



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

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7:30p.m.**

Present: Cllr T Bladon (Chair), Cllr P Officer, Cllr C Staveley

Carol Thay, Climate Impact Officer at Harborough District Council (for part of the meeting)

In attendance: Katy Ward, Clerk

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>123/25 - To receive apologies for absence</b></p> <p><b>Cllr J Anderson - it was resolved to accept the apologies.</b></p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>124/25 - Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and granting of dispensations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs Bladon and Officer are Trustees for the Village Hall and Cllr Staveley is a committee member.</li> <li>• All have dispensations to the next election.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>125/25 - To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b></p> <p><b>It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11/11/25 be approved and adopted as a true record.</b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>126/25 - Public comments and comments on items on the agenda</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>127/25 - Flooding</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Flooding discussion</b></p> <p><b>General information</b></p> <p>Carol Thay is the new Climate Impact Officer at HDC and is mainly focusing on flooding issues at the moment. She is working with the Lead Local Flood Authority, and the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Forum (LLR Forum) to make sure that places have flood wardens and that they are trained. She is making up flood resilience kits that are being distributed to flood wardens (including items such as torches, high-vis vests, first aid kits, whistles, ponchos and storage boxes) as well as information packs for flood wardens to advise what they're taking on.</p> <p><b>Tur Langton</b></p>

Agencies and organisations such as the Environment Agency, Highways, Severn Trent Water, Anglian Water, and the LLR Forum are looking at why and where flooding happens. In Tur Langton flood water comes from the fields. Various natural ways to combat flooding such as low trees, and rain gardens to slow down the flood water are being looked into by these organisations.

### **Flooding advice**

Do not go out into flood water. If five properties report internal flooding at the same time it would trigger a formal section 19 flood investigation by LCC. This is unlikely to happen in Tur Langton.

### **People and organisations**

Bruce Durham, a flood warden, is very proactive in Harborough, and would also help other communities. One of his ideas is for residents to adopt a drain, to make sure it's clear from leaves, but for people not to clean the gully.

Flood Mary is someone who travels around the country, with a display of things that can stop properties from flooding. Flood Mary has a website on which there is more information about flooding. Carol will advise if Flood Mary is ever in the area.

An organisation called GreenBlue Urban are looking at surface water and areas that are concrete.

### **Flood wardens**

Flood wardens need to register with the LLR Forum. Flood wardens may be given the power to close off roads when there is a flood. Carol is working with LCC about this, as flood wardens would need to be on LCC's insurance to do this.

There is a potential volunteer for flood warden for Tur Langton.

### **Funding**

There is the Community Flood Grant which can deliver small-scale projects to reduce flood risk and improve resilience. Other grants were mentioned that could be used towards reducing flood risk, such as the Harborough Communities Grant, and grants provided by Severn Trent Water and Anglian Water. Anglian Water have a grant called "The Sponge" which focusses on planting trees and rain gardens. LCC have moved £2million from the net zero budget to the flooding budget.

### **Road sweeping to prevent blocked drains**

There is currently only one road sweeper, which operates on a 12-weekly schedule. The contract for this is under renewal at the moment. The schedule provided by the Environmental Services team is only a guideline due to reactive sweeping works needing to take place. If the roads haven't been swept for a while it would be best to ring or email the Environmental Services team. Carol recently had a meeting about road sweeping and spoke about roads with a lot of surface flooding, to make them a priority to be swept. There is a list of roads to be prioritised, and Carol will find out what they are.

### **Ways of reducing flood risk**

- There may be a grant available that could be used towards lifting a kerb, which would help with flooding in the road. It might be with Highways, and Carol will find this out.
- Sandbags - these can only be used once. They come on a pallet and if they were delivered to Tur Langton, they would be Tur Langton's responsibility to recycle. Many of these can be provided.
- FloodSax - these are an alternative to sandbags and can be reused if there is a guarantee that only rainwater and no sewage has been in contact with them.

