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Minutes of the Meeting of Weston Turville Parish Council held on 18th June 2026 in Weston Turville Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: D Willmin (Chair), M Collins, G Danelatos, H Jones, G Lait and C Popovici-Birkby.
Locum Clerk: Steve Milton (LGRC)
Public Attendance: 11 members of the public

OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS

A member of the public highlighted a potential risk to highway safety associated with proposed left filter lane at Broughton Road eastwards onto the A41 and asked the Council to raise concerns with Buckinghamshire Council.

Residents attended the Parish Council meeting to express opposition to the proposed residential allocation of land at New Road and Fitkins Meadow (Opus Reference 626) in the Buckinghamshire Local Plan. Key concerns included that the site was previously refused planning permission on appeal (APP/J0405/W/15/3128999), indicating long-standing constraints. Residents highlighted significant infrastructure issues, including no direct connection to the main sewer network, reliance on a private pumping station, overhead high-voltage power cables, and access via a narrow unadopted road unsuitable for increased traffic and construction vehicles. The site is an established greenfield habitat supporting bats, brown hares, deer, foxes, pheasants, newts, birds of prey, migratory birds and pollinating insects. Residents argued that development would result in the loss of valuable habitats and questioned how biodiversity net gain could be achieved. Further concerns related to the cumulative impact of housing growth in the area, with major developments already completed, approved or under construction at Hampden Fields, Woodlands, Kingsbrook and other nearby sites, together with the future redevelopment of RAF Halton. Residents requested that Opus Reference 626 be removed from consideration as a residential allocation due to its environmental, infrastructure and access constraints.

These matters would be referred to the Highways and Planning Committee.

Minute	Action
26.112 APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Dawkins, S Dawkins and C Terry.	
26.113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
26.114 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	

26.115	MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS RESOLVED a) That Cllr C Dawkins and G Danelatos be appointed to serve on the Planning & Highways Committee. b) That the Council agrees to establish an Environment Committee to work with local community groups on environmental and sustainability projects and that the Locum Clerk bring forward terms of reference for approval at the next meeting. c) That an Aston Reach and Weston Grove Liaison Group be established to work alongside and support the residents' groups and that the Chair together with Cllrs Lait and Popovici-Birkby be appointed.	
26.116	FINANCES RESOLVED a) That the schedule of payments (previously circulated) in the sums of receipts - £500, payments £14,274.51 and multipay card payments of £103.00 be approved b) That the bank reconciliation be received; and c) The Clerk review how the Village Hall Bookings Clerk's salary is funded.	
26.117	PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES The Clerk reported that the Electoral registration Officer at Buckinghamshire Council had confirmed that an election had not been requested by electors and that consequently, the Council was free to co-opt a member to serve on the Council. The Clerk further reported that two expressions of interest had been received. RESOLVED: that the vacancy be further advertised with a view to co-opting a member at the next meeting.	Clerk
26.118	CLERK VACANCY The Council noted that the Local Government Resource Centre had been appointed to provide locum services for 20 hours per week until a new Clerk is appointed. The Deputy Clerk will remain as RFO during this period, working such hours as may be required by the Locum Clerk. The Locum Clerk reported that four applications had been received for the position of Clerk and that the Recruitment Panel would be convened to undertake interviews.	Clerk
26.119	WESTON TURVILLE TIMES The Council considered the production of the Autumn edition of the WTT and considered whether to proceed with the existing distribution arrangement, or to move online with a limited print run of 100 copies. RESOLVED: that the Clerk make arrangements for the publication and distribution WWT as appropriate.	Clerk
26.120	WEBSITE The Council received an update from the Website Working Party, who had been examining the quotations and options for the upgrade of the Council's website. After extensive research, the Group had recommended that Aubergine be commissioned to produce the Council's new website at a cost of £990 plus VAT. The Chair thanked the members of the Working Party for their work in examining the quotations. RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Website Working Party be approved and Aubergine be appointed to create the Council's new website.	Clerk

26.121	WESTON GROVE NOTICEBOARD The Council considered the installation of a new noticeboard at Weston Grove. Members noted that the last noticeboard purchased by the Council had cost in the region of £1750 - quotes would be obtained. RESOLVED: that a budget of £2,000 be approved for the provision of a new noticeboard (to match existing) for Weston Grove and to grant the Locum Clerk delegated authority in consultation with members of the Aston Reach and Weston Grove Liaison Group to purchase and install the noticeboard at a suitable location.	Clerk
26.122	PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS The Council noted that playground inspections at The Paddocks Play Area & Weston Turville Play Area have been commissioned from The Play inspection Company at a cost of £456 (inclusive of VAT). The inspections would be undertaken in the following week.	Clerk
26.123	VILLAGE HALL The Council considered the Clerk's recommendation regarding minor works required at the Village Hall. RESOLVED: a) That All Topps Roofing are appointed to undertake repairs at a cost of £550. b) That £450 be approved for the annual Asbestos Safety Inspection.	Clerk
26.124	TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 - REF: 25/00167/AOP The Council noted that an appeal had been lodged against a decision of refusal in respect of development of land between Wendover Road and Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville - Outline planning application for up to 650 dwellings. The Council had been asked if it wished to make further observations to the Planning Inspector on this matter RESOLVED: to reiterate the Council's previous objections and to support the objections made by Stoke Mandeville Parish Council.	Clerk
26.125	AYLESBURY RUGBY CLUB The Council considered a request from Aylesbury Rugby Club for funding towards the replacement of floodlights. The Club had enquired whether S106 funds may be available. Members recognised the contribution the club made to community life in the area and particularly the activities provided for young people. However, the Council had already established priorities for s106 funding, and it was: RESOLVED: that the request be declined at this time.	Clerk
26.126	WESTON TURVILLE CONSERVATION AREA The Council considered a complaint about the removal of trees and other works at the Chequers Inn, Church Lane. The complaint alleged that these works are contrary to the policies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the statutory protections afforded to conservation areas. Members were unaware of any recent breaches and noted that planning enforcement was a matter for Buckinghamshire Council. RESOLVED: that the complainant be requested to contact Buckinghamshire Council who have statutory authority to enforce planning breaches.	Clerk

