

TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JULY 2026

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

In attendance: Cllr A Osibogun and Cllr A Schaefer, Buckinghamshire Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note apologies for absence received from Cllr R Stutchbury and C Meadows, Parish Clerk.

RESOLVED: Noted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare any personal/prejudicial interests on agenda items.

Councillors Green, Howard, and Pugh declared an interest on agenda items relating to the Buckinghamshire Local Plan, particularly in respect of the proposed site development for Turweston.

Cllr Howard declared an interest in relation to repairs to the footpath from Turweston to Brackley.

All councillors declared an interest in HS2.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2026

To approve the minutes of the meeting held 19 May 2026.

RESOLVED: Approved and signed.

4. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Schaefer reported that she had attended the recent Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee on Friday 10 July when the draft submission for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire was discussed in detail. It was noted that, subject to Cabinet approval on 22 July 2026, there will be a formal consultation which will run for six weeks. The draft plan and documents will be added to Your Voice Bucks, where people will also be able to leave their comments. As this period is in-between Parish Council meetings Cllr Osibogun offered to host a meeting in the village hall to discuss the plan with residents and obtain feedback.

Both Cllrs Osibogun and Schaefer stressed that there was no option to not have a plan, but there may be opportunities for the Parish council to influence infrastructure development. Currently the plan includes 91,000 homes rather than the 95,000 originally put forward. This means there are now 2,890 homes planned for Turweston up to 2045, but the land identified will accommodate more. There are

concerns regarding the lack of government investment in the infrastructure required to support the proposed developments, and this investment will be sought from developers.

Councillors agreed it was essential that residents are kept informed and made aware of opportunities to take part in the consultation process. Cllr Watts thanked Cllr Osibogun for his kind offer to host a meeting in the Village Hall, and a date will be agreed so that residents can be invited.

RESOLVED: Date to be agreed for residents' meeting in the Village Hall to discuss the Buckinghamshire Local Plan and the potential impact for Turweston. Cllr Watts to liaise with Cllr Osibogun.

Cllr Schaefer left the meeting.

Cllr Osibogun reported that he was making arrangements for a site visit to look at the footpath running from Turweston to Brackley. Cllrs noted that, given the present weather conditions, there would be no flooding. Cllr Watts expressed her deep concern and disappointment that the Parish Council had been misled when it was informed at Parish Council meeting that the work to the footpath was scheduled to take place in the current financial year, yet we are now being told this is not the case.

Cllr Osibogun reported that active travel is a key component of the Buckinghamshire Corporate Plan 2026-2031, which sets out how the Council will keep Buckinghamshire a great place to live, work and visit, with a clear focus on what matters most to residents. Cllrs felt that the work to the footpath should be undertaken without delay given that it would support the Corporate Plan. It was also noted that the Buckinghamshire Tree Strategy now included the management of trees on Council-owned land.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

It was agreed that, as there are three grit bins located around the village a third was not required.

RESOLVED: Parish Clerk to cancel order for new grit bin

Parish Clerk to chase up repairs to the dog waste bin on The Green.

Parish Clerk to provide an update on situation in relation to the village email list.

Parish Clerk to provide an update on archive material.

6. CHAIR UPDATE

The Chair reported that, despite several approaches being made to Silverstone, there continue to be issues with the signage to the Turweston Park and Ride and several vehicles tried to access the airfield via Oatleys Road. Following approaches to Silverstone the signage had been improved by Saturday, and the number of cars had reduced.

Carter Jonas have been contacted regarding the dead/dying box hedges outside The Old Bakehouse, which is currently unoccupied, and The Old School House. The issues with the overhanging hedging by The Green have also been raised with them. Photographs have been taken and sent to Carter Jonas who advise that the matters have been referred to their forestry team for action.

The Chair said she had also asked Carter Jonas for some indication of when the empty properties owned by HS2 might be occupied, and what were the intentions in relation to the Manor House and associated cottages. The managing agents were unable to provide a response.

