 90 dwellings, amenity space, areas for outdoor play, landscaping and all associated infrastructure. (originally 100). The Parish Council continue to object on the same grounds as for the original application for 100. All residents were advised to refresh their objections. Borough Cllr Simmons to arrange a meeting with highways officers and some of the Parish Council. **Action: Borough Cllr Simmons.**

Updating/Refresh of the NDP: This was discussed under 11ii) below.

7. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2026: It was agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.

8. Finance:

i) Bank Balances at 21st May 2026: £135,483.16

ii) Monies received since the March meeting:

Precept	£18,831.00
CIL	£ 4,145.00
Interest	£ 87.33
Burials	£ 200.00

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iii) Accounts to be settled:

BACS 1	K Cockings – Grass	£	705.00
BACS 2	Bedford BC – Rent	£	5.00
BACS 3	Bedford BC – Bin	£	742.02
BACS 4	Clerk's Salary (April)	£	375.15
BACS 5	HMRC – PAYE (April)	£	280.76
BACS 6	WAVE – Water Cemetery	£	76.60
BACS 7	WAVE – Water Pavilion	£	34.42
BACS 8	K Cockings – Grass	£	805.00
BACS 9	Jan Skippins – OS map/registry	£	45.90

(Payments above have already been settled)

BACS 10	Clear Insurance – Annual	£	2,427.86
BACS 11	J Caves – Internal Audit	£	140.00
BACS 12	S Bottoms – Expenses	£	76.40
BACS 13	D Hargrave – Leaflets	£	130.00

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

Rates £91)

- iv) To consider a grant towards cost of leaflets re:25/02555/MAO: Following discussion, it was **agreed** by a majority to make the grant (see BACS 13 above).
- v) To receive the report from the internal auditor: This was noted with no issues raised.
- vi) To agree and sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26: This was **agreed** and signed.
- vii) To agree and sign the Accounting Statements for 2025/26: These were **agreed** and signed.

9. To approve the Direct Debits and Standing Order 2026/27

- i) Direct Debits: All Variable:
EON – electricity - Pavilion
Bedford Borough Council – Pavilion council rates
These were approved.

10. Report by Bedford Borough Councillors: A report had been received and circulated to all parish councillors. Borough Cllrs Rigby and Simmons spoke to their report. The Clerk had put a copy on the website.

11. Planning:

- i) Planning Report: Cllr Ludlow was absent but sent his report in advance to the parish councillors.

26/00636/FUL New Gains Farm, Bedford Road, MK43 8BA. Erection of single storey extension to rear of existing structure with new high level crowned roof to replace part of the existing pitched roof to be removed. The Parish Council has not made any objections or comment.

26/00697/TPO 2 and 4 Bakers Close, MK43 8GJ. T1: oak tree - Remove deadwood and target reduced extended limbs towards the lamp and road by 1-2 metres to suitable growth points. T3: oak tree - Crown reduction by 2 metres to suitable growth points to balance crown and provide clearance from property. The Parish Council has not made any objections or comment.

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space, areas for outdoor play, landscaping and all associated infrastructure. (originally 100). The Parish Council continue to object on the same grounds as for the original application for 100.

Cllr Ludlow was thanked for his report.

- ii) To consider and agree action re: review of the NDP: Cllr Kirk reported that a consultant has been appointed who comes with excellent references. There had been a meeting with her on the 26th April when she had a tour of the village. She is now completing the timetable for the review and is due to communicate this with the Working Party next week. All efforts are directed to fast tracking this to ensure it is in place when the current NDP reaches the end of its five year life in September. **Action: Cllrs Kirk, Niblett and Ludlow.**

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

- i) To receive any updates on works to tennis courts and play area:
 - a. To consider and agree action re: quote for tennis court: Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the quotation from SportsCourts UK Ltd to weathersafe the court and supply and install two nets and remove the old. Total cost excluding VAT of £4,660. Following discussion under item 6, it was agreed to ask the company if they could temporarily install the nets in advance of the works being undertaken if there will be a significant time lag in the work starting. Cllr Morris was thanked for all her work on this project. **Action: Cllr Morris.** With regards the multi play unit, the Clerk has contacted RPM who are still waiting for it to be delivered.
- ii) To receive any update re: wall/Lancelot's Piece: Keith Cockings is awaiting delivery of stone.

