



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

Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr T Bladon (Chair), Cllr P Officer

County Councillor Kevin Feltham

In attendance: Katy Ward, Clerk

No members of the public present

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| 1. | <p>1/25 - To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllrs D Molyneux and C Staveley - it was resolved to accept the apologies.</p> |
| 2. | <p>2/25 - Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and granting of dispensations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 7.1 Planning. |
| 3. | <p>3/25 - To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held 12th November 2024</p> <p>It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12/11/24 be approved and adopted as a true record.</p> |
| 4. | <p>4/25 - Public comments and comments on items on the agenda</p> <p>None.</p> |
| 5. | <p>5/25 - Clerk's Report</p> <p>This meeting held on 21/01/25 was originally due to take place on 14/01/25 but was adjourned due to prior notification of it not being quorate. Notification of the adjourned meeting was posted on the</p> |

village noticeboard and on the website. No changes to the agenda were made between the dates, so the same agenda was used.

HDC

- HDC Newsletter December 2024
- HDC Newsletter January 2025
- Harborough District Communities Newsletter - issue 1
- Corporate plan 2024 - consultation - closes 20/01/2025
- Neighbourhood Planning Event 30 Nov 2024 - presentation slides and audio recordings of event presentations

LCC

- Parish and Communities Update - issue 26
- Parish and Communities Update - issue 27
- Parish and Communities Update - issue 28
- Leicestershire LA VAT Group 21 November 2024 Minutes
- Community Speed Watch 2025 - now open for expressions of interest

LRALC

- December 2024 Newsletter
- Harborough District Council Parish Liaison Meeting on Monday 13 January 2025 (online)

RCC

- RCC Impact Magazine - issue 23

SLCC

- December 2024 branch meeting details and minutes from previous meetings

6. 6/25 - Reports and updates from:

6.1 County Councillor

From Kevin Feltham: Apart from LCC, as lead local flood authority, writing to central government asking for more funding to prevent flooding as happened last week, the county council also wrote to central government last Friday asking to postpone the county council elections due to be held on 1 May by a year. This is as a result of the government's white paper on devolution published in December. The government wishes to simplify local government by merging the responsibilities of counties and districts into unitary councils. There are no firm proposals yet as Leicester City and

Rutland wish to remain as unitary councils, although the city has mentioned enlarging boundaries to include some parts of the county - absolutely nothing happening until fuller discussions and consultations. Parish councils could be offered some further responsibilities but nothing even listed yet! The idea of postponing for a year is to allow all those details to be agreed and consulted on, so elections in May 2026 could possibly be for a shadow unitary. I understand some 13 or 14 of the 21 county councils also requested a postponement of May elections, and we await the government making a decision possibly by the end of January.

6.2 District Councillors

None.

6.3 Police Update

- Market Harborough North Police Newsletter November 2024
- Market Harborough North Police Newsletter December 2024
- Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter December 2024
- Neighbourhood Watch "Our News" Newsletter December 2024
- Neighbourhood Watch "Our News" Newsletter January 2025
- PCC Rupert Matthews announces £200k boost to support delivery of his Police and Crime Plan
- Rural Policing Team Newsletter December 2024 (quarterly publication)

Neighbourhood Link speeding information:

They requested the mobile speed enforcement van to visit the area between 01/10/2024 and 31/10/2024:

B6047 Shangton Road, Tur Langton (30mph) - local order

Summary (1 visit) Total Offences: 17 Total Time: 80 mins

Summary (3 visits) Total Offences: 17 Total Time: 240 mins Total

Neighbourhood Link Beat Surgeries posted to Councillor area of website.

7. 7/25 - Planning

7.1 General Report and update on applications / decisions from Harborough District Council

Decisions from HDC since last meeting:

Approved since last meeting:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/01154/FUL Erection of a detached garage, conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation with a new pitch roof over Wadlands Cottage Shangton Road Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PN • 24/01558/TCA Works to tree Wadlands Cottage Shangton Road Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PN <p>Pending decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/01351/FUL Erection of four dwellings with associated access and parking (Revised scheme of 23/00920/VAC). Lily House Shangton Road Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PN <p><u>7.2 Enforcement</u> Nothing to report.</p> |
| 8. | <p>8/25 - Policies to review and adopt:</p> <p><u>8.1 Grievance Policy</u> Councillors discussed that the policy is not workable with a Council of five members. This is something that NALC are looking into. As a Grievance Policy is needed, it was resolved to adopt the current policy with no amendments.</p> <p>The Clerk will look into whether there has been any further guidance from NALC on Grievance Policies for smaller Councils.</p> <p><u>8.2 Disciplinary Policy</u> It was resolved to adopt the policy with no amendments.</p> <p><u>8.3 Aims and Objectives</u> It was resolved to adopt the Aims and Objectives with amendments as circulated by Cllr Bladon at the meeting. These will be published on the website.</p> |
| 9. | <p>9/25 - Highways</p> <p><u>9.1 General Report</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>9.2 Snagging List</u></p> |

Damage to the road sign opposite the Cranoe Road junction reported by Cllr Staveley after the last meeting has not been fixed.

