

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2025

Present: Cllrs H Howard, C Pendleton, P Pugh and S Watts

In attendance: Cllr Shaefer from Buckinghamshire Council and C Jay, Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr A Green

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Green sent his apologies.

RESOLVED: To approve Cllr Green's apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal/prejudicial interests on agenda items.

- All councillors declared an interest in HS2

3. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 8th July 2025

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 8th July 2025.

4. Ward Councillor Report

The local plan recently went to cabinet and got approved. It was decided that it would go to consultation and to expect a consultation in the near future.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) need to find sites over the next 5-10 years for 60 thousand dwellings.

Although Turweston is not seen as a suitable site- it cannot be ruled out. There will be exploration of dwellings to be built between Turweston and Brackley. Even though the North West of Buckinghamshire have not been mentioned in suggestions for the consultation.

There are more rural bus services going through Westbury.

Cllr Shaefer gave her update and left the meeting.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

None

6. Chair update (this will include a report on a visit from our MP, Callum Anderson)

The play area opening on the 26th July was a huge success with over 50 people in attendance.

A thank you to Giles for removing the over hanging tree in the road on Main Street. MP Callum Anderson visited the village and met with Mr Brian Collins and the Chair. They discussed the properties owned by HS2 and the impact that empty properties had on the village. Concern was also raised regarding the impact of construction dust on air quality within the local environment. Our MP agreed to follow up both issues with HS2. The Mobile Visitor Centre from HS2 was hosted by the Stables Cafe- a huge thank you to Cllr Pugh for hosting.

Dave Butcher, EKFB, had advised the chair that there may be an opportunity for the parish council to receive a grant if it were assigned responsibility for the land on the green bridge. However, no decision has yet been made in this regard.

Dave Butcher also mentioned the First Aid, CPR & Defib familiarisation- it is on the agenda under item 14 to discuss.

There has been communication with Do-it-for-Defib and Mr Richard Watts has kindly agreed to monitor the defibrillator on a monthly basis.

The chair had been approached regarding events in the village. It was felt that a separate committee was required to possibly arrange 3 events in the village such a harvest festival, Christmas and Spring.

To be able to communicate more effectively with the residents, the council are looking at a new and improved website.

7. To report on Planning

7.1 Planning Applications report:

No current planning applications.

8. To receive a report on the HS2 Rail Link

8.1 HS2 - land on green bridge and at top of recreation field

- A43 works continue inside the works island. Parapet installation will start from the end of September.
- Turweston viaduct deck completion.
- Earthworks backfill and settling of the embankment.
- Completion of the Turweston Green overbridge deck construction, including parapet installation.
- Backfill and highway works to Turweston Green overbridge continue. Opening spring 2026 to traffic.
- Deck construction to Westbury viaduct continues. Parapet installation starts this autumn and finishes spring 2026.
- Excavation continuing to form the cutting north of the A422 from Westbury to Turweston; and
- Earthworks activities including excavation and moving material into storage areas, forming earth bunds, and drainage ditches.

Issues with dust have been raised, we did update the MP however please see our summary below. The activity of crushing is due to complete at the end of September and restart in March. If we plan to continue I will let the parish know.

- a. We currently have one air quality monitor at Turweston, which has been operational for three years, and no exceedances have been recorded during this time. This week, a second air quality monitor is being installed on the eastern side near the crushing area. The locations of these monitors are agreed in advance with the Buckinghamshire Environmental Health Officer and are reviewed during our monthly meetings. Additionally, we regularly assess and review the mitigation measures required for each construction activity in the area.
- b. Mitigation measures are detailed in these assessments and agreed upon with Buckinghamshire Council. Currently, we are implementing a range of dust suppression measures, including:
 - Dampening the site access roads and haul roads throughout the day using a tractor and bowser.
 - Operating water cannons to spray the working areas and stockpiles.
 - Installing dust suppression systems at the crusher.
 - Adding four additional water sprayer units to further enhance dust control.

9. To report on the Playing Field

9.1 Review findings from weekly inspections.

No update- the following schedule for weekly inspections will be in place:

October- Cllr Howard

November- Cllr Pendleton

December- Cllr Pugh

January- Cllr Green

February- Cllr Watts

10. To report on the Parish Roads/Paths/Verges

It has been noticed that there is ivy growing up the trees on the Green. Cllr Howard will get these removed.

10.1 Update on dog waste bins

The council have returned signed documents for installation of dog waste bins and are waiting for more information.- Clerk to chase mid October if not information provided.

11. To receive an update on traffic calming (MVAS)

There is no update but Cllr Pendleton will find some information out ahead of the next meeting.

12. Accounts

12.1 To approve the following payment(s):

Payee	Amount	Payment method	Details
Buckinghamshire Council	61.00	FPO	Election of councillors to Turweston Parish Council
Cartwrights	260.11	FPO	Grass Cutting
Cartwrights	42.65	FPO	Grass Cutting
Charmaine Meadows	25.96	FPO	HPI Ink
HMRC	156.40	FPO	HMRC

RESOLVED: To approve the above payments

12.2 To approve bank reconciliation to 4th September 2025

RESOLVED: To approve bank reconciliation to 4th September 2025

13. To agree our new website provider and domain name

It was agreed after Cllr Watts got three quotes that the council would go with Parish Online- Clerk to instruct.

It was also agreed that the council will move forward with Turwestonparish.gov.uk as the domain.

RESOLVED: Approved.

14. To consider First Aid, CPR & Defib familiarisation with the village.

This was approved and to include 8 residents. Clerk to email Dave Butcher.

RESOLVED: Approved.

15. To consider the clerks annual performance review and salary.

Clerk to seek a policy for the annual performance review ahead of the next meeting.

RESOLVED: Approved.

16. Matters raised by Councillors

None

17. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 11th November 2025