The Chair advised the Council that she understood it might be possible to ask EKFB to fund additional benches for the playing field and also that HS2 would consider a second application of up to £100,000 for a capital project, provided that all works are on the same site and the site is the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was felt that, if a residents' meeting is to be held to discuss the Local Plan, this might be an opportunity to invite their views on where we might seek investment.

7. TO REPORT ON PLANNING

Application for approval of details subject to condition 9 (Materials) and condition 12 (Condition statement and repair schedule) of planning approval 23/00705/ALB.

Turweston Manor Main Street Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JX

Ref. No: PL/26/01135/CONDA | Validated: Wed 11 Feb 2026 | Status: Registered

Change of use from rally school to general commercial storage

Rally School Turweston Aerodrome Whitfield Road Biddlesden Buckinghamshire

Ref. No: 24/03281/APP | Validated: Tue 05 Nov 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision.

Conservation and drainage pond (retrospective)

Turweston Hill Farm Brackley Road Turweston Buckinghamshire NN13 5JB

Ref. No: PL/26/03340/FA | Validated: Wed 22 Apr 2026 | Status: Registered

Submission under Schedule 16 of the High-Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for a site restoration scheme at land to the south of the River Great Ouse to the north of Turweston

Land To the South of The River Great Ouse, To the North of Turweston

Ref. No: PL/26/04792/HS2 | Validated: Mon 01 Jun 2026 | Status: Registered

RESOLVED: All noted. No further comments

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HS2 RAIL LINK

A422 new bridge and road alignment is due to open 17 August. Weekend road closures planned: **31 July to 3 Aug, 7 Aug to 10 Aug, 14 Aug to 17 Aug.**

Turweston viaduct: Parapet installation will start mid-August. Turweston green overbridge: The old road is being removed, and the earth plug under to continue the railway cutting. Noise barrier piling is scheduled to begin in the last week of July and

will continue until the end of 2027. This process includes piling, pouring concrete, installing caps, fixing posts, and finally installing the panels. They are done in sequence so once task is finished, they then start the next one.

Fencing will be installed intermittently, with completion targeted for the end of 2027. This includes wooden post-and-rail fencing for the new land boundary, as well as security fencing typically positioned closer to the railway track.

The weather is still a challenge as it is very, very dry. Water suppression has been increased and there have no recorded exceedances at the dust monitoring stations located by the Turweston green overbridge and another by the stockpiles on the east. We are moving this one closer to the village near the Turweston viaduct to capture some more detailed data.

Cllr Watts reported that her husband and another village resident had attended a very informative and interesting tour of the HS2 works kindly arranged by EKFB.

9. TO REPORT ON WEEKLY INSPECTIONS ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Watts reported that there had been a break-in to the garage on the playing field. She thanked Mr Watts for going up to the playing field to check on the state of the garage and replace all the equipment that had been removed and strewn around the field. The garage door was then closed so it automatically locked. The local Scout leader has been informed and advised that it appeared nothing had been stolen. However, it was noted that there were a number of gas bottles in the garage which the Chair of the Council has asked to be removed.

Cllr Howard noted that there was some soiling to the area under part of the children's play equipment. Cllr Watts to review.

10. TO REPORT ON PARISH ROADS/PATHS/VERGES

The Chair referred to her earlier remarks concerning the hedges by The Green.

It was noted that there is a 'closed bridleway' sign outside The Stables café which no longer applies.

RESOLVED: Parish Clerk to have sign removed

11. ACCOUNTS

11.1 TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS

Payee	Amount	Payment Method	Details
C Meadows	£12.98	FPO	HP Ink
Cartwrights	£270.36	FPO	Grass cutting
Melanie Rose	£85.00	FPO	Internal audit

11.2 BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 JULY 2026

RESOLVED: Approved and signed

12. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

None

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

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 15 September at 6.30pm.