



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

Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr T Bladon (Chair), Cllr C Staveley

In attendance: Katy Ward, Clerk

1.	2627/51 - To receive apologies for absence Cllr P Officer - it was resolved to accept the apologies.
2.	2627/52 - Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and granting of dispensations • Cllrs Bladon and Officer are Trustees for the Village Hall and Cllr Staveley is a committee member. • All have dispensations to the next election. • Cllr Bladon items - 7.2 Planning application, and 10.4 Construction of footpath connecting new houses with the village.
3.	2627/53 - To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held 14th July 2026 It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14/07/26 be approved and adopted as a true record.
4.	2627/54 - Public comments and comments on items on the agenda None present.
5.	2627/55 - Clerk's Report Local Government Reorganisation • The government has now published plans for local government within our counties. The existing two county councils, seven district and borough councils, and one city council will be reorganised into two unitary authorities. • Pages from LRALC: Local Government Reorganisation 2027-2028 • Local Government Reorganisation - House of Commons Library updated • Further guidance has been issued by MHCLG relating to the new unitary authorities • On Monday 7 September, the Government confirmed that it is undertaking a review of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) decisions, including the plans for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

- The Government has confirmed that local elections for Harborough District Council (and others) will go ahead based on existing boundaries on 6th May 2027.
- Parish elections within Leicestershire and Rutland will also go ahead as planned on the same day. It is likely but not confirmed that these elections will be for a four-year term.

HDC

- Harborough District Residents' newsletter - July 2026
- Harborough District Communities News - July 2026
- Natural Harborough Photography Competition for young people
- Councillor Complaints guidance
- Neighbourhood Planning Grant offer - Expression of Interest (closes 18 Sep)
- Harborough District Residents' newsletter - August 2026
- Free support and resources to build 'Risk Ready Communities'
- Creative Harborough
- ****NEW**** Ward Member Community and Rural Grants
- Harborough District Communities News - Early September 2026

LCC

- Environment Action Volunteer (EAV) Scheme - volunteers wanted
- LCC Survey: How is the mobile signal in your parish?
- Pre-Winter Volunteer Training Sessions for Parish Councils - available in November
- LCC Sustainable Communities Toolkit Webinar
- LCC Monthly Funding Bulletin – August 2026
- LCC Funding Bulletin – September 2026

NALC

- NALC new banking hub
- NALC subscription fees 2027/28 - 8.8 pence per elector (up from 8.6 pence)
- NALC analysis of data from May 2026 Town and Parish Councils published
- NALC: Contract of employment update (probation period clause)
- NALC: Template contract of employment
- Survey: Review of NALC Model Standing Orders (MSOs) (closed 31 July)
- NALC: 21st Century Parish and Town Councillor and Clerk report
- NALC Survey: Council services survey - new national survey to help build a comprehensive picture of the sector (closes end of August)
- NALC Legal bulletin - July 2026

LRALC

- LRALC model vacancy templates updated
- LRALC Documents and policies to be kept or published, July 2026
- LRALC Annual Parish Conference – Review and Resources
- Development and Member Support Survey 2026 completed by Clerk
- LRALC 2026 AGM - Saturday 12th December 2026 - Braunstone Civic Centre
- LCC September 2026 newsletter
- Clerk attended Elections briefing on 03/09 and will attend Digital AGAR session later in September