9.3 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

9.4 Dog fouling and dog waste bins

Cllr Bladon contacted Cllr Roz Folwell at East Langton Parish Council to ask for some information about getting and maintaining dog waste bins, including the potential costs.

This information was discussed at the meeting, along with potential locations for a bin. **It was resolved to informally survey residents, and possibly mention the idea of getting dog waste bins in the newsletter, to see where residents think would be a good place for a bin.**

In terms of the budget, if it is decided to get dog waste bins, this can either be categorised as Village Improvements, or a new category can be made instead.

9.5 Grass cutting update

- Cuts for 2024 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, 24/09/24, 15/10/24, 28/10/24, and for the completed mowing in November.
- Leicestershire Gardens has been informed that the grass cutting contract with them has been extended for the 2025 season.
- LCC grass cutting reimbursement has been received.
- Councillors discussed making sure that the first trim of the bank in the 2025 grass cutting season is early enough. Cllr Bladon will liaise with Leicestershire Gardens to ensure that this happens.

10. 10/25 - Flooding

10.1 Flood Warden update

No volunteer at present.

10.2 Drains and street sweeping update

- For flooding, LCC Highways pumping out at the Main Street/Shangton Road drains during last year's floods seems to have resolved the issue there.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new drainage construction seems to be prone to excessive deleterious material entering the mains, where the mains run under the highway. Therefore the drains seem to be Highways responsibility and not that of Anglia Water. • It was resolved to make a request every two years for Highways to give the main drains a thorough clearing. The new drain was installed in 2022, so a two year check was decided as being appropriate. • It was resolved to write to Highways about flood signs for someone in the village to own, and put out if there is a flood. • Road sweeping will continue to be monitored, and the dates of when it will be done will be checked. |
| 11. | <p>11/25 - Trees</p> <p><u>11.1 Tree Warden</u> No updates.</p> <p><u>11.2 Horse Chestnut Tree on Buckey Lane update</u> No work to the tree has been carried out by Merton College's contractors yet. It was agreed to wait until March, and if the work has not been carried out by then, to enquire with Merton when it is due to take place.</p> |
| 12. | <p>12/25 - Finance</p> <p><u>12.1 RFO Report and to note payments not previously minuted</u></p> <p>RFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments made on 02/12/24 should have been made on 30/11/24, but the payments were set up too late for them to be approved in time. • The Unity Bank payment card is being looked into. This has not been completed yet as the application process is very lengthy. <p>Payments not previously minuted:</p> <p>Receipts: Unity Trust Bank - 09/12/24 - LCC Grass Cutting Reimbursement - £411.84</p> <p>Payments From List of Regular Payments: 02/12/24 - Clerk Salary backpay April-September 2024 (Alison Gibson) - £65.70 02/12/24 - HMRC Income Tax (as part of Alison Gibson backpay) - £16.20</p> |

02/12/24 - Clerk Salary (and backpay) November 2024 (Katy Ward) - £331.92

02/12/24 - Leicestershire Gardens, invoice 24/228 - cuts 10/09 and 24/09 and strimming - £245.00

13/12/24 - Leicestershire Gardens, invoice 24/252 - cuts 15/10 and 28/10 and strimming - £245.00

13/12/24 - Clerk Salary December 2024 - £291.42

Other:

06/11/24 - LRALC Ltd, Clerks 2 training course for new Clerk - £50.00 (noted that Cllr Officer approved this payment as the new Clerk had not been added as a signatory to Unity Bank and was unable to set up the payment, also noted that bank reference had invoice digits as 19/2455 instead of 19/4225)

30/11/24 - Bank Charges - £6.00

02/12/24 - Rutland Community First Responders Defibrillator Training - £50.00

02/12/24 - Cllr Bladon Chair's Allowance - £30.00

13/12/24 - LRALC Ltd, Clerks 3 training course for new Clerk - £50.00

Transfer between accounts:

None.

12.2 To approve bank reconciliation to 31/10/24 deferred from last meeting

Total Receipts to 31/10/24 - £12,619.85 made up as follows:

Unity Trust Bank - £12,509.72

Market Harborough Building Society - £110.13

Payments to 31/10/24 - £6,033.76 made up as follows:

Unity Trust Bank - £6,033.76

Market Harborough Building Society - £0.00

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

It was resolved to approve the reconciliation.