13. Highways, Parking and Maintenance: Residents are encouraged to report any highways matters including potholes and blocked gullies/drains and footway issues 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. **Action: Borough Cllr Rigby.**
- ii) Speed camera data: No data is currently available. **Action: Borough Cllr Rigby.**

14. Footpaths and Bridleways: Cllr Bartoli had forwarded his report to the Parish Council,

FP7: Further to recent on-site meeting with residents and the Borough Council and subsequent correspondence, the Parish Council replied to April Quinn's email requesting Full Disclosure, regarding the movement history of the FP7 line on the OS Map, before the Parish Council can comment.

FP7 x 2 Temporary footpath closure signs are in place (ref: FP7 section at rear of Norfolk Road properties from Spinney Corner to Meadow House) positioned at main entrance to Meadow Farm and lamp post opposite Spinney Corner. This does not appear to be having the desired effect as the residents have reported a number of Duke of Edinburgh Award student groups still walking across this specific section of FP7 in the last 4 weeks-

Vicinity Pictshill Gorse. Erased /not visible footpath /broken/removed sign posts - Action Highways

Elderswell Development : Reply from April Quinn at the Borough Council: 'whilst writing, also as discussed, we will not be replacing any PROW Waymarker signage,

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along public rights of way that intersect with the Elderswell development in Turvey at this time’.

Newton Lane Footpath Sign: Broken/replacement (old sign post propped up on hedge awaiting to be replaced /fixed). Action Highways.

Also Large tree in same location Newton Lane (as soon as you walk through the kissing gate) has debris within the hollow of the tree that needs to be collected. Action Highways.

Existing Dog Bin eroded and currently sitting on Footpath A2 – agreed with Paul Dynes of the Borough Council (who inspected) that it needs to be replaced as not fit for purpose with new multi purpose black bin and re positioned to bottom of Norfolk Road – time line 4/6 months . Action Highways. Cllr Bartoli was thanked for his report.

15. Village Hall: Cllr Skippins presented her report.

Maintenance: Redecoration of all toilets has now been completed. Outside window and door has been repaired and the front Porch next on the list for painting.

Usage: The hall continues to be well used. A new customer “Sealed Knot” has started using the hall.

Finance: 25/26 was the most profitable year for the Village Hall for some time with a profit of £4.3k. TATS revenue was up 38% and £1000 new revenue was added from the Tai Chi class. Village Hall finances remain healthy with a balance of £40.8k on 28/4/26.

A savings account has now been opened with Cambridge & Counties Bank paying 4% interest.

Governance: All items on the governance checklist have now been completed. The governance document is to be updated after the AGM. Tony Smith has resigned from the committee – Tony was thanked by the committee for all his hard work over many years. Rosemary will be stepping down as Chair and Tanya will step down as Secretary at the AGM. Replacements are being sought.

Village Hall Registration with HMRC Land Registry/Documents: The registration process is well underway. Premier solicitors are almost at the point where they can make the submission to HMRC. We need to find proof of the right of way across the pre-school front yard as the final outstanding point before the submission can be made. Pre-schools deeds are stored with their solicitor, and they are requesting a copy for us which will hopefully show the rights of way.

Next Meeting: The next Village Hall Committee meeting will be the AGM to be held on Tuesday 30th Jun 2026 at 7.00 pm. Cllr Skippins was thanked for her report.

16. To review and adopt:

- i) The Code of Conduct
- ii) The Standing Orders
- iii) The Financial Regulations

All were **agreed** with the only changes being the date of review. The Clerk will update on the website. **Action: the Clerk.**

17. Correspondence Received:

- i) Rural Skips: 20th June 8-9am Football Club and 9.15-10.15am Station End. It was noted that the reference is the Football Club but is in fact the car park off Grove Road.

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- ii) Email re: NDP and amended/addition plans re: Land East of Newton Lane. This was discussed under 6 and also 11ii) above.
- iii) Email from James Beverley: Noted.
- iv) 2 emails re: tennis courts: The tennis courts were discussed under 6 and 12i)a above.
- v) Anglian Water Site and poor state: Borough Cllr Rigby has asked Paul Pace at Bedford Borough Council to action.
Defibrillators: Cllr Poll reported that the defibrillator at the school has been decommissioned/removed. Discussion had previously taken place regarding purchasing a defibrillator for installation at the Pavilion. Cllr Niblett to investigate.
Action: Cllr Niblett.

18. Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 30th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall.