

Village Diary

Parish Council Meetings will be held in the church while the Village Hall is closed awaiting refurbishment. All meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday 8th May 2018

Annual Parish Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
Annual Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

The Parish Council Meetings are an opportunity to hear what the Council has been doing and for you, the electors, to raise matters of importance that you wish to be considered. Please do pop in!

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Please note the new web address -
www.turlangton-pc.org.uk

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

Parish Council Precept and Budget

At the Parish Council meeting on 9th January 2018 the Parish Council agreed a budget and precept of £5,292.00. This is an increase of £175 on the previous year's budget. The main reasons for this increase are an anticipated increased fee for the Internal Auditor, fees to appoint a Data Protection Officer and anticipated additional expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan.

A breakdown of the budget can be seen on the website on the "The Parish Council" tab, clicking "Transparency Code" and choosing "Financial Information"

Beast from the East

The recent weather conditions were challenging for all of us. A big Thank You to all those who supported their neighbours, enquired about people and gave help where required.

The Parish Council has in place an Emergency Plan drawn up with the help of the Local Resilience Partnership. The plan can be found on our website via <http://www.turlangton-pc.org.uk/emergency-reponse-plan>

The recent conditions did not trigger the Emergency Plan but since the water shortage we were made aware that the Local Resilience Partnership could have received regular updates from Severn Trent.

We will be sure to utilise this in the future to keep the village informed.

Red Phone Kiosks

Thieves have been touring many Leicestershire and Rutland villages trying to steal red telephone kiosks.

The thieves look official in high visibility clothing and claim to be from BT. In one village they arrived with a pneumatic drill and started to excavate the box.

A Ford Transit van reg no PK60 YVN with red and white stripes on the rear like a highways maintenance vehicle and a small white VW van reg no PK60 FVL with rear opaque windows were seen with the men.

Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious call 999.

Local Bus Service

Leicestershire County Council (LCC) is consulting widely on the Leicestershire Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS). The consultation period is from 21st March until 23rd June. This will look at how LCC can deliver value for money passenger transport services for Leicestershire having regard to their budget constraints.

The main likely impact of the proposed policy and strategy would be a reduction in the number of subsidised bus services. The present bus service for Tur Langton, service 44, is partially subsidised.

The consultation document classes this route as "Amber – Continuation at Risk". This is based on cost and performance in January 2018. Bus services are continually subject to operational or market changes so if the PTPS is adopted this classification may have changed by the time of review. If the outcome is that they will no longer subsidise service 44 the County Council will engage with local communities to consider alternatives, for example a demand responsive service and/or good neighbour or car sharing schemes. Changes to provision as a result of this review would not come into effect until the summer of 2019 at the earliest.

The link to the consultation is:
<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-consultations/consultation-on-passenger-transport-policy-strategy>

Or you can ring Leicestershire County Council's switchboard on 0116 305 0002 to ask for a paper version.

Emergency Response Plan

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has adopted a Community Response Plan. The plan is designed to help organise support for our community in the event of an emergency.

As part of this scheme the Parish Council has been donated £600 worth of equipment for a Community Emergency Store, currently held by Cllr Bladon. The Crown Public House has been identified as the Emergency Centre should one be required. Many thanks to Trevor for his support in this.

In the event of an emergency your first contact is 999

Make sure you are not in any danger. Gather as much information as you can about what has happened. When you call 999 they will ask you for details of what has happened, where, when and who is involved. Give YOUR contact details to the Emergency Services so they can call you back. Ring them again if the situation changes significantly.

Like yourself your neighbours may need reassuring that the emergency is being dealt with and that professional and skilled people are responding. In this situation what people need most is reliable, clear and concise information.

Our Community Emergency Plan identifies how we, as a community, can complement the emergency services in the event of an emergency. With that, if you feel you are aware of a community emergency, such as a localised flood, power cut, icy roads preventing use of certain walkways/roads, please call a member of the Parish Council and we will do our best to assist.

Village Hall Update

The lease with Merton College Oxford ran out in 2010 and the College was reluctant to renew.

After much pressure and hard work by the Parish Council a new lease is now in place.

What happens next?

There will be a village briefing at The Crown on Thursday 12th April at 7:30pm. to explain our plans for the refurbishment.

Please come and have your questions answered.

Please read the leaflet delivered with this newsletter.

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.

Our contract is with Leicestershire Gardens for 14 cuts between March and October. They charge £60 a cut and we will receive reimbursement of £334.62 for the 2018 season from the County Council.

The map showing the areas for which the Parish Council has responsibility can be seen on the website by going to the "Local Information" tab and selecting "Grass Cutting". Alternatively the map can be obtained from the clerk. There is flexibility on the number and timing of cuts depending on weather conditions.

Cutting of grass on the roads between towns and villages (40 mph and above, classed as rural grass cutting routes) is the responsibility of Leicestershire County Council.

More information can be found on their website at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/grass-cutting

Roads Surface Dressing

We are informed by Leics County Highways that a programme of surface dressing will take place from 23rd April to 31st August on the following local roads:

- Tur Langton, West Langton Road – temporary 30 mph speed restriction
- Kibworth Harcourt, West Langton Road – temporary prohibition of through traffic and temporary 30 mph speed restriction
- West Langton, West Langton Road - temporary prohibition of through traffic and temporary 30 mph speed restriction
- Thorpe Langton, Back Lane and Church Lane - temporary prohibition of through traffic

Hoppers Walking

Bob and Jane Hopper are to walk from coast to coast to raise money for The Alice Ruggles Trust and Cancer Research. If you would like to sponsor them please go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/janehopper1>