



**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Tur Langton
11th July 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr J. Anderson, Cllr T. Bladon (Chair), Cllr D. Molyneux, Cllr P. Officer
In attendance – Alison Gibson, Clerk

Action

1.	75/23 – To Receive Apologies for Absence Cllr C. Staveley - it was resolved to approve the reason for absence. County Councillor Kevin Feltham.	
2.	76/23 – Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and granting of dispensations. Cllr Officer is a Trustee of the Village Hall Committee and declared an “other” interest in any item relating to the Village Hall. He applied for a dispensation to speak and vote on this item to the next election. It was resolved to grant this dispensation to the next election. Cllr Bladon declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in items 7.3.2 and 7.3.3 as she is a close neighbour to the planning application site.	
3.	77/23 – To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st June 2023. It was resolved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 21/6/23 be approved and adopted as a true record.	
4.	78/23 – Questions from members of the public – none.	
5.	79/23 – Clerk’s Report and updates including Year Plan and LRALC update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Plan – noted as circulated. • Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councillor Training – Cllr Anderson has been booked onto Councillor Training on 19/9/23. ○ Bins being left out on the verge at a property on Kibworth Road, reported to Harborough District Council Environmental Services - noted the bins have been removed from the verge and are now on private property. • LRALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training bulletins June and July 2023 ○ Find a grant website link - https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/ ○ National Lottery Community Fund • Leicestershire County Council (LCC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trading Standards Newsletter Spring 2023 ○ Changes to 2015 Local Flood Risk Strategy – consultation runs to 13/8/23. ○ Monthly Funding Bulletins June and July 2023. ○ Parish Clerk’s Operational Meeting 22/6/23 – link to recording shared. ○ LCC and LRALC Annual Liaison Meeting 3/7/23 – link to presentation slides and Net Zero Toolkit for Town and Parish Councils Shared. Noted the clerk attended this meeting. ○ LCC Street Lighting Consultation - runs to 3/8/23. ○ Homeless Support Services Consultation – runs to 3/9/23. • Harborough District Council (HDC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newsletters June and July 2023 • SLCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clerk Magazine July 2023 	

6.	<p>80/23 – Reports and Updates</p> <p>6.1 County Councillor – Cllr Kevin Feltham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The A6 Leicester Road is due to have 4-way traffic lights back again for 22nd and 23rd July (weekend) so that Severn Trent Water can finish off the water connection across the A6 that they started in early May. The last weekend they were given permission to do this work (17th & 18th June) no workmen appeared, so the traffic lights caused the usual congestion without any progress on the water supply and penalty notices of £5,000 per day were issued! The chairs of Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt Parish Council have written a firm letter to Ms Liv Garfield, the Chief Exec of Severn Trent plc, reminding her of the hassle already caused and also making sure she understands there will be penalty notices issued again if there are no workmen there this time. We are due to install the Kibworth Harcourt SIDs on Main Street and Albert Street in the next couple of weeks and these include an option to collect data of the passing traffic numbers, date and time all the time. This will enable the parish to collate the data and be able to provide numbers of speeding vehicles to LCC and the Police as required. Our Community Speed Watch fortnight saw 63 owners (2.5% of the passing traffic between 9am to 5pm) sent letters by the police because they were speeding. <p>6.2 District Councillors - none</p> <p>6.3 Police Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police and Crime Commissioner Safety Fund 	
7.	<p>81/23 – Planning</p> <p>7.1 General Report and update on applications / decisions from Harborough District Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the government's finalised revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework will be delayed until at least September. <p>7.2 List of important trees update (see 9.1 below)</p> <p>7.3 To agree responses to:</p> <p>7.3.1 23/00911/TCA – works to trees (fell), Spring House, Main Street, Tur Langton</p> <p>Resolved to respond – “No Objection”.</p> <p>Cllr Bladon left the meeting. In the absence of the Vice Chair, it was agreed Cllr Officer will take the chair.</p> <p>7.3.2 23/00921/PCD – discharge of Condition 3 (external materials) of 22/011131/FUL – Land East of Shangton Road, Tur Langton.</p> <p>Resolved to Object on the following grounds: The proposed concrete cambered roof tiles are not in keeping with the typical design in the village which is slate tiles and is not in accordance with the original Design and Access Statement.</p> <p>7.3.3 23/00920/VAC – erection of four dwellings with associated access and parking (revised scheme of 21/0120/FUL) (variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of 22/01113/FUL to amend the detail design of house types and detached garages - variation to plans and elevations of houses and garages previously approved). Land East of Shangton Road, Tur Langton.</p> <p>Resolved to object on the following grounds: Plot 4 has increased in height to create extra accommodation, changing from a single storey garage to a small garage with accommodation on the first floor, with the potential of making it into a</p>	

