

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13th JANUARY 2026

Present: Cllrs A Green, H Howard, P Pugh and S Watts I

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

Apologies: Cllr C Pendleton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To note Cllr Pendletons absence

RESOLVED: Noted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To declare any personal/prejudicial interests on agenda items.

All councillors declared an interest in HS2

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11th NOVEMBER 2025

To approve the minutes of the meeting held 11th November 2025

RESOLVED: Approved and signed.

4. CHAIR UPDATE

Cllr Watts reported that Cllr Osibogun had arranged for have a discussion with the project lead for the Buckinghamshire Tree Mission. as raised by ward councillor Ade Osibogun. The aim is to plant 543,000 trees by 2031 and currently 216,000 have been planted. Minimum planting was set at 1 hectare, but the scope has been extended as more community groups have expressed a wish to become involved as to date work has been with private landowners to support the delivery of woodland. At the moment the rescoping of the project is in its early stages, so we will wait to hear more about how community groups might become involved.

Dave Butcher from EKFB has confirmed that that, if the PC wishes to proceed, there will be some limestone blocks available for installation at the playing field. More work is needed to agree and confirm the size and location of the stones. There are also opportunities to bid for community funding from the EKFB community resource fund, and it was considered this may be useful to replace the benches at the playing field.

Cllr Watts reported that she had been invited to the on-line launch of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes local nature recovery strategy (LNRS), which has been developed over a two year period following extensive engagement with a wide range of partners and stakeholders. Full details are available on the [LNRS website](#).

Cllr Watts noted there had been some discussion in the Turweston Facebook community about lack of gritting to roads around Turweston, to which she and Cllr Osibogun had responded. The level of grit in the bins had been checked. Cllrs recorded their thanks to members of the community who had helped with clearing and gritting areas of the village. It was agreed that consideration be given to purchasing a grit spreader.

RESOLVED: Cllr Green to investigate options and cost of a grit spreader.

Cllrs also discussed local road surfaces and concern was raised about the number of potholes and inadequate repairs that had taken place.

RESOLVED: Cllrs to photograph all potholes around the village and report them on FixMyStreet (even if they have already been reported). Report numbers to be forwarded to Cllr Osibogun so he can follow them up.

5. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Osibogun wished the councillors and clerk a happy new year. He said that roads and highways are particularly important, especially around Turweston and other villages and towns in the county given the impact of HS2. Buckinghamshire Council are empowered to regulate road closures and penalise utility companies and others who apply for road closures but do not adhere to timelines.

A public consultation was launched by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service (BFRS) in November 2025 on proposals to modernise and strengthen its On-Call fire cover across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. The consultation runs for 10 weeks, closing on 28 January 2026. The focus is On-Call fire cover only, there are no reductions planned to wholetime firefighters or appliances and two dormant On-Call stations proposed for closure in Great Missenden and Stokenchurch.

Cllr Osibogun referred to the Buckinghamshire Tree Mission. More private landowners were being asked to help achieve the target of 543,000 trees to be planted by 2031.

Special education units have been expanded, with the adult centre in Buckingham being repurposed as a CND school, which will increase the capacity.

6. TO REPORT ON PLANNING

It was noted that recently planning applications had not been reported to parish councillors when they fell in between meeting dates.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that in the interim of meetings the Parish Clerk will inform Councillors of any planning applications for their consideration.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HS2 RAIL LINK

Councillors received an update from Dave Butcher of EKFB.

Viaduct progress is planned for the first quarter of 2026. Installations of robust curbs and parapets will take place during the second quarter. Surcharge removal and transition structure installation are scheduled for the third and fourth quarters, which means there more earth being moved around. A temporary road over the Turweston green bridge is planned for the end of January to enable construction of the new road lay out and its connection to the bridge. The new road lay out is set to open at the end of the March.

7. TO REPORT WEEKLY INSPECTIONS ON PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report.

9. UPDATE ON DOG WASTE BINS

Two dog waste bins have been installed in the village and initial feedback has shown that they are appreciated by those who use them.

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

Cllr Pugh said that concerns had been raised to her about the hedge opposite The Green on the bend coming into Turweston. It has become very overgrown, obstructs the view down the road and causes difficulty if 2 cars passing.

RESOLVED: As the hedge surrounds property owned by HS2 Cllr Watts will write to Carter Jonas, the managing agents, to express the PC's concerns and ask that remedial action be taken.

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

Cllr Watts and Pendleton met with a company from Milton Keynes before Christmas. They walked along South Bank and discussed potential locations for 2 traffic calming signs. Advice was taken from the company representative as to the location of the signs, bearing in mind their effectiveness and a desire to avoid disruption and annoyance to local residents.

RESOLVED:

As Cllr Pendleton was absent from this meeting it was agreed that detailed discussion and a decision be deferred until he could make further enquiries to ensure the PC has sufficient information regarding locations and costs.

12. TO DISCUSS THE DIGITAL ARCHIVE

Cllr Watts reported that Hazel Morrison had recently handed over to her minute books and records for the Parish Council dating back more than 50 years. It was felt important that these records be maintained, and the best way would be to have them digitised and made available to the wider public.

RESOLVED

Parish Clerk to investigate options and costs for digitising the records and update councillors at the next meeting.

13. TO CONSIDER A DATE FOR THE ANNUAL LITTER PICK

It was agreed that the annual litter pick will be held on 11th April at 10am. Cllr Pugh kindly agreed to provide vouchers for a hot drink and cake at Turweston Stables Café for all taking part. Cllr Watts will obtain litter pickers and sacks from Hazel Morrison. The Parish Clerk will source other items needed and promote on the website and Facebook Community.

14. TO RECEIVE AND UPDATE FOR THE WEBSITE

Minutes have been uploaded to the website, which is now also started to be used for dates in the diary, etc.

15. ACCOUNTS

15.1. TO APPROVE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS

Payee Amount Payment Method Details C Meadows £12.98 FPO HP Ink

RESOLVED: Approved and also added on payment for dog bins at £72.00 and village hall rental of £150.

15.2 TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATION TO 7TH JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED: Approved and signed.

15.3 TO FINALISE BUDGET 2026-2027

RESOLVED: Approved, precept demand being set at £9100

16. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The Parish Clerk asked that councillors think of subjects for the Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place on 2nd June 2026 at 7.30pm.

The date of the May meeting is one week later due to annual leave, set for 19th May 2026.

To discuss clerks salary in the next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2026.