



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Andrew's Church, Tur Langton  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr T Bladon, Cllr Jan Haynes, Cllr P Officer

In attendance: Alison Gibson, Clerk

Action

1.	<p><b>42/19 – Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr K Briggs, family commitments. Cllr C Weston - away – <b>it was resolved to accept these apologies</b> County Councillor K Feltham</p>	
2.	<p><b>43/19 – Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and granting of dispensations</b> Cllrs T Bladon and J Haynes declared a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 6.2 – “Village Hall Resolution to apply for a loan” as Trustees of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Officer declared an interest in the same agenda item as a member of the Village Hall Committee. All applied for dispensations to participate in discussion and vote on the matter - reason 33a, without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of council business / matter would be so great as to impede the transaction of the council business / matter. <b>It was resolved to approve the dispensations for Cllr Bladon, Cllr Haynes and Cllr Officer for this meeting only.</b></p>	
3.	<p><b>44/19 – To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26/2/19 be approved and adopted as a true record.</b></p>	
4.	<p><b>45/19 – Questions from members of the public – none present</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>46/19 – Neighbourhood Plan – to adopt Referendum Version</b> Harborough District Council has accepted all of the Examiner's recommendations and approved the Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to Referendum on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 The draft Referendum Version, amended to include all of the Examiner's Recommendations, had been circulated with the agenda. One small error was identified on Page 37, Policy ENV2 “Field east of (name)” should read “Field east of modern agricultural buildings” <b>With this change it was resolved to adopt the Referendum Version of the Neighbourhood Plan</b> For discussion at the next meeting – a leaflet with details of Referendum for distribution in village</p>	
6.	<p><b>47/19 – Village Hall Renovations</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Update</b> - Advice has been received from Wellers Hedley Solicitors (via LRALC) to confirm that if the Parish Council raises a loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PLWB) its position as Custodian Trustee does not prohibit making a grant (but not a loan) of the amount to the Village Hall Committee. This would be the fall back option as advice is being sought as to whether the Parish Council can use a loan to order the work and pay the invoices to enable VAT to be claimed back, which would be the preferred option if possible.</p> <p><b>6.2 Resolution to apply for a loan</b> - The meeting considered a Business Case for the Renovation of the Village Hall which includes applying for a PWLB of £55,000. The proposal is for the loan to be repaid over 19 years with an annual loan repayment of around £3,522.50 to be paid for primarily through an increase in the precept. A consultation had been undertaken with 45 responses. 69% supported the renovation of the Village Hall and 65% supported the proposal to take out a loan with the associated increase in precept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>It was RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £55,000 up to 19 years.</b></li> </ul>	

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for the renovation of the Village Hall. The annual loan repayments will come to around £3522.50.

- It is also intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 65.1% which is the equivalent of an additional £3,522.50 a year (£31.91 for a Band D property). These figures are based on the tax base figures for 2019/20 which are the latest available. This was supported in the precept increase consultation.

7. 48/19 – Dates of next meetings  
 21/5/19, Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 p.m. followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m. at the church  
 9/7/19 at 7.30 p.m. at the church  
 Meeting finished at 20.00 p.m.

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