	<p>four-bedroom house. The Parish Council objects on the grounds of privacy, increased massing and associated impact of additional vehicle movements, and parking. The garage has two roof lights on the front elevation, which are not in keeping with the character of the village.</p> <p>Plots 2 and 4 show new rooflights on the front elevation, which again are not in keeping with the character of the village.</p> <p>Plot 3 has a proposed additional room marked as a home office / study, but which could easily serve as a bedroom. As Plot 4 now has an additional room over the garage, the development is effectively now three 4-bedroom houses and one 3-bedroom house. This does not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan Policy H2 which states that:</p> <p>“...dwellings of four or more bedrooms will be supported only where they are subservient in number to any one, two or three-bedroom accommodation in any development.”</p> <p>Cllr Bladon returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.</p> <p>7.4 Enforcement – nothing to report.</p>	
8.	<p>82/23 – To review and adopt: It was resolved to adopt the following policies with slight changes to de-gender where appropriate:</p> <p>8.1 Health and Safety Policy 8.2 Lone Working Policy 8.3 Home Working Policy</p>	
9.	<p>83/23 – Trees</p> <p>9.1 List of Important Trees – It was agreed to invite potential Tree Warden to the next meeting and explore arranging a walk round the village to look at a project mapping the important trees in the village.</p> <p>9.2 Update from Merton College about trees on their land – an update has been received from Merton College accompanied by a Health and Safety Tree Survey for Tur Langton. It was noted that two horse chestnut trees near Buckey Lane have been identified as needing remedial work in the next six months. Merton College have asked a contractor to quote for the works and will ask them to apply for any necessary planning permissions.</p>	
10	<p>84/23 – Website Accessibility Review – this is ongoing</p>	Cllr Officer
11.	<p>85/23 – Finance</p> <p>11.1 RFO Report including noting of payments and receipts from 1/4/23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit update – the Exemption Certificate has been sent to the External Auditor and confirmation of receipt received. All papers have been put onto noticeboards and website. Period of inspection ends 14/7/23. • Procurement Threshold Increase – Parkinson Partnership Bulletin • Payments since last meeting not previously minuted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From List of Payments Arising on a regular basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31/5/23 – Leicestershire Gardens invoice 23/028 for cuts 14/4/23 and 29/4/23 - £200 31/5/23 – Clerk salary and homeworking allowance May 2023 – £256.10 30/6/23 – Clerk salary and homeworking allowance June 2023 - £256.10 Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26/5/23 – Information Commissioner - £35.00 (Direct Debit) 30/6/23 – Bank Charges - £18.00 <p>11.2 To approve bank reconciliation to 4/7/23 Total receipts to 4/7/23 - £5,156.70, made up as follows: Unity Bank - £5110.21 Market Harborough Building Society - £46.49</p>	