6.	2627/56 - Reports and updates from: • County Councillor Since the last meeting CC Phil King enquired with LCC about the footpath connecting the new houses to the village, and sent a response to Highways about the removal of the 30mph countdown marker signs on the roads outside the village. • District Councillors Newsletters have been circulated to Councillors. • Police Update • Our News 20 July • Market Harborough north newsletter July 2026 • Our News August 2026 • PCC announces David Sandall as preferred candidate for Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police • Market Harborough north newsletter August 2026 • Our News, September 2026
7.	2627/57 - Planning 7.1 General Report and update on applications / decisions from Harborough District Council Approved since last meeting: • Works to tree (fell) - Langton House Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 26/00867/TCA Received date: Wed 17 Jun 2026 Status: Application Permitted • Dead, dying, diseased Cherry Plum - Greystones Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 26/00944/DDD Received date: Wed 10 Jun 2026 Status: Application Permitted • Discharge of Conditions 4ii (Self-build), 5 (CEMP), 7 (Levels) and 8 (Land Contamination Report) of 24/00216/OUT - South View Farm Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 26/00895/PCD Received date: Mon 22 Jun 2026 Status: Application Permitted • Discharge of Condition 4 (Materials) of 25/01488/REM - South View Farm Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 26/00896/PCD Received date: Mon 22 Jun 2026 Status: Application Permitted Closed / Pending consideration: • Outline application for the development of 4 self-build and custom build plots (access only to be considered) - Land Adjacent No 10 Cranoe Road Tur Langton Leicestershire Ref. No: 26/00949/OUT Received date: Tue 30 Jun 2026 Status: Pending Consideration Comments agreed by Councillors under the Scheme of Delegation between meetings and submitted to HDC on 18/08/2026. 7.2 To agree comments on the following application: • Ref. No: 26/01218/FUL - Removal of existing sheds and replacement with two new sheds - Land North Of Smiths Cottage Shangton Road Tur Langton Leicestershire

	Cllr Bladon declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Staveley took the Chair. It was resolved to submit a response of no comment. Cllr Bladon returned to the room and resumed the Chair. 7.3 Enforcement Ongoing: It is alleged that former agricultural buildings and associated storage units have been converted into padel and pickleball courts without the benefit of planning permission. - Manor Farm Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 26/00200/COUS Received date: Tue 23 Jun 2026 Status: Pending Consideration No update to this has been received.
8.	2627/58 - Flooding 8.1 Flood Warden update The potential Flood Warden is still interested in the role, and is waiting for new training sessions to be announced. 8.2 Updates following general flooding discussion at previous meetings No further updates from Bruce Durham. It was discussed whether it would be possible to get more residents using the flood app. LCC contacted the Parish Council about an Osmo Flood Barrier demonstration. This was discussed and it was decided that no Councillors would attend as there is no need for a barrier at present. There are also FloodSax devices already available at the Village Hall should any residents want to use them.
9.	2627/59 - Trees 9.1 Tree Warden It is unclear if the project to map the village trees is still going ahead. It's understood that Cllr Officer is no longer assisting with the project and that someone else has stepped in. The Clerk will enquire with the Tree Warden about the project. 9.2 New trees planted The trees have all been watered over the summer. The Clerk reported the snapped tree to LCC Forestry, and they responded that as the tree is young and still staked, LCC's Ground Maintenance Team will assess the tree when watering takes place this summer. If required, the tree will be marked for replacement.
10.	2627/60 - Highways and Transport 10.1 General Report • Summer by bus promotions throughout August 2026 • Parish and Communities Update - Issue 45 • Festival of Cycling event will be passing through Tur Langton on Sunday, 27th September

	10.2 Snagging List The Parish Council received an email about recent Highways reports made to LCC. There was a report of a request for new/improved lighting on Shangton Road. Councillors thought this may be in relation to the report that CC Phil King made about the footpath connecting the new houses to the village. Cllr Staveley will contact LCC to enquire about the report and ask if it was generated in error due to a misunderstanding with the construction of the footpath/pavement connecting the new houses to the village. 10.3 Footpaths Nothing to report. 10.4 Construction of footpath connecting new houses with the village Cllr Bladon declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Staveley took the Chair. The Parish Council contacted CC Phil King after the July meeting to see if he could help look into the situation. LCC responded to say it has been reported to a Highways Officer in the area, and they will be in touch. The Clerk was contacted by HDC about it and spoke with them on 02/09/26. HDC will look into it. A resident from one of the new houses also contacted LCC about it. The response provided was that the process of constructing the footpath needs to go through a technical and legal process, and that a timetable for the work could not be provided. The developer has also chased it up with LCC as they are keen to have it completed. They are waiting for LCC to confirm it can go ahead before they can complete the work. The proposed works have been agreed and approved for months, but they cannot start the work without permission from LCC first. Cllr Bladon returned to the room and resumed the Chair. 10.5 Parking on pavements Messages to people booking the Village Hall and to attendees seem to have helped, and the situation has improved. To be removed from future agendas unless it becomes an issue again. 10.6 Road sweeping and roadside drain cleaning LCC advised that the drains were due for cleaning in September/October, but this hasn't been completed yet. It will be added to the newsletter to advise residents that it is happening soon. 10.7 Removal of 30mph countdown marker signs on B6047 Melton Road LCC advised that they intended to remove the countdown marker signs on the approach to Tur Langton on the B6407 Melton Road in line with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (2016). These have now been removed. 10.8 ETD Minor Improvements Programme This was discussed, and it was decided not to respond as there is nothing that fits the criteria.
11.	2627/61 - Grass cutting 11.1 General update March - cuts 05/03, 19/03 - invoice 26/021 (combined Mar/Apr) received and paid