	<p>At this point Councillors thanked Carol for the information and advice she was able to provide, and she left the meeting at this point.</p> <p><b>5.2 Community Flood Grant</b></p> <p>Details of the Community Flood Grant were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. At the meeting it was discussed that a lot of work to prevent flooding has already been done, and as long as the main junction between Main Street and Shangton Road is maintained properly there shouldn't be as many issues with flooding. Councillors decided not apply for a Community Flood Grant, as there was no obvious project identified and the deadline was too soon. Cllr Bladon will contact Bruce Durham to see what other measures against flooding the village could use.</p> <p><b>5.3 Demonstration and collection of FloodSax devices</b></p> <p>Leicestershire County Council emailed about a demonstration of FloodSax devices taking place at County Hall, Glenfield on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026. FloodSax are an alternative to sandbags, which hold back flood water. Boxes of the FloodSax devices will be available to collect after the demonstration.</p> <p>Cllr Staveley offered to attend the demonstration and collect the FloodSax devices if they will be suitable. The Clerk will confirm her attendance with LCC.</p>
6.	<p><b>128/25 - Clerk's Report</b></p> <p><b>HDC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harborough District Residents' newsletter - November 2025</li> <li>• HDC Community News - November 2025 - Tur Langton Village Hall Community Grant for table tennis table featured</li> <li>• Submission of Final Proposal and Appendices – North, City, South Proposal for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland</li> <li>• Community Grant - Round 2 of Year 2 and the final Underspend Round from Year 1 are now open</li> <li>• Be Flood Ready information booklet</li> <li>• Flood Warden Information Pack/PowerPoint</li> <li>• Harborough District Residents' newsletter - December 2025</li> <li>• HDC Community News - December 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>LCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household Support Fund</li> <li>• LCC Monthly Funding Bulletin – November 2025</li> <li>• Partnership bid for Nature Recovery</li> <li>• Parish and Communities Partnership Scheme Handbook</li> <li>• Parish and Communities update - Issue 40</li> <li>• Various LCC Christmas activities</li> <li>• Leicestershire County Council budget proposals for next four years</li> <li>• Leicestershire County Council's budget – have your say closes 18 January 2026</li> <li>• December Monthly Funding Bulletin</li> <li>• Adults &amp; Communities Engagement Panel Newsletter</li> <li>• LCC Newsletter December 2025</li> <li>• Christmas Message from Leicestershire County Council Leader, Cllr Dan Harrison</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Planning Network – Tuesday 24th February 2026</li> </ul>

	<p><b>NALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of NALC Cllr Keith Stevens has passed away</li> <li>• Comments from NALC on Martyn's Law</li> <li>• NALC resource: Assertion 10 Hub</li> <li>• NALC resource: Data protection roadmap</li> <li>• NALC advice note: staffing considerations following a community governance review</li> <li>• Updated Disciplinary Policy template</li> <li>• National Recruitment Campaign Toolkit</li> <li>• Open letter from the new chair</li> </ul> <p><b>LRALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to LRALC website</li> <li>• Updates on Community Governance Reviews</li> <li>• LRALC Training Courses available for 2026</li> <li>• LRALC guide on taxation of Councillor allowances</li> <li>• Local Government Reorganisation - final proposals submitted</li> <li>• New LRALC CEO - Justin Robinson</li> <li>• LRALC is part of FEMALC (Federation of East Midlands Associations of Local Councils) - FEMALC has grown, are now called EMYA (East Midlands and Yorkshire Associations) - EMYA offer free 45 minutes legal advice to all member councils</li> <li>• Updated complaints procedure</li> </ul> <p><b>RCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC Impact Magazine - Winter 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press Release from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in response to standards consultation</li> <li>• Petition and site plan received from East Langton Parish Council to oppose the development of 21 houses on Church Causeway</li> <li>• Government has issued its multi-year local government finance policy statement 2026/27 to 2028/29</li> <li>• The government has published its Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2026/27 to 2029/29</li> <li>• The government has published an updated National Planning Policy Framework</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>129/25 - Reports and updates from:</b></p> <p><b>7.1 County Councillor</b> No updates or report received.</p> <p><b>7.2 District Councillors</b> Newsletters have been circulated to Councillors.</p> <p><b>7.3 Police Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Link "Our News" November 2025</li> <li>• Harborough north newsletter - November 2025</li> </ul>

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8.	<p><b>130/25 - Planning</b></p> <p><b>8.1 General Report and update on applications / decisions from Harborough District Council</b></p> <p><b>Approved since last meeting:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Closed / Pending consideration:</b> Erection of a custom/self-build dwelling (Reserved Matters of 24/00216/OUT including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) - South View Farm Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 25/01488/REM   Received date: Mon 27 Oct 2025   Status: Pending Consideration   Case Type: Planning Application</p> <p><b>Open / Pending consideration:</b> None.</p> <p><b>8.2 Enforcement</b> At the last meeting it was noted that some residents were concerned about placement of CCTV cameras near The Manor. Since then Cllr Staveley has noted that the correct signage has now been put up.</p> <p>25/00307/COMS - The Lodge, Kibworth Road, Tur Langton Report of work going on inside the grain silos, with screws protruding out of the external shell. Clerk queried with HDC if it needed reporting as it wasn't clear from the previous planning application if work could continue. HDC opened an enforcement case. It was investigated for non-compliance with Condition 5 (Risk Based Land Contamination Assessment) and the result was that the case was closed as no breach was found.</p>
9.	<p><b>131/25 - Trees</b></p> <p><b>9.1 Tree Warden</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>9.2 Works to trees update</b> For the tree outside the Village Hall, Councillor Bladon made contact with LCC forestry through their form and has had a very positive response. She also happened to be at the Village Hall when their surveyor came out to look at the oak tree. The tree is very healthy and needs minimal work. They are reluctant to remove much growth as the low branches are part of the form of the tree, however work to make it easier to mow underneath the tree is now scheduled for pruning and will probably take place in April 2026.</p> <p><b>9.3 Horse Chestnut tree on Buckey Lane</b></p>

	<p>A report from a resident has been received that the grass around the tree is not being mowed by anyone, resulting in the grass looking untidy and fallen leaves and tree debris piling up in the area. A photo of the buildup of leaves and debris was circulated to Councillors.</p> <p>It was discussed who the responsibility would fall to maintain this area. The tree is owned by Merton College, Oxford. Therefore it is not the responsibility of the grass cutting contractor to maintain the area, and it would also not be cleared by any routine street or pathway cleaning as it is private land. It was suggested that the best course of action would be for the resident to contact Merton College directly about the issue. If they are unable to provide a satisfactory solution, the Parish Council would then be happy to support the resident in further contact with Merton.</p> <p>The Clerk and Cllr Bladon will liaise with the resident about the issue.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>132/25 - Highways and Transport</b></p> <p><b>10.1 General Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Highways and Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction Survey Parish Consultation response submitted on behalf of Parish Council</li> <li>• Road sweeping rota provided by the Harborough District Council (HDC) Environmental Services Team</li> <li>• Leicestershire Urban Verge Wildlife Project - improving roadside verges for wildlife</li> <li>• Big Travel Survey - to be completed individually</li> <li>• Environment Action Volunteers and Public Rights of Way Maintenance Volunteers wanted</li> <li>• High speed fibre internet is now available to all houses in the village</li> </ul> <p><b>10.2 Snagging List</b></p> <p>Cllr Staveley reported to Leicestershire County Council that there were two gullies blocked on Main Street. LCC confirmed that works had been ordered on 24/11/2025.</p> <p><b>10.3 Footpaths</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>10.4 Road sweeping schedule</b></p> <p>A road sweeping rota has been received from Carol Thay at HDC. The sweeping rota operates on a 12-weekly schedule and indicates the dates for Tur Langton in 2026 are: 2nd February, 27th April, 20th July and 12th October. These dates are not guaranteed due to reactive works affecting the schedule.</p> <p>It has been reported that pavement cleaning took place on 15<sup>th</sup> December and that it wasn't as effective as it could have been due to cars being parked on the pavement. It was suggested that it would have been helpful if the date of the cleaning could have been known ahead of time, so that it could have been communicated to the village to avoid parking on the roads on that day to ensure more thorough sweeping.</p> <p>The schedule was queried with Carol and the response was that the rota may change due to reactive works being prioritised especially during winter, and that HDC is exploring options for additional sweepers to improve reliability. After confirming with the Clerk that several properties in Tur Langton have experienced internal flooding, she also advised that a list of areas where properties have experienced internal flooding was shared with the Environmental Services team, so those areas</p>

