

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Annual Meeting  
held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007  
at the Village School, Turville

Present:           Mrs. V. E. Pickett – Chairman           Miss. M. Drage  
                  Mr. D. Fois                                   Mr. R. Higgin  
                  Mr. S. Blake

In attendance: Mr. M. J. Wicks – Clerk.

Also attended by Mary Laurie, Pam Harper, Veronica Ramsay, Angela Fois, Eric Thurman, Matt Rawson, Peter Laurie, Ray Jones.

1.       Parish Election, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007

The following five Councillors were elected:  
Valmai Pickett, Margaret Drage, Danny Fois, Richard Higgin, Steve Blake.  
Mary Laurie narrowly lost by one vote.

The Chairman congratulated and welcomed Steve Blake as the new Councillor and passed a vote of thanks to Colin Malcolmson for his outstanding contribution over the past eight years.

2.       Question and Answer session

- A.       Pot Holes  
          Still many complaints from Residents despite reporting on a regular basis to Highways on Call. Clerk will be attending a meeting with BCC in June and will then liaise with Steve Blake on a follow-up programme.
- B.       Speed Limits  
          BCC have recommended a 30 mph speed limit in Turville Village but this is subject to consultation at local level later in the year. Any new County speed limits will not take place before spring 2008 and then it is subject to budget availability.

3.       Apologies

G. Steventon

4.       Minutes of the Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 at the Village Hall, Northend, having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. Copies had been placed on the five Parish Notice Boards and available on the WDC website.

5.       Chairman's Report

Valmai Pickett's comprehensive report on the year's activities is attached to these minutes.

6.       Election of Chairman

Valmai Pickett was unanimously elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Councillors thanked Valmai for continuing in this role.

7.       Matters Arising

- (a)       Local Burglaries  
          Following discussions at the previous meeting Steve Blake agreed to liaise with James McConville on Neighbourhood Watch/Policing/and public awareness matters.

- (b) Village Car Parking  
Following a response from John Ingram, School Trustee, Steve Blake will contact the Landlady at the Bull and Butcher regarding parking for the School Teachers.
- (c) Empty Houses within the Parish  
WDC (Mr. H. Quarrel) has been in contact with Home Farm and Turville Grange regarding the empty houses on these properties. Following a debate at the meeting the Clerk will make further contact with Mr. Quarrel to add Turville Grange Cottage as yet another empty property and to mention the Empty Dwelling Management Orders Guidance documents.
- (d) Turville Court Estate – Access Road  
The Clerk has forwarded a letter to the Solicitors correcting some details in the Agreement and requesting a further draft for consideration.
- (e) Watery Lane – replacement barriers  
The Clerk met Mr. Ken Moloughney, BCC, on site – 24<sup>th</sup> May. Agreement was reached for wooden posts to be installed within 12 weeks. A further promise for Turville Village and Turville Heath damaged signs to be replaced within 4 weeks!

8. Residents Association Reports

- (a) Turville  
Danny Fois reported a good attendance at the recent AGM. Copy of Minutes will be forwarded to the Clerk.  
Planting of Daffodils in the village will be organised by Pam Harper and Danny Fois.
- (b) Northend  
Steve Blake has been appointed Chairman to replace Colin Malcolmson. The Table Top Sale on 28<sup>th</sup> April was a great success raising £1270 for the Ethiopian Children's Fund.  
Terry Buckett our local Postman, was elected Mayor of Henley for the second time. A copy of the AGM Minutes will be forwarded to the Clerk.

9. Finance

The following payments were approved by the Council:

- (a) The Clerk's salary for 6 months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 - £997.36
- (b) The Clerk's expenses and administration costs for 6 months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 - £411.52.
- (c) Annual Subscription to WALDC - £10.00
- (d) R. J. Symes – grass cutting to village green - £17.63
- (e) Allianz Cornhill Annual Insurance premium from 1<sup>st</sup> June - £436.34.
- (f) The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 had been circulated with the Agenda, was approved by the Council and signed accordingly by the Chairman and Clerk. Signed copy will be displayed on Parish Notice Boards.
- (g) The Annual Governance Statement within the Audit Commissions Annual Return was read out by the Chairman and agreed by the Councillors and accordingly signed by the Chairman and Clerk,  
David Cairns will be asked once again to carry out the Internal Audit. The Accounts & Audit Regulations Notice will be placed on Parish Notice Boards as requested by Auditors UHY Hacker Young.

10. Planning Matters

*Applications Approved*

- (a) Counties Meet, Northend – construction of two storey rear extension.
- (b) 3 Square Close Cottages, Turville – construction of oil tank storage area – retrospective.

*Applications Refused*

- (c) Overdale, Northend – demolition of existing detached garage and outbuilding and erection of new detached double garage with 1 bedroom apartment (ancillary accommodation) to rear.

- (d) Chiltern Cottage, Northend – crown reduction to 1 Cedar tree (permission allowed to fell 1 Cypress tree and crown reduce 1 Willow tree).

*Applications Pending*

- (e) Mill House, Turville – application for certificate of lawfulness for continued use of land as garden within residential curtilage.
- (f) Mill House, Turville – erection of new vehicular access with associated hardstanding.

11. Other Business

- (a) Heath Wood House, Turville Heath.

Following complaints from Residents, the BCC Rights of Way Officer, James Mawson met on site with the Chairman and Clerk to discuss the Common Land in front of and owned by the above property.

Works including a hedge, laying a lawn, planting shrubs, trees and positioning a bench now give the impression of a private garden. As this property is on the market BCC have written to the owners and Estate Agents on this matter, WDC Planning Department are investigating and the Open Spaces Society have also brought this to the notice of Savills, stating that these encroachments may be unlawful.

- (b) Bosmore Park Building Works.

Over a period of time construction traffic for the above development in Fawley have used routes through the Parish to get to the site. Boshers have stated that this is the only feasible way. Damage to verges in the narrow lanes, new pot holes and excessive noise (up to 50 lorries noted in a day) have upset many residents.

The Clerk has been asked to write to WDC regarding this matter with a copy to the owners and builders asking for conditions in the Planning Permission on large scale sites to include sensible designated routes with any repair costs to roads to be borne by the developers.

- (c) Southend Farm Rookery

Margaret Drage reported on the recent shooting of rooks. It is unclear why this is necessary. The Clerk has spoken to the Manager at Red Kites Farm and further enquiries will be made to prevent further occurrences.

- (d) Development in School Lane

Ray Jones has been in contact with WDC Planning Department regarding the removal of some of the hedge on the site of the new building – awaiting an answer from the Planning Officer.

- (e) Bus Route 124 – Henley, Watlington, Northend, Turville Heath

This route (Thursdays and Saturdays) will close on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. It is hoped an alternative service on Fridays will be provided in the near future.

- (f) Derry House, Northend

The Clerk has been kept informed of developments between the property owner and the Landlord of Northend Common – no building work on the permitted extension so far.

- (g) The Chairman and Council recorded a vote of thanks to Eric Thurman for his work over nearly 20 years mowing the Green and other grass areas within the Village.

12. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Hall, Northend commencing at 7.30 pm.

Following the closure of the Annual Meeting the Councillors, all newly elected signed and had witnessed:

- (a) The Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a member of Turville Parish Council.
- (b) Register of Members' Interests - The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001.