

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st April 2016 at the Village Hall, School Approach, Weston Turville.

PRESENT: Cllrs M Jarvis, D Hillier, M Conolly, M Simons, J Paterson, D Sibley, C Terry, N Treacher

1	<p>WELCOME, APOLOGIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Cllr Simons welcomed everyone to the meeting in Cllr Jarvis' absence.</p>	
2	<p>PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <p>The report on the work of the Parish Council was read out to the meeting, a copy of the report is attached to these minutes as appendix 1.</p> <p><i>(Cllr Jarvis arrived)</i></p>	
3	<p>WTPC FINANCE</p> <p>Cllr Sibley gave a report of 2015-16 Parish Accounts and Budget for 2016-17. The annual accounts were due to be audited later that month before being submitted to Mazars (the external auditor).</p>	
4	<p>VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE</p> <p>Cllr Mandi Simons, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee gave a report on the village hall, a copy is attached to these minutes as appendix 2.</p>	
5	<p>YOUTH CAFÉ</p> <p>Rachel Blackmore spoke about the youth café which is run by volunteers and funded by a grant from the Parish Council. It is a drop in group which enables young people from all areas of the parish to socialise and play instruments and games and remains popular.</p>	
6	<p>WIDOW TURPIN CHARITY</p> <p>Mr Hugh Chamberlain the local Trustee & Hon Treasurer gave a report in order to comply with the articles of the Charity. The Annual Accounts were read out with a brief report to summarise the past year activities to the meeting.</p> <p>The charity derives a small income from the rent of a field left to the charity, the income is used to distribute food vouchers to people in need in Weston Turville or they can arrange delivery of food.</p> <p>A copy of the accounts was given to the Clerk for the Council's records.</p>	
7	<p>LINDENGATE</p> <p>Charlie Powell and Sian Chattle from Lindengate attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the work of the charity.</p> <p>They were based at the old allotment site adjacent to Worlds End Garden Centre, they opened in November 2014 and provide Ecotherapy – Social and Therapeutic Horticultural Therapy for people over 16 with mental health needs. It aims to improve mental health and wellbeing by improving self esteem, promoting social inclusion and developing transferable skills.</p> <p>The take referrals from NHS, GPs and ex services personnel. They are open throughout the year and has places for up to 60 gardeners.</p> <p>Lindengate is an independent charity and relies on grants and donations.</p>	

8	OPEN FORUM AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS 1. There are still issues with traffic flow on A41, what is the Parish Council doing in relation to this? Cllr Jarvis said that he was trying to organise a meeting with County Cllr Bill Chapple and representative from Transport for Bucks to resolve the problem. Main issue seemed to be the phasing of the traffic lights.	
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The meeting was then closed, cheese and wine was provided.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Appendix 1 – Chairman’s Report

Annual Parish Meeting 2016

Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting, I would like to thank you for taking the time to come and find out more about what your Parish Council has achieved over the last 12 months and what we have planned for the coming year.

Your Parish Council currently has 9 councillors and 1 vacancy. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping your council please ask them to get in touch with the clerk. Since the election in 2015 we have been joined by 3 new councillors and also a new clerk who is helping us immensely with the new challenges that we are facing.

Weston Turville is facing many challenges from developers who see us as a prime area to build new houses. We as a council are working hard to develop our Neighbourhood plan and I would urge you to attend our one of our open days where you will have a chance to view the plans so far and give your comments.

Earlier today between 4pm – 7pm here in the village hall
Saturday 23rd April 10 am – 2pm at the PACE Centre Wendover road
Saturday 18th June 1pm – 5pm at the village fete

The information from these days will help us to develop our own local plan for our Parish and have this taken in to account for future development.

We have also now been notified that our war memorial on Worlds end lane has now been designated with listed status and this will help us with its preservation and protection for the future.

The Parish Council have been working on several projects to make our Parish a better place to live and work for example :-

We have now taken over the responsibility for the grass cutting in 30mph zones which was previously done by Bucks County Council and we believe that this has made a big difference to how the village looks. We are also looking at extending this out to the 40mph areas.

