



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Tur Langton

12th November 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr T Bladon (Chair), Cllr D Molyneux, Cllr P Officer, Cllr C Staveley

In attendance: Katy Ward, Clerk

No members of the public present

1.	<p>115/24 - To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>County Councillor Kevin Feltham</p>
2.	<p>116/24 - Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and granting of dispensations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs Bladon, Molyneux, Officer and Staveley, item 17, Village Hall Memorial Garden. • Cllrs Bladon and Officer are Trustees for the Village Hall and Cllrs Molyneux and Staveley are committee members. • All have dispensations to the next election. • Cllr Bladon disclosable pecuniary interest item 14.4.2 Chair's Allowance.
3.	<p>117/24 - To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held 10th September 2024</p> <p>It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10/09/24 be approved and adopted as a true record.</p>
4.	<p>118/24 - Public comments and comments on items on the agenda</p> <p>None.</p>
5.	<p>119/24 - Clerk's Report, including Year Plan and LRALC update</p> <p>Clerk's Report and Year Plan are on Councillors' Area of the website. LRALC emails have been forwarded.</p>
6.	<p>120/24 - Reports and updates from:</p> <p>6.1 County Councillor Temporary closure of the Kibworth tip due to structural damage on 5th November. Market Harborough tip on Riverside will be open every day until 16th November, when the situation will be reviewed.</p>

	<p>6.2 District Councillors None.</p> <p>6.3 Police Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Harborough North Police Newsletter September 2024 • Market Harborough North Police Newsletter October 2024 • Neighbourhood Watch "Our News" Newsletter October 2024 • Neighbourhood Link speeding information: "We requested the mobile speed enforcement van to visit our area between 01/08/2024 and 31/08/2024 - B6047 Shangton Road, Tur Langton (30mph). Summary (1 visit) - Total Offences: 11, Total Time: 90 mins. Summary (12 visits) - Total Offences: 39, Total Time: 1120 mins."
7.	<p>121/24 - Planning</p> <p>7.1 General Report and update on applications / decisions from Harborough District Council Decisions from HDC since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00979/TCA Works to trees (fell) Jasmine Cottage Shangton Road Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PN - approved • 24/01009/TCA Works to tree (fell) Carpenters House Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ - approved • 24/01356/DDD Dead, dying diseased trees Yew Tree House Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ - approved • 24/01216/TCA Works to trees The Chestnuts Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ - approved <p>7.2 Enforcement None.</p>
8.	<p>122/24 - Policies to review and adopt:</p> <p>8.1 Achieving Transparency Code Compliance document It was resolved to adopt the policy with no amendments.</p> <p>8.2 Media Policy It was resolved to adopt the policy with no amendments.</p> <p>8.3 Complaints Procedure It was resolved to adopt the policy with the amendments of updating the Clerk's address and phone number.</p> <p>8.4 Aims and Objectives Reviewing this will be deferred until the next meeting.</p>
9.	<p>123/24 - Highways</p> <p>9.1 General Report There has been renewing of the white line markings on the B6047.</p> <p>9.2 Snagging List Damage to the road sign opposite the Cranoe Road junction. Cllr Staveley will report this.</p>

	<p>9.3 Footpaths None.</p> <p>9.4 Damage to the steep bank on Shangton Road Various options were discussed about how to rectify the damage and prevent further damage.</p> <p>It was resolved to monitor the situation, and review it after six months.</p> <p>9.5 Dog fouling and dog waste bins The cost of getting dog waste bins and the cost of emptying them was discussed.</p> <p>It was resolved to research the costs involved with getting and maintaining a bin. Cllr Bladon is going to enquire with Church Langton about the costs involved with getting and maintaining theirs.</p>
10.	<p>124/24 - Flooding</p> <p>10.1 Flood Warden update No flood warden volunteer at present.</p> <p>10.2 Drains Three new gullies have been connected to the mains at the junction of Main Street and Shangton Road. Anglica Water are still to confirm if the main drainage is clear, as it is clear for the rest of the village.</p> <p>Clerk to check road sweeping schedule with HDC and see if additional road sweeping can be requested.</p>
11.	<p>125/24 - Trees</p> <p>11.1 Tree Warden No updates.</p> <p>11.2 List of Important Trees No updates.</p> <p>11.3 Horse Chestnut Tree on Buckey Lane - update from Merton College After the last meeting Alison Gibson (the previous Clerk) sent a reminder email to Merton College to enquire about the tree. Merton College replied on 23/09/24 to say that they had instructed Hutchinson Arboriculture to look at the tree. They found that it was generally healthy with no signs of bleeding canker which can cause cracking of bark and bleeding from the stem. They noted that a BT line was passing through the tree which branches were rubbing on, and one branch was obscuring a road sign. Merton College instructed them on 03/09/24 to rectify this.</p> <p>It has not been rectified yet, and will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>
12.	<p>126/24 - Grass Cutting</p> <p>12.1 Update and review of season so far and review of arrangements Cuts so far that invoices have been received for: 23/03/24, 17/04/24, 02/05/24, 23/05/24, 18/06/24, 08/07/24, 06/08/24, 20/08/24, 10/09/24 and 24/09/24.</p>

