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Village Diary

Due to the current restrictions Parish Council Meetings are currently being held virtually using Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>). Meetings are still open to members of the public and the link is published on the agenda and on the Parish Council website and village noticeboard. Zoom meetings can be accessed with the Zoom app on your desktop, through a link via your email invitation, from the Zoom website or via telephone dial-in.

The next meetings are:

Tuesday 8th September 2020 - Full Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 10th November 2020 - Full Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m.

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 virtually pop in!

Clerk: Alison Gibson – 07437 569934/
clerk@turlangtonparishcouncil.org.uk
Please note the new web address -
www.turlangton-pc.org.uk

Councillors:

Cllr Tessa Bladon (Chair) - 01858 545303

Cllr Paul Officer - 01858 545717

Cllr Clare Staveley - 07891788059

Cllr Janine Haynes - 01858 545577

PC Accounts

The accounts for the period 1/4/20 to 31/3/20 are available on the website at <https://www.turlangton-pc.org.uk/accounts-2019-20>. The accounts have been checked by the Internal Auditor and submitted to the External Auditor. The accounts are available for public inspection for the period 20/7/20 to 28/8/20 on application to the clerk.

Councillor Vacancy

Tur Langton Parish Council needs you

Are you interested in local issues?

Support and improve your council:

- Get your voice heard
- Care for your environment
- Bring your skills to the council

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for one councillor and would like to co-opt a new member. The Council has a range of responsibilities in the village including Custodian Trustee for the Village Hall, the defibrillator, phone kiosk and street furniture, grass cutting in the village and the Neighbourhood Plan. If the council had its full complement of five councillors, it could do more!

There is more information about being a councillor on the website at:
<https://www.turlangton-pc.org.uk/becomingaparishcouncillor>

If you interested and want to find out more, please contact the clerk or one of the Parish Councillors

Dog Fouling

Due to an increase in dog fouling in the village recently, the council has been researching the best deterrents for this anti-social behaviour.

We are going to be doing a Pink Poo Campaign. This will hopefully highlight the issue to irresponsible dog owners and prompt them to pick up after their dogs.

Parking

Please be considerate in your and your visitors parking and avoid blocking the pavements. Please leave enough space to allow pushchairs through so they do not have to go into the roadway.

Hanbury Trust

The Hanbury Charity has been in existence since around 1760 and is overseen by volunteer trustees from within the Langton villages. The number of Trustees has dropped to a critical level and the charity is seeking a nomination from Tur Langton. The website is:

www.hanburycharity.org/

The Charity's primary function is to grant assistance to young people living in the Langtons and surrounding areas who are in need of financial support in order to continue with their further or vocational training. The charity also supports Church Langton Primary School by in excess of £20,000 per annum and were the major contributor to the artificial pitch.

For at least the last two years no eligible person from Tur Langton has applied for an education grant but a number of children from the village will have benefited from the support given to the school. One of the tasks of a nominated Trustee is to champion the Charity in the parish and form a local point of reference for possible applicants, so having a local Trustee would help to promote the grant in the village. The workload is not great but there are one or two small committees that need strengthening and new Trustees are required for new ideas and overall succession. Much of the day to day matters can be handled by email and if need be by video contact.

The Chair of the Charity, Derek Hewitt, would be happy to talk to anyone interested in becoming a Trustee and to answer any questions. A copy of the Charitable Scheme is available from the Parish Council Clerk. If you are interested, please contact the clerk in the first instance.

Bus Route 44

Due to Covid 19 the bus 44 route review has been delayed. Services are currently operating on a reduced service.



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Village Hall Update

The Village Hall is almost ready!

A steady team of dedicated villagers have been working away at the fittings and finishes over the last few months.

The plumbing and electrical work are nearly all complete, and the new internal walls built with the new accessible toilet. With help from Harborough District Council grants we have a new front door and the final floor finishes are on their way.

We will be painting the internal walls over the next few weeks in advance of the final floor going in if you wish to volunteer please get in touch.

Website Accessibility Plan.

The Parish Council is working towards making its website Accessible and compliant with WCAG2.1 AA Standard in line with the legislation to meet these standards by 23/09/2020. The council is grateful to village resident Simon Traill for his support with this. He has carried out an Accessibility Audit and is now working with the council by making the necessary changes and helping to produce an Accessibility State

Memorial Garden

It is a while now since the garden has been highlighted. Initially a group of volunteers supported by HDC cleared a huge amount of undergrowth. Then children at Church Langton School worked with RHS to develop a planting scheme. While the refurbishment work has been taking place it was sensible not to prepare and plant up the garden to avoid damage but when we are able to take the security fence down it will be time to start preparing the ground for planting in the Autumn. We will keep you informed but if anyone wants to spend time making a start on ground preparation please contact Tessa Bladon.

Emergency Response Plan

Following on from the COVID 19 lockdown, people required to self isolate and the mains water running dry, the Parish Council would like to improve our current Emergency Response Plan. We would like to hear from people in the village as to ways in which they required more support during these periods.

We now have a central contact point, in the event of any further Severn Trent issues. If you have any further ideas please contact Cllr Staveley.

It has been a privilege to see everyone supporting each other in these difficult times.

Reporting Problems on roads and rights of way.

Roads and Pavements

Most types of problems on County Roads or pavements, including signs, potholes, overgrown trees and hedges, can be reported online by following the relevant links at

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>.

Public Rights of Way

Problems on public rights of way can be reported by following the relevant link on this page -

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cycling-and-walking/where-to-walk-in-leicestershire>. This page also includes an interactive link showing different types of public rights of way in the county. You may also find this link useful -

<https://www.findmystreet.co.uk/map> - This includes adopted highways including roads and paths, public rights of way, and private streets. Clicking on each blue line on the map, will bring up details including its title, status and maintenance responsibility.

Useful Links to Information

Harborough Police Beat Newsletter July 2020 link:

<https://www.turlangton-pc.org.uk/police>

Changes to the centre of the local towns with shops reopened:

https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20038/health_and_safety/338/town_centre_reopening_information

County Information

Libraries

Click and Collect was launched at 11 out of 16 County Council run libraries on 6th July (including Market Harborough for South Leicestershire), and at Blaby library on 13th July. Customers can request online or by phone.

Waste Recycling Centres

Kibworth will re-open on Monday, 3rd August with online bookings from Friday, 24 July. Market Harborough, waste site will continue to be open for the extended seven days a week for now, but this will gradually change as more sites re-open through August. All sites require residents to book an appointment in advance online, to ensure social distancing can be maintained.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/book-a-waste-site-appointment>

Regulatory Services

Anstey Frith House on the County Hall campus has now reopened to the public for birth registrations, marriage ceremonies and civil partnership formations. All other Registry offices (excepting Bassett Street, Wigston) are opening for extended periods to help clear the backlog)