	<p>Total Payments to 4/7/23 - £1,489.65, made up as follows: Unity Bank £1,489.65 Market Harborough Building Society - £0</p> <p>Balance at 4/7/23 - £18,820.68, made up as follows: Unity - £8,479.80 Market Harborough Building Society - £10,340.88</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation to 4/7/23 as circulated.</p> <p>11.3 To accept updated list of payments arising on a regular basis for 23/24 year It was resolved to accept the list as circulated.</p> <p>11.4 To review budget for 23/24 year and to review Reserves Policy The clerk had circulated proposed revised budget and notes and Reserves Policy, using actual balances carried forward at 31/3/23. It was resolved to adopt the revised budget and Reserves Policy as circulated.</p> <p>11.5 To approve for payment 11.5.1 Tur Langton Village Hall, room hire for meetings 21/6/23 and 11/7/23. There was no charge for the meeting 21/6/23 and so the invoice for approval is £5.00 for 11/7/23. It was resolved to approve the payment.</p>	
12	<p>86/23 – Assets</p> <p>12.1 Health and Safety Check of Assets - no problems identified following inspection apart from notice board (21.2 below).</p> <p>12.2 Notice Board – Treatment of the mould is ongoing.</p> <p>12.3 Refurbishment of Phone Box – this has been repainted by a volunteer. The Parish Council extended thanks to the volunteer and an article will be included in the next newsletter</p>	Cllr Bladon
13	<p>87/23 – Review of Community Response Plan to take account of change of councillors.</p> <p>It was resolved to adopt the updated Community Response Plan as circulated.</p> <p>The clerk also circulated the Resilience Partnership June Newsletter and details of a “Summer Risks online event.</p>	
14	<p>88/23 – Village Hall Memorial Sign – update on design and quotations Cllr Bladon reported that work on the sign is underway, and the lettering should be completed at the end of July / beginning of August. The volunteer is making no charge for this, and the council expressed their appreciation.</p> <p>As there will be no charge, the £392.37 in the Ringfenced Reserve can be spent on plants for the Memorial Garden so this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.</p>	
15	<p>89/23 – Highways</p> <p>15.1 General Report - none</p> <p>15.2 Traffic Calming</p> <p>15.2.1 Update on research on Speed Indicator Devices to replace the existing Vehicle Activated Signs – a further quotation from SWARCO was circulated.</p> <p>15.2.3 To agree how to progress and further actions – deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>15.3 Grass Cutting – invoice held for cut on 25/5/23. There was a further cut 28/6/23 including strim of steep bank. No mow May / June – Cllr Molyneux will ask the contractor to cut the areas left on the next cut.</p> <p>15.4 Community Speedwatch – response received that it is not possible to run Speedwatch on Shangton Road because the police enforce speed on this road. The other two locations are</p>	Cllr Molyneux

	<p>fine so there is still the option of running it at these locations. Councillors were disappointed with this response, as Speedwatch has run on Shangton Road for many years and no enforcement has been noticed on the Shangton Road. Clerk to query why this has changed and ask for timetable for enforcement in Tur Langton and the data.</p> <p>15.5 Snagging List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road markings on layby on Cranoe Road which are worn and not visible – this still has not been done. <p>15.6 Footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath Order for the path and bridleway by The Manor (B7 (parts), B15 (parts) and A86 (parts) – no further update from LCC 	clerk
16.	<p>90/23– Review of Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Officer has spoken to Harborough District Council and will summarise his discussion at the next meeting.</p>	Cllr Officer
17.	<p>91/23 – Website History Page This is ongoing. Cllr Molyneux is getting material together and Cllr Bladon is looking into photographs / descriptions.</p>	Cllr Molyneux. Cllr Bladon
18.	<p>92/23 – Community Engagement - Newsletter The next newsletter is due in September to include history web page, an introduction to Cllr Anderson, “No Mow May”, traffic calming and the repainting of the phone box.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit an article for the October edition of the Kibworth Chronicle, Cllr Molyneux will prepare copy for approval at the next meeting on 12/9/23.</p>	Cllr Staveley Cllr Molyneux
19.	<p>93/23 – To confirm the date of next meetings and items for next agenda. 12/9/23, 14/11/23, 9/1/24, 12/3/24, all starting at 7.30 p.m.</p>	

Meeting was closed at 21.31p.m.