

Tur Langton Parish Council

Spring 2016

Issue 2



Village Events Diary

Annual Parish Council Meeting – at the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th May, followed by the **Parish Council Annual Meeting** at 7.30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting – at the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm.

Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes are available on the website or from the clerk.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the Parish Electors where the council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and electors can have their say on anything they consider important to the parish. It is also an opportunity to hear reports from, for example, the Tree Warden.

The Parish Council Annual Meeting is a formal Parish Council meeting which includes other business for example the election of the Chair and review of the council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Cuppa with a Copper

Come and meet your local beat officers at the following events:

- **Kibworth Deli** – 16th April / 4th June
- **Hare Pie Café, Hallaton** – 30th March, 1st June, 3rd August
- **Wistow Rural Centre Café** – 19th March, 21st May, 16th July

Website

As well as information about the council, (e.g. agenda, minutes, financial information and policies) our website includes news items information about the Neighbourhood Plan, local walks, police contact details and Neighbourhood Watch news items. If you are planning an event in the village please let the clerk know as it can be included on the "Events" page. <http://turlangton.leicestershireparishcouncils.org> on the events page

Councillors:

Cllr Tessa Bladon (Chair) - 01858 545303
Cllr Katrina Briggs - 01858 545718
Cllr Jannine Haynes - 01858 545577
Cllr Paul Officer - 01858 545717
Cllr Chris Weston - 01858 545226

Hanbury Charity Trustee

The Parish Council has nominated Dr Susan Hills as its Hanbury Charity Trustee. Her appointment runs for four years from 28/1/2016. A representative from the charity is hoping to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th May to give an update on the charity's news and answer any questions.

Grass Cutting

The Parish Council has a Service Level Agreement with Leicestershire County Council for the cutting of the verges in the village between the 30 mph signs. The council has a contract with 4 Counties Ground Maintenance Ltd (previously CGD Contractors Ltd) for 14 cuts between March and October. They charge £50 + VAT a cut and the council will receive reimbursement of £334.62 from the County Council. The map showing the areas cut is on the website or can be obtained from the clerk.

Would you like to advertise your event or business? Please contact the Clerk for details, Mrs Alison Gibson at 56 Naseby Way, Great Glen, Leicester, LE8 9GS Clerk@turlangtonparishcouncil.org.uk 07437 569934

Precept & Budget

At the Parish Council meeting on 12/1/16 a budget and precept of £4,099.47 was agreed, no increase on last year. In the Harborough District 25 parishes increased their precept by more than 5% and 10 parishes increased their precept by more than 20%. For more information about the breakdown see the website or contact the clerk.

Transparency

The Transparency Code for Smaller Councils - This code requires local councils with an annual turnover of less than £25,000 to make certain information available via a website for local people to increase democratic accountability. The Parish Council's "Transparency Code for Smaller Councils" page brings all this information together and includes details of the code and how the council is meeting these requirements.

Transparency Fund - This fund has been made available to assist smaller councils with complying with the code. The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has received £388.48 from this fund. £265 is to go towards a new laptop, which is essential for maintaining the website, the previous one having been written off as it was beyond repair. The balance is for additional staffing costs associated with setting up and maintaining compliance with the code.

Energy Advice

Harborough District Council are very aware of the high fuel costs incurred by many households across the district and especially in rural areas. Changes in Government programmes have meant that there is some confusion about how to access energy efficiency advice and measures to make homes warmer. In order to make it easier for residents, Harborough District Council are working with Sustainable Harborough and Flourish Partnership to provide a new service.

Flourish Partnership run an energy advice service and installer network. Local residents can access a free phone line; 0800 488 0543, where an operator will speak with the householder and identify potential improvements in energy efficiency in the house. (You can also email info@flourishpartnership.org.uk).

If there are opportunities to improve a home then an assessment of the home will take place. This assessment will identify the best ways to save money and make the home warmer. Some homes will be eligible for free or reduced cost works for cavity wall and loft insulation. Flourish Partnership are also able to signpost to accredited installers, many of whom are local businesses, that Harborough residents can use to carry out any works that the resident wishes to take forward.

In addition to energy efficiency works, there is also advice on installing renewable technologies. This could include the options for community energy projects, perhaps on village buildings, through Harborough Energy, a newly formed Co-op set up by Sustainable Harborough to raise funds for community projects.

Neighbourhood Planning

Environment Group - The Environment Group had a successful set up meeting on 14th March where John Martin from *Yourlocale* took the group through the process of identifying and scoring Local Green spaces for designation and protection in the Neighbourhood Plan. The group plans to meet with John Martin again on Tuesday 19th April. In the meantime members of the group will be undertaking walks around the village to commence the process of identifying and scoring possible sites. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this please contact the clerk.

Questionnaires - There was a good response to the questionnaire for Adults and Businesses and the process of analysing the responses has now begun. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who responded. A questionnaire for Young People will be distributed shortly and the council would like to encourage as many young people as possible to complete this to ensure their views are reflected. If any young person in the village under the age of 18 has not received a questionnaire please contact one of your councillors for a copy.

Village Hall

The Parish Council has engaged a solicitor to help with the continuing negotiations with Merton College over the lease for the Village Hall. The solicitor has written to Merton College and we are awaiting a response.

Defibrillator

At the meeting on 15th March the Parish Council agreed to explore the possibility of purchasing a defibrillator for the village through a scheme run by the Community Heartbeat Trust. A keen resident has volunteered to support the council with this project. An initiative will be launched shortly to raise funds. Look out for publicity about this in the coming weeks around the village.

Wheelie Bin Stickers

Some black bins in Tur Langton are now displaying 30MPH stickers. Recent advice from the police prevents us from adding any more to the bins on Shangton Road, however we are keen to extend the number of bins displaying the stickers on Main Street and Cranoe Road. Please contact one of the councillors if you are willing to display stickers on your bin and we will deliver them to you.