	<p>Invoices haven't been received yet for cuts in October and November.</p> <p>12.2 Review quotes and award grass cutting contract for 2025 season</p> <p>A quote was received from Leicestershire Gardens for £120.00 per mow and £30.00 per cut of the bank on Melton Road. The quote was discussed.</p> <p>It was resolved to extend the contract with Leicestershire Gardens for the 2025 grass cutting season.</p>
13.	<p>127/24 - Staffing</p> <p>Review of hourly rate for current and previous Clerks following confirmation of local government pay scales from 01/04/2024</p> <p>The pay scales from 01/04/24 were circulated. The Clerk is on Scale Point 6, which has increased from £12.42 an hour to £13.05 an hour.</p> <p>It was resolved to increase the Clerk's hourly rate to £13.05 an hour. Arrears between 01/08/24 (start of employment) and 31/10/24 to be paid with November salary.</p> <p>It was resolved for backpay to be paid the previous Clerk. Arrears between 01/04/24 and 30/09/24 (last day of employment) to be paid in November.</p>
14.	<p>128/24 - Finance</p> <p>14.1 RFO Report and to note payments not previously minuted</p> <p>Receipts: Unity Trust Bank - 11/09/24 - HDC Precept, Second Installment - £5,440.00</p> <p>Payments From List of Regular Payments: 30/09/24 - Clerk Salary September 2024 - £277.77 30/09/24 - Clerk Salary September 2024 - £277.77 30/09/24 - Leicestershire Gardens, invoice 24/172 - cuts 06/08 and 20/08 - £240.00 31/10/24 - Clerk Salary September 2024 - £277.77 (noted that Cllr Officer approved this payment as new Clerk had not been added as a signatory to Unity Bank and was unable to set up the payment).</p> <p>Other: 18/09/24 - Reimbursement to Alison Gibson (previous Clerk) for Royal British Legion Donation - £25.00 18/09/24 - LRALC Ltd, Clerks 1 training course for new Clerk - £50.00 30/09/24 - Bank Charges - £18.00 31/10/24 - Bank Charges - £5.40</p> <p>Transfer between accounts: £1,000.00 transferred from Market Harborough Building Society to Unity Trust Bank on 07/10/24.</p> <p>14.2 To approve bank reconciliation to 31/10/24</p> <p>Total Receipts to 31/10/24 - £12,619.85 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £12,509.72</p>

	<p>Market Harborough Building Society - £110.13</p> <p>Payments to 31/10/24 - £6,033.76 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £6,033.76 Market Harborough Building Society - £0</p> <p>Balance at 31/10/24 - £13,269.62 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £5,318.61 Market Harborough Building Society - £7,951.01</p> <p>The bank reconciliation could not be resolved, as there was not enough time between the Clerk being added as a signatory on Unity Bank and the meeting. This has been deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>14.3 To approve updated List of Payments Arising on a Regular Basis It was resolved to accept the updated list.</p> <p>14.4 To approve for payment:</p> <p>14.4.1 Tur Langton Village Hall, room hire for meeting 12/11/24 - £5.00 It was resolved to approve the payment.</p> <p>14.4.2 Chair's Allowance Cllr Bladon declared an interest and left the meeting. It was resolved to approve the Chair's Allowance. Cllr Bladon returned to the meeting.</p> <p>14.5 Update on new signatories being added to Unity Bank Clerk has been added as a signatory to Unity Bank and now has access to the online banking. Cllr Anderson has received log in details, but hasn't yet logged in.</p>
15.	<p>129/24 - Budget and precept for 25/26 year – discuss first draft of budget</p> <p>The first draft of the budget was discussed. This will be finalised in time for the January meeting.</p>
16.	<p>130/24 - Assets</p> <p>16.1 Health and Safety Check of Assets – Cllr Staveley Nothing to report following inspection.</p> <p>16.2 Notice Board – Cllr Bladon Cllr Bladon has asked for quote to treat the ongoing mould issues.</p> <p>16.3 Defibrillator Electrodes – Cllr Staveley Cllr Staveley has ordered replacement defibrillator pads and rescue kit.</p>
17.	<p>131/24 - Village Hall Memorial Garden update</p> <p>No update.</p>
18.	<p>132/24 - Neighbourhood Plan update</p>

	<p>Cllr Staveley has updated the Neighbourhood Plan document. The Clerk will send this to Harborough District Council.</p> <p>Cllr Officer is going to contact Gary Kirk from Yourlocale to discuss reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
19.	<p>133/24 - Electric Vehicle Charging Point at the Village Hall</p> <p>The Parish Council is going to support the Village Hall Committee to take over the project.</p>
20.	<p>134/24 - Website and ICT</p> <p>20.1 Website accessibility Cllr Staveley has checked the accessibility statement on the website. Several issues with accessibility have been identified, and the Clerk will look into this.</p> <p>20.2 Antivirus update The Parish Council laptop has antivirus built in.</p>
21.	<p>135/24 - Broadband Upgrade Scheme update</p> <p>Cllr Bladon met with Wendy Sycamore from Openreach. Residents can now sign up for the voucher scheme if their house does not have fast fibre.</p> <p>For fast fibre to be connected to the remaining properties in Tur Langton, pledges from 151 eligible addresses in Tur Langton and surrounding villages are required.</p>
22.	<p>136/24 - Community Engagement - Newsletter</p> <p>The newsletter will be sent out by the end of November.</p>
23.	<p>137/24 - To confirm the dates of next meetings and items for next agenda</p> <p>Future meeting dates, all starting at 7.30pm at Tur Langton Village Hall: 14/01/25 and 11/03/25.</p>

Meeting was closed at: 9.10pm