12.3 To approve bank reconciliation to 31/12/24

Total Receipts to 31/12/24 - £13,031.69 made up as follows:

Unity Trust Bank - £12,921.56

Market Harborough Building Society - £110.13

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| | <p>Payments to 31/12/24 - £7,426.00 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £7,426.00 Market Harborough Building Society - £0.00</p> <p>Balance at 31/12/24 - £12,289.22 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £4,338.21 Market Harborough Building Society - £7,951.01</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the reconciliation.</p> <p><u>12.4 To approve updated List of Payments Arising on a Regular Basis</u></p> <p>It was resolved to accept the updated list.</p> <p><u>12.5 To approve for payment:</u></p> <p>12.5.1 Tur Langton Village Hall, room hire for meeting 14/01/25 - £5.00 The meeting was adjourned to 21/01/25. Therefore the invoice for 14/01/25 was cancelled and a new one issued with the correct date. It was resolved to approve the payment.</p> <p>12.5.2 Defibrillator Annual Support - £126.00 (pending receipt of invoice) It was resolved to approve the payment for £126 + VAT of £25.20.</p> <p>12.5.3 Clerk reimbursement for renewal of Namecheap email subscription, printer ink, printer paper and Parish Council SIM/phone number - £85.83 It was resolved to approve the payment.</p> <p>The Namecheap email subscription was paid for by the Clerk in line with Financial Regulation 5.15, after consulting with the Chair.</p> <p>Getting the Parish Council SIM/phone number was approved by Minute 96/24. This is currently being paid for and claimed back by the Clerk, due to the Parish Council needing to have a contact number, and the delay in applying for the Unity Bank payment card.</p> |
| 13. | <p>13/25 - Budget and precept for 2025/26 year</p> <p><u>13.1 To agree budget and precept for fiscal year 25/26</u></p> <p>Councillors reviewed the draft budget, associated notes and HDC Tax Base Calculator. The draft budget presented at the meeting had several updates and a change in format to the first draft of the</p> |

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| | <p>25/26 budget presented at the previous meeting. All updates were circulated to Councillors between meetings, and further updates were made based on their suggestions.</p> <p>Councillors resolved to set the budget as it was presented at the meeting.</p> <p>It was resolved to set a budget of £12,381.74 plus reserves of £7,812.95 for the financial year 2025-26.</p> <p>It was resolved to send a precept request to Harborough District Council of £11,079, a 1.8% increase. This will present a charge of £98.92 per year for each Band D household, an increase of 1.2%, £1.17.</p> <p>The Clerk will send the precept request to HDC before the deadline on 24/01/25.</p> <p><u>13.2 To review Reserves Policy</u></p> <p>It was resolved to update the Reserves Policy with amendments to reflect the amount of reserves that will be held in the 2025-26 financial year.</p> |
| 14. | <p>14/25 - Assets</p> <p><u>14.1 Health and Safety Check of Assets - Cllr Staveley</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>14.2 Notice Board - Cllr Bladon</u></p> <p>The noticeboard is currently being affected by a high level of moisture making it difficult to read some of the notices. When the weather is dry in the summer Cllr Bladon will take the noticeboard down and make sure it is cleaned and repaired.</p> <p><u>14.3 Defibrillator - spare electrodes and new battery</u></p> <p>The defibrillator has new pads and spare pads. A new battery will be ordered before it is due to be replaced.</p> <p><u>14.4 Village Hall Insurance</u></p> <p>As the Village Hall insurance details are received in October, it will be removed from the Year Plan for January. It was resolved that the Clerk will make a visual check of the policy displayed at the Village Hall at future November meetings to make sure the Village Hall is insured.</p> |
| 15. | <p>15/25 - Neighbourhood Plan update</p> |

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| | No new updates from Councillors. The updated plan from November 2024 has been sent to Harborough District Council. |
| 16. | <p>16/25 - Community Speed Watch - expressions of interest open for 2025</p> <p>No one is available to co-ordinate it. Councillors also discussed that the police monitor the B6047, and that the only other alternative is Main Street, where parked cars already act as traffic calming.</p> <p>It was resolved not to take part in Community Speed Watch this year. Councillors suggested it would be a good idea to take part next year.</p> |
| 17. | <p>17/25 - To consider and respond to the government's consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England</p> <p>It was discussed that there was not enough time to formulate and resolve a reply as the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was resolved that Councillors would reply to the consultation individually if they had any comments.</p> |
| 18. | <p>18/25 - Community Engagement - Newsletter</p> <p>Clerk will publish latest newsletter on website.</p> |
| 19. | <p>19/25 - To confirm the dates of next meetings and items for next agenda</p> <p>The next meeting is on 11th March 2025. The May meeting has been provisionally set as 1st May 2025.</p> |

Meeting closed at: 8.25pm