	• April - cuts 02/04, 15/04, 29/04 and strim - invoice 26/021 (combined Mar/Apr) received and paid • May - cuts 13/05, 27/05 and strim - invoice 26/080 received and paid • June - cuts 10/06, 30/06 and strim - invoice 26/112 received and paid • July - cuts unknown - invoice not received yet • August - possibly two cuts - invoice not received yet • September - one cut so far 11.2 Grass cutting spot check review Cllr Bladon - Shangton Road: no issues and Leicestershire Gardens is now strimming the steep bank regularly Cllr Anderson - Main Street: no issues 11.3 Grass cutting contract for 2026 season Clerk to source three quotes for the contract including the current contractor, and report back at the next meeting. 11.4 Grass cutting budget Review of the budget deferred to next meeting, due to invoices for grass cutting not being received and uncertainty over the number of cuts over the summer.
12.	2627/62 - Finance 12.1 RFO Report • The Clerk is now also employed at Foxton Parish Council. They have agreed to share the Clerk phone number costs and SLCC costs. Foxton's share of the costs will be reimbursed to Tur Langton, as the invoices/contracts are registered to Tur Langton. • Registered for Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) online portal for digital AGAR 2027. Updated all contact details for Clerk and TLPC, requested email address change for Cllr Bladon. • Unity Trust Bank starts rollout of faster mandate change option for customers • Lebara (Parish Council phone number/SIM card provider) have decided to start applying VAT to invoices from July again. 12.2 To note payments previously not minuted Receipts: None Payments From List of Regular Payments: • 27/07/26 - Leics Gardens, inv 26/112, June - £342.00 • 31/07/26 - Clerk salary and HWA July 2026 - £300.52 • 28/08/26 - Clerk salary and HWA August 2026 - £300.52 Other: • 01/07/26 - Lloyds Corporate Card June - £25.69 ○ Parish Council mobile phone, Amazon - £18.29 ○ Parish Council SIM card, Lebara - £4.40

- Card fee - £3.00
- 27/07/26 - Tur Langton VH Room Hire 14/07/26 - £5.00
- 27/07/26 - SLCC Membership 2026/27 - £116.00
- 31/07/26 - Lloyds Corporate Card July - £7.40
 - Parish Council SIM card, Lebara - £4.40
 - Card fee - £3.00
- 31/07/26 - Bank fees - £7.00
- 21/08/26 - PWLB repayment - £1,671.87
- 31/08/26 - Bank fees - £7.00

12.3 To approve bank reconciliation to 31/08/26

Total receipts to 31/08/26:

Unity: £5,801.67

MHBS: £72.93

Total: £5,874.60

Total payments to 31/08/26:

Unity: £5,258.49

MHBS: £0.00

Total: £5,258.49

Balances per statements at 31/08/26:

Unity: £2,159.07

MHBS: £8,127.44

Total: £10,286.51

It was resolved to approve the reconciliation.

12.4 To approve updated List of Payments Arising on a Regular Basis

It was resolved to approve the list.

