

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10 MARCH 2026

Present: Cllrs A Green, H Howard and S Watts

In attendance: Cllr A Shaefer, Buckinghamshire Council, and C Meadows, Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr C Pendleton and Cllr P Pugh

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note Cllr Pendleton's and Cllr Pugh's absence

RESOLVED: Noted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare any personal/prejudicial interests on agenda items.

All councillors declared an interest in HS2. Cllr Green and Cllr Howard declared an interest in item 16.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2026

To approve the minutes of the meeting held 13 January 2026.

RESOLVED: Approved and signed.

4. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Shaefer began by discussing the recently updated Local Plan, the first update since 2020. It has been highlighted by the government that there is a shortage of affordable housing, and Buckinghamshire has been set a target of providing approximately 95,000 new homes across the county. An exercise has been undertaken to identify potential locations across the county and feedback is being sought. The majority of the proposed sites are located in and around Aylesbury and the northern areas of the county. However, one of the potential sites is near Turweston, where it is suggested that around 3,000 new homes could be built. Cllr Shaefer urged the Parish Council to submit their response to the consultation.

Cllr Shaefer advised there is currently also a local Transport Plan out for review. Clerk to find the link and share with the councillors.

Cllr Shaefer advised that there has been positive movement on health and social care with a

request for increased resources. Buckinghamshire Council are looking for a stronger SEND provision at Buckingham School.

Cllr Shaefer left the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The clerk has requested a new gritting bin, location was confirmed by the councillors. Cllr Green will send the clerk the link for the salt spreader at a cost of £322 inc VAT so that the clerk can purchase it.

6. CHAIR UPDATE

The Chair advised that she had been approached by two residents regarding separate issues and these would feature later in the agenda. She thanked Cllrs for reviewing and reporting the pot holes around the village on FixMyStreet.

7. TO REPORT ON PLANNING

There was one planning application for change of use on the Rally School site on Turwest on Airfield to which the parish council had no objections.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HS2 RAIL LINK

No update was available from HS2. Clerk to follow this up and ensure an update is available for the next meeting.

9. TO REPORT WEEKLY INSPECTIONS ON PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report. Cllr Green will carry out inspection for March.

The Parish Council formally recorded their thanks to Giles Howard for the generous donation of an oak tree for the playing field.

10. TO REPORT ON THE PARISH ROADS/ PATHS/ VERGES

The Clerk advised that unfortunately she has received no response from Simon Scullion at Buckinghamshire Council to ascertain when the work will take place to the path leading to Brackley will take place. She will now contact Cllr Osibogun to seek further support in expediting the matter as it was advised that the work would take place this year.

Cllr Howard confirmed that she and Cllr Pendleton and his wife had met with Cllr Osibogun and a representative from the council when they walked round the village to point out the state of the roads and pot holes. To date the response has been disappointing.

RESOLVED: Clerk to email Cllr Osibogun to gain support.

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING (MVAS)

It was noted that Cllr Pendleton has undertaken a great deal of research regarding the provision of MVAS for the village and has asked for further support to take the matter forward. The Clerk has received correspondence from Elan City with further information about MVAS units and it was agreed that further enquiries should be made with them as they appear to have successfully helped several Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: The clerk will get in touch with Elan City for more information.

12. TO DISCUSS THE DIGITAL ARCHIVE

The clerk had been in touch with organisations offering digital archiving services. A company in Stratford on Avon provided a competitive offer which includes the collection and delivery of materials once all items are scanned

RESOLVED: The clerk will instruct Archive Digital to proceed with getting the documents scanned.

13. TO CONSIDER THE PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

The clerk's salary is currently £15.08 per hour, and with the pay scales from 1st April it is now suggested to be £15.56 per hour.

RESOLVED: To approve the increase in the Clerk's wages

14. TO DISCUSS USE OF LAND TO THE REAR OF TURWESTON STABLES CAFÉ

Cllr Watts was approached by a resident of the village regarding the use of the land at the rear of Turweston Stables Café, where two refrigerated shipping containers have been installed. Cllr Pugh has confirmed that planning advice has been sought. She has been informed that the location is outside of the conservation area and further discussions are taking place to understand whether a planning application is required due to potential change of use. In the meantime every effort is being made to screen the containers and they are being timber clad.

RESOLVED: To maintain a watching brief for future developments.

15. TO CONSIDER TOPICS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

EKFB have confirmed they will be present at the annual parish meeting. They will be asked

to ensure their presentation is less complex, interesting and have better defined timescales.

RESOLVED: Clerk to feedback to EKFB the suggested presentation ideas.

16. TO DISCUSS THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NEW AND EXPANDED SETTLEMENT STUDY

This item was discussed at length in item 4. Ward Councillor Report. The Clerk will review the plan and identify the issues specific to the proposed location near Turweston to help the Chair formulate the consultation response.

RESOLVED: Chair to issue the consultation response.

17. ACCOUNTS

17.1. TO APPROVE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS

Payee	Amount	Payment Method		Details
C Meadows	£12.98	FPO	HP ink	
Cartwrights	£120.06	FPO	Invoice from 2025	
Buckinghamshire Council	£60.00	FPO	Dog waste bins	

RESOLVED: Approved and signed

17.2 TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATION 25 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED: Approved and signed

18. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Clerk to request Cartwrights to do a grass cut pre-Easter.

A resident has complained to Cllr Watts regarding the speed of which public transport is going through the village. Cllr Watts has asked the resident for more details so she can contact the public transport company.

17. TO CLOSE MEETING AND CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.43pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19 May 2026