	<p>could be prioritised for road sweeping. She advised that pathway cleaning falls under the remit of LCC Highways rather than HDC.</p> <p>The Clerk will look into what types of road and pathway cleaning are currently scheduled to take place in Tur Langton, whose responsibility it is, and if there are schedules available for these services. If so, these schedules will be publicised within the village.</p> <p><b>10.5 Parking on pavements</b></p> <p>It has been reported that parking on pavements is an issue, and is getting worse in terms of how much of the pavement is being blocked by cars. This is affecting road sweeping, and access for pedestrians, wheelchairs and prams. It was suggested to apply for a TRO or put up signs to encourage people to park more responsibly. Photos showing cars partially and completely blocking pavement access were circulated to Councillors.</p> <p>The issue was discussed and Councillors agree that parking on the pavements is an issue, and is deteriorating the pavements. The issue seems to be more of a problem around the area near the Village Hall, especially when it is busy. Therefore, it will be taken to the next Village Hall committee meeting to be discussed.</p> <p>Councillors discussed that they would prefer not to put up signage on the roads or notices on cars as the issue is mostly due to people at the Village Hall. Instead, a notice will be put up at the Village Hall about where to park, to encourage people to not block the pavement if they park on the road, and to utilise the Village Hall car park more effectively.</p> <p><b>10.6 Review of damage to steep bank on Shangton Road</b></p> <p>No action is required at present. The steep bank will continue to be monitored and reviewed again in six months.</p>
11.	<p><b>133/25 - Grass Cutting</b></p> <p><b>11.1 Accept grass cutting contract for 2026 season</b></p> <p>Quote was provisionally accepted at the November meeting, pending receipt of appropriate VAT documentation. A VAT quotation has been received from Leicestershire Gardens.</p> <p><b>It was resolved to accept the VAT quotation for the 2026 grass cutting season.</b></p> <p><b>11.2 Grass Cutting update</b></p> <p><b>Invoices</b></p> <p>March cuts 07/03 and 27/03 - invoice received and paid  April cuts 07/04 and 23/04 - invoice received and paid  May cuts 06/05 and 20/05 - invoice received and paid  June cuts 02/06 and 16/06 and strim - invoice received and paid  July cuts 03/07, 14/07 and 29/07 and strim - invoice received and paid  August cuts 13/08, 21/08 and 28/08 and strim - VAT invoice received and paid  September cut 10/09 - VAT invoice received and paid  October cut 13/10, November cut 17/11 - VAT invoice received and paid</p> <p><b>Totals for 2025 season:</b>  Total cuts: 16  Total strims: 3</p>

	<p><b>VAT</b> No backdated VAT only invoices have been received yet.</p> <p><b>Grass cutting reimbursement</b> LCC has not sent out an email about submitting an invoice for grass cutting reimbursement yet. The Clerk will enquire about it.</p> <p><b>Grass verge between Buckey Lane and Greystones</b> It has been reported that the grass cutting contractor is not mowing the grass verge or cleaning debris from the verge between Buckey Lane and Greystones. This verge is on the grass cutting specification, so is the responsibility of the grass cutting contractor.</p> <p>Cllr Bladon will liaise with the grass cutting contractor about sending out the backdated VAT only invoices, and the grass verge between Buckey Lane and Greystones.</p>
12.	<p><b>134/25 - Finance</b></p> <p><b>12.1 RFO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unity Bank: monthly account fee £6.00 per month increasing to £7.00 per month from 1st February 2026</li> <li>• MHBS savings account: from 6th January 2026 the interest rate will reduce from 1.00% to 0.80%.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.2 Note payments previously not minuted</b></p> <p><b>Receipts:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Payments From List of Regular Payments:</b> 28/11/2025 - Clerk Salary + HWA Nov 2025 - £300.52 10/12/2025 - Leics Gardens, inv 25/250, for Oct/Nov cuts - £288.00 31/12/2025 - Clerk Salary + HWA December 2025 - £300.52</p> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25/11/2025 - Tur Langton VH Room Hire 11/11/25 - £5.00</li> <li>• 25/11/2025 - LRALC Ltd, inv 19/5027, Budget course - £40.00</li> <li>• 30/11/2025 - Bank charges - £6.00</li> <li>• 01/12/2025 - Lloyds Corporate Card charges November - £36.29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Card charges £3.00</li> <li>○ Parish Council phone number (Oct) £4.40</li> <li>○ Parish Council phone number (Nov) £4.40</li> <li>○ Royal British Legion Poppy Shop poppy wreath £24.49</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 31/12/2025 - Lloyds Corporate Card charges December - £44.34 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Card charges £3.00</li> <li>○ Parish Council phone number (Dec) £4.40</li> <li>○ Namecheap website domain and emails £36.94</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 31/12/2025 - Bank charges - £6.00</li> </ul> <p><b>12.3 To approve bank reconciliation to 31/12/25</b> Total Receipts to 31/12/2025 - £11,271.90 made up as follows:</p>