12.5 Review of Expenditure Against Budget

All categories are within budget. As no grass cutting invoices have been received for July or August cuts, it is uncertain whether extra funds will need to be transferred later in the year. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

12.6 Update on bank account signatories

No update from MHBS about whether former Cllr Molyneux has been removed. The Clerk will visit the branch for confirmation before the next meeting.

12.7 Ideas and suggestions for budget 2027/28

Ideas and suggestions were discussed, along with the current level of reserves held by the Council. The Clerk to complete first draft of 27/28 budget for the November meeting.

12.8 To approve for payment:

- Tur Langton Village Hall, room hire for meeting 15/09/26 - £5.00

It was resolved to approve the payment.

13.	2627/63 - Village Hall - Community Grant update The grant application that the PC supported for sound reduction was received by the Village Hall. Cllr Staveley submitted the completion report to HDC.
14.	2627/64 - Ward Member Community and Rural Grants HDC have announced the new Ward Member Community and Rural Grants which opened for applications on 14th September. It was discussed whether there were any ideas for projects that the grants could be used for. It will be included in the next newsletter to see if residents have any ideas about what it could be used for, and discussed at the next meeting. A side door to the Village Hall was also discussed as a potential idea, and Cllr Bladon will research quotes for this.
15.	2627/65 - Policies to review and adopt Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities Policy, Recruitment Policy, Sickness, Absence and Annual Leave Policy, IT Policy It was resolved to adopt the Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities Policy, Recruitment Policy, and IT Policy with no amendments. It was resolved to adopt the Sickness, Absence and Annual Leave Policy with the amendments circulated before the meeting, to reflect the recent changes to employment law.
16.	2627/66 - Update of Community Response Plan This was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. For flooding information, it was agreed that information about sandbags and FloodSax devices will be added to the plan. Cllr Bladon will rationalise the contents of the grab bag, and consider a more appropriate location to store it as it is not easily accessible at the moment. It will be included on the next newsletter to ask for new volunteers to be included on the plan who have skills and/or useful equipment. The plan will be reviewed after any new information or volunteers are added.
17.	2627/67 - Poppy Wreath - to agree whether to purchase a new poppy wreath or make a donation to Royal British Legion Cllr Staveley will check whether it is necessary to purchase a new wreath. It was resolved to purchase a new wreath if necessary (£23.00 plus postage of £4.50), or make a donation to the Royal British Legion of £25.00 if the previous wreath can be used again.
18.	2627/68 - Assets 18.1 Health and Safety Check of Assets - Cllr Officer Nothing to report. 18.2 Notice Board - Cllr Bladon

	Nothing to report. 18.3 Defibrillator - Cllr Staveley Donation sent to RCFR via JustGiving (payment made on credit card, will be minuted at the next meeting), still no response to any of previous emails sent.
19.	2627/69 - General update on ongoing items Purchasing a cupboard for the secure storage of Parish Council documents Parish Council documents have now been reduced and labelled. It was resolved to purchase a secure storage cupboard up to the value of £200 (including VAT and delivery) to store the documents at the Village Hall. Cllr Bladon will purchase the cupboard. Arranging the Clerk's annual appraisal To be arranged after September. Updating the History page of the website This is still ongoing due to the large amount of editing needed. When it is complete it will be published on the website.
20.	2627/70 - Staffing Review of Clerk's hourly rate following confirmation of Local Government Services Pay Agreement from 01/04/2026 It was resolved to increase the Clerk's hourly rate to £13.92 an hour (SCP 6), including backpay to 01/04/26. This will be paid with the September salary.
21.	2627/71 - Councillor Vacancy update No applications. This will be included as a main item on the next newsletter.
22.	2627/72 - Community Engagement - Newsletter Due to be published by the end of September.
23.	2627/73 - To confirm the dates of next meetings and items for next agenda 10th November 2026, 12th January 2027, 9th March 2027. The Annual Parish Council meeting has been provisionally set for 11th May 2027. All starting at 7:30 p.m. at Tur Langton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at: 8:37 p.m.