26.127	COMMUNITY ORCHARD The Council noted that Bernwode Fruit Trees have notified the Council that, because they graft trees to order, some of the community orchard fruit trees requested for delivery for planting in September/October, were now not available – there was now insufficient time to graft the rootstocks and grow on the trees to a viable size. RESOLVED: in view of the advice from Bernwode, as many non-grafted trees as possible be purchased for delivery and planting in Autumn 2026 and the grafted fruit trees be ordered for delivery and planting in Autumn 2027.	Clerk
26.128	COUNCIL MEETINGS – PUBLIC BROADCAST AND RECORDING At the request of Councillor S Dawkins the Council considered the principle of broadcasting and recording Council meetings. The Locum Clerk reported that costs depended upon the solution required but this was now very common within the sector. RESOLVED: that the Locum Clerk bring forward a report for consideration alongside the budget for 2027	Clerk
26.129	MATTERS FOR INFORMATION • Cllr Collins provided an update on the Woodlands development. Redrow had now acquired the site. There was ongoing discussion around details such as phasing, boundaries, and highway layouts. Members noted that the development straddled the parish ward boundaries. • The Chair reminded members of the dates of the Monitoring Officer's training session and strongly encouraged all members to make time to attend. • Cllr Lait reported on the recent meeting of the Ashton Reach Residents Association. He also made members aware of a multi-cultural celebration event that had been organised.	
26.130	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Members noted that the next meeting will be on Thursday 16th July 2026 at 7pm	

Signed: _____ Date: 16th July 2026

Appendix 1 – Payments list

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS JUNE 2026

RECEIPTS

Date	Who	Detail	Ref	Net	Vat	Total
11/06/2026	Village Retreat	Rent		£500.00		£500.00
TOTAL				£500.00	£0.00	£500.00

PAYMENTS

21/05/2026	Castle Water	Water for Orchard field April	DD	£22.93	£4.58	£27.51
28/05/2026	Vodafone	mobile phone bill	DD	£25.07	£5.01	£30.08
01/05/2026	Cloudy IT	Software support & licences June	DD	£181.96	£36.40	£218.36
03/06/2026	LGRC	Deposit for locum clerk services	electronic	£5,000.00	£1,000.00	£6,000.00
16/06/2026	Multipay Card	see below	DD	£86.33	£16.67	£103.00
17/06/2026	DRAX	Streetlight electric May	DD	£444.92	£88.98	£533.90
18/06/2026	Total Landscapes	Grounds maintenance April	electronic	£833.33	£166.67	£1,000.00
18/06/2026	Total Landscapes	Grounds maintenance May	electronic	£833.33	£166.67	£1,000.00
18/06/2026	Shield Maintenance	dog and litter bin servicing	electronic	£715.00	£143.00	£858.00
18/06/2026	The Play Inspection Company	ROSPA inspection	electronic	£365.00	£73.00	£438.00
18/06/2026	2 minute foundation	litter pick station for Aston Reach	electronic	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00
18/06/2026	SLCC	Clerk advertisement	electronic	£342.00	£68.40	£410.40
18/06/2026	Lengthsman	Village tidying	electronic	£225.00		£225.00
18/06/2026	Chubb	fire extinguisher contract	electronic	£29.05	£5.81	£34.86
18/06/2026	BALC	Training course - H Jones	electronic	£90.00		£90.00
18/06/2026	BALC	Training course - C Popovici-Birkby	electronic	£90.00		£90.00
18/06/2026	Bucks Council	pension contribution June	electronic	£597.66		£597.66
22/06/2026	Castle Water	Water for Orchard field May	DD	£28.86	£5.77	£34.63
24/06/2026	Payroll	salaries June	S/O	£1,821.62		£1,821.62
30/06/2026	HMRC	PAYE & NI June	DD	£276.89		£276.89
30/06/2026	Unity Bank	banking fees May	DD	£10.60		£10.60
TOTAL				£12,414.55	£1,859.96	£14,274.51

Multipay Card - 2nd June 2026 statement

Date	Paid To	Detail	Net	Vat	Total
01/06/2026	Canva	annual subscription fee	£83.33	£16.67	£100.00
02/06/2026	Lloyds Bank	card fee	£3.00		£3.00
Total			£86.33	£16.67	£103.00

All invoices listed above have been examined, verified and certified for payment by the Clerk and RFO Signed _____ Clerk and RFO to the Council

Payments authorised by Parish Council at its meeting on 19th June 2026 Signed _____ (Meeting Chairman)

These payments were authorised online by Cllr: and