	<p>Unity Trust Bank - £11,168.40 Market Harborough Building Society - £103.50</p> <p>Total Payments to 31/12/2025 - £7,478.82 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £7,478.82 Market Harborough Building Society - £0.00</p> <p>Balance at 31/12/2025 - £12,466.49 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £4,411.98 Market Harborough Building Society - £8,054.51</p> <p><b>It was resolved to approve the reconciliation.</b></p> <p>12.4 To approve updated List of Payments Arising on a Regular Basis <b>It was resolved to approve the updated list.</b></p> <p><b>12.5 Review of Expenditure Against Budget</b> <b>It was resolved to transfer £2 to “Bank fees” from “Training” to cover the recent increase in Unity Bank charges from £6/month to £7/month from 1<sup>st</sup> February.</b></p> <p><b>12.6 To approve for payment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tur Langton Village Hall, room hire for meeting 13/01/26 - £5.00</li> <li>• Defibrillator Annual Support - £151.20 (inc. VAT) (pending receipt of invoice)</li> </ul> <p><b>It was resolved to approve the payments.</b></p>
13.	<p><b>135/25 - Budget and precept 2026/27 year</b> To agree budget and precept for fiscal year 26/27</p> <p>Councillors reviewed the draft budget, associated notes and HDC Tax Base Calculator. The draft budget had been updated since the previous meeting to reflect confirmed figures that became available after that meeting. The updated draft was circulated to Councillors between meetings, and then further amended to take into consideration their comments and suggestions.</p> <p><b>It was resolved to set a budget of £12,086.16 for 2026-27 which included estimated income from other sources of £579.58.</b></p> <p><b>It was resolved to send a precept request to Harborough District Council for the sum of £11,496.00.</b> This equates to £103.96 per year for each Band D dwelling, an increase of £5.03 per year or 5.09%.</p> <p>The Clerk will send the precept request to HDC before the deadline on 16/01/2026.</p>
14.	<p><b>136/25 - Policies</b> To review and adopt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserves Policy</li> <li>• Grievance Policy</li> <li>• Disciplinary Policy</li> <li>• Aim and Objectives</li> <li>• Complaints Procedure (deferred from November)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>It was resolved to adopt the policies with the amendments circulated and discussed at the meeting.</b></p>
15.	<p><b>137/25 - Assets</b>  <b>15.1 Health and Safety Check of Assets - Cllr Officer</b>  Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>15.2 Notice Board - Cllr Bladon</b>  The noticeboard is growing mould and has water damage. Cllr Bladon will organise it being taken down and sorted out before the March meeting. It potentially needs a new back and materials to be repaired.</p> <p><b>15.3 Defibrillator - Cllr Staveley</b>  Nothing to report.</p>
16.	<p><b>138/25 - Councillor Vacancy update</b></p> <p>No applications have been received. The Clerk will re-advertise the vacancy on the website and noticeboard.</p>
17.	<p><b>139/25 - Defibrillator Awareness - to confirm dates and arrangements</b></p> <p>No response from Rutland Community First Responders has been received after confirming availability for the defibrillator training. A follow up email was sent, but received no response either. The Clerk has emailed the main email address for the organisation for advice about how to proceed, and is waiting for a response.</p>
18.	<p><b>140/25 - Community Speed Watch - expressions of interest open for 2026</b></p> <p>Details of Community Speed Watch were circulated to Councillors. Councillors decided not to take part as the speed signs on Shangton Road seem to be working well, and parked cars on Main Street act as a traffic calming measure.</p>
19.	<p><b>141/25 - Community Engagement - Newsletter</b></p> <p>The next newsletter is due to be published in March.</p>
20.	<p><b>142/25 - To confirm the dates of next meetings and items for next agenda</b></p> <p>Next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - 7:30p.m. at Tur Langton Village Hall</p> <p>A provisional date of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May has been set for the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:00p.m., followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7:30p.m., both taking place at Tur Langton Village Hall.</p>

**Meeting closed at: 8:56p.m.**