We also have the following plans going forward :-

- Change out our street lights for new LED versions
- Rolling program of tree maintenance
- Liaison with Highways to improve roads and verges
- Bollards on School approach
- Replacement of the bus shelter on Marroway
- Replace and add new Notice boards
- An Extension to the village hall and improvements to the changing rooms
- A MUGA / Skate facility for teenagers
- An even a bowling green.

We are still working on several issues with our roads as we have identified an increase in traffic through the village since the traffic lights have been installed on Aston Clinton Rd. We are talking with the Highways Authority at Bucks County Council to try and find ways to alleviate the congestion and speeding issues we are experiencing.

Over the last 12 months our planning committee has spent a lot of our time dealing with planning applications from both small and very large developers and our planning committee has had worked tirelessly reviewing what has been put before them.

We currently have several large proposed developments

Hampden Fields 3000 houses

Woodlands development 1100 houses

Aston Clinton MDA 400 houses

Worlds End Lane 130 houses

And many other smaller sites

Our meeting next week will consider the Woodlands and Worlds End Lane proposals

Our new web site is up and running and this will be our main method of getting information out to residents. This will be continuously updated and we are happy to add details of groups that meet within our Parish

Finally I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work over the last 12 months working on many projects and helping to make our Parish a better place.

Our next meeting is Thursday 28th April as an extra meeting starting at 7pm and all are welcome

Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday 19th May starting at 7pm

Not forgetting our planning meetings where everyone is welcome to attend is held on the first Thursday of each month.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR WESTON TURVILLE VILLAGE HALL
2015/2016

The hall continues to be very well used in the past year and has taken £28,355.49p in hiring fees. Our routine expenses remain about the same at £21,027.94p. This gives us a small surplus allowing us to save for further improvements.

- We have continued to improve the facilities available in the hall during the last year and have installed a new kitchen (discounted and supplied by Grant and Stone), installed new water saving ladies toilets and replaced the cubicle doors with doors that shut! We have also installed a sensor in the gents' toilets to reduce the flushing of the urinals so they flush when used rather than every 10 mins, thus reducing the water bills. We have had built a new rack to store both the new and old tables so hirers can find the table size they need without having to search the hall and set up every table. We have taken over the contract for the superfast broadband and it is now available for all hirers to use. We have replaced the microphones for the PA system as the previous ones were broken by hirers.
- Our new flexible staging is popular and the old staging found a good home at a school for children with disabilities.
- We have ordered all new windows and doors which will be more efficient at retaining heat and improve security. These are due to be fitted within the next 2 months. We have arranged to replace the lighting in the hall so that it is brighter and cheaper to run: this should also be completed within the next 2 months.
- We have purchased extra strong curtain rails as our current ones keep getting pulled out of the wall or broken. These will hopefully be fitted next week. Once all this work is completed we have arranged to have the hall redecorated.
- Working with the Parish Council, we have had a complete electrical upgrade so our irregular power cuts should be a thing of the past. We have also installed CCTV to deter the vandalism and burglaries we have experienced during holidays. You will have all seen the improved car parking resulting from relocating the children's play area.
- On the negative side, there have been some continuing issues with noise disrupting our neighbours and as a result we have decided to stop hiring out for Weddings and large parties where loud music is played. We have also changed the cut off time for music to 11pm rather than midnight. We have also changed our letting policy to prioritise requests from individuals/groups that have a connection to Weston Turville. This will hopefully reduce the amount of hiring requests we get and allow greater availability for local people to book the hall.

I hope you agree that the hall is being well used and maintained and I would like to publicly thank the hall committee for their continuing commitment to ensure this hall remains a valuable asset to the Parish. Thank you Ann Newell, treasurer, Brenda Spear and Bridie Norton, booking secretaries, Dinah Sibley, secretary. Rosemary Eades (whose sage advice has kept us on the straight and narrow) and our new members representing the new management at Topsy Turvy.

Mandi Simons
Chairman