

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Turville Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17th September 2008
at the Village School, Turville

Present: Valmai Pickett - Chairman
Margaret Drage
Danny Fois
Richard Higgin

In attendance: Michael Wicks – Clerk.

Also attended by Ray Jones, Colin Malcolmson, James Vaughan and Gary Steventon.

1. Question and Answer session for the Public

- (a) James Vaughan asked about affordable housing within the Parish. The Chairman reiterated the Council's desire, following the needs survey some 7/8 years ago, to identify possible sites for Housing Associations but owners within the Parish were unwilling to sell. The matter will be kept under constant review.
- (b) Ray Jones enquired with regard to the relaxation of certain planning regulations with the announcement on 10th September of a new "Permitted Developments" regime for householders. Full details available on www.wycombe.gov.uk/planning - the main areas of change on the WDC weekly Planning Bulletin – Councillors have a copy.

2. Apologies

Steve Blake.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2008 at the Parish 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 Parish website.

4. Matters Arising

- (a) Heathwood House, Turville Heath.
The Clerk reported on a telephone conversation with the new owner. Mr Peter Teague did not consider the ditch dangerous (only a slight dip in the ground) so the Council has decided to close the matter.
- (b) Parish Newsletter
This is considered to be important as a means of communication within the Parish. Steve Blake has found assistance for the layout and design for the first publication due at the end of September/early October.
- (c) Mazars, the external Auditors have signed off the Annual Accounts but now require an Asset Register with values for next year's return.
- (d) New Residents Welcome Pack
The Clerk circulated a draft for consideration by Councillors - any amendments and additions to be forwarded so as to agree a final copy.
- (e) Chilterns AONB Parish Fund
Ordnance Survey Maps of the Parish will be considered for part funding by the Chiltern Society. The Chairman and Clerk will obtain estimates.
- (f) Northend Public Telephone Kiosk
After discussion it was agreed by that Council will endeavour to retain the red telephone kiosk as a feature within the Village. BT will no longer provide a user service.
- (g) Ian Sharp, BCC Local Technician has agreed to attend the next Parish meeting.

5. Residents Association Reports

(a) **Turville**

- * Gary Steventon reported on the highly successful Village Garden Party which raised a record sum of over £2,500, FOR THE CHARITIES Sue Ryder and Helen & Douglas House. The main organisers, Ken McCrorie and Peter O'Hallerin and all the many helpers are to be congratulated with thanks to Alistair and Sheelin Horne for hosting this annual event in their garden at the Old Vicarage.
- * Enquiries received for filming within the Village but timing and terms not satisfactory.
- * Christmas Carols planned for Saturday 13th December at 3.30pm around the Village Green.

The Village Garden Fete, Carol Singing and Christmas Party in the Village Hall are Parish Events to be covered by the Council's Insurance company.

(b) **Northend**

- * Children's Bonfire and Fireworks on Wednesday 5th November.
- * Annual Rounders match between Turville and Northend is scheduled for a weekend in September/October.
- * Annual Parish Christmas Party planned for Sunday 21st December at the Village Hall.

6. Turville Court Estate Access Road

The Clerk had passed a copy of the new owner Mike Clare's letter dated 31st July to the Councillors following a meeting at the Parish Village Hall on 23rd July. The Councillors have carefully considered the views expressed by Mike Clare regarding this access road, alongside the continuous debate over many years on this matter and have decided to postpone any decision for the time being. The Council will review the situation in due course and have asked the Clerk to advise Mike Clare on the above.

7. Neighbourhood Action Group

The Chairman reported on a Community Speedwatch training session held at the Skirmett Village Hall on 6th August. Hambleden Parish Council has purchased the equipment which can be hired to monitor the speed at vehicles travelling through restricted 30 mph areas such as Turville Village and Northend. Volunteers will require training before using this equipment. The next N.A.G. meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th October at Danesfield School.

8. Finance

The following were approved:

- (a) R. J. Symes & Son – Village Green maintenance July (3 visits) - £52.88
- (b) R. J. Symes & Son – Village Green maintenance August (1 visit) - £17.36
- (c) Mazars Audit Fee and Annual Return - £141.00
- (d) Open Spaces Society Annual Subscription - £30.00
- (e) W.D.A.L.C Annual Subscription - £12.00

The Clerk reported that his half year salary, administrative expenses and office rental are due at the end of September to be signed by the Chairman and noted at the next meeting.

9. Planning Matters

Applications Permitted:

- (a) The Mill House, Turville – construction of a Ha Ha.
- (b) Lower Northend Farm, Turville – erection of single storey outbuilding to house "woodchip boiler" standby generator and plant room
- (c) The Old Bakehouse, Turville – construction of new roof structure, dismantling and

- rebuilding dormers.
- (d) Turville Heath House, Turville Heath – conversion of existing barn to new 1-bedroom dwelling and construction of 2 outbuildings

Application Pending

- (e) Northend Farm, Northend – erection of agricultural building for the use of storing tractors and implements for land maintenance

10. Other Business

- (a) Coaches in Turville Village
Gary Steventon reported on the problem of visiting coaches parking in the village and the Clerk agreed to contact BCC Transport Department for some guidance and possible help.
- (b) Parish Village Hall, Northend.
James Vaughan raised the matter in a letter dated 16th September concerning the building work in front of the Village Hall. The Chairman stated that if there is a concern James Vaughan should contact BCC as suggested in the previous minutes. The Council believes the work is within the Village Hall boundary.
- (c) Age Concern Donation
Following a request by letter, the Council decided not to make a donation.
- (d) Swains, Turville Heath
A new gate, fencing and solid drive have recently been completed across the field owned by Swains and the Clerk was asked to check whether planning permission was required.
- (e) Dolesden Lane
Residents and Councillors have complained on the height and width of the hedges on both sides of Dolesden Lane. They are extremely high and bulky adding to the safety problems. The loss of view has substantially changed the character of this highway and is now a more dangerous road for walkers, cyclists and motorists.
The Clerk has been asked to write to the land owners Barrie Haigh and Mike Clare.
- (f) Chilterns Conference
It was agreed for Margaret Drage to attend an all day Conference on the Green Belt and the fee of £25 to be paid by the Parish Council.
- (g) Kimble Farm, Southend
BCC have granted a temporary diversion on the footpath/bridleway alongside the above property whilst carrying out repairs to the Access Road. This is to be kept under review by Councillors.

11. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th November 2008 at the Parish Village Hall, Northend, commencing at 7.45 pm.