



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

Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

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

In attendance: Katy Ward, Clerk

1.	2627/29 - To receive apologies for absence Cllr J Anderson - it was resolved to accept the apologies.
2.	2627/30 - 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 item - 11.6 Construction of footpath connecting new houses with the village.
3.	2627/31 - To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held 12th May 2026 It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12/05/26 be approved and adopted as a true record.
4.	2627/32 - Public comments and comments on items on the agenda None present.
5.	2627/33 - Councillor Vacancy update The prospective new Councillor is unable to take up the role at present. The vacancy will continue to be advertised on the noticeboard and website.
6.	2627/34 - Clerk's Report Other • Nokia 105 mobile phone for the Clerk has been purchased and is in use HDC • Harborough District Residents' newsletter - May 2026 • HDC Community News May 2026

- Nominations open for HDC Annual Community Awards
- Harborough District Residents' newsletter - June 2026
- HDC will go ahead with a new parish council for Market Harborough. Second phase of consultation to begin over the summer, reported on the BBC.
- Harborough District Communities News - early July
- Harborough District Council's Youth Council has launched Working Wonders
- Publishing councillor addresses on the register of interests. From 29th June 2026, home addresses must not be published in local authority registers of interest. HDC is redacting addresses on the HDC website, the Clerk has also redacted the addresses on the TLPC website.

LCC

- LCC May 2026 Newsletter
- LCC Monthly Funding Bulletin – May 2026
- Parish and Communities update - issue 44
- LCC Monthly Funding Bulletin – June 2026
- LCC are running the 'Mission Ready' project across 2026. About supporting the armed forces community.
- Adults and Communities Engagement Panel Newsletter - summer edition
- LCC Monthly Funding Bulletin – July 2026

NALC

- NALC Blog: Exploring the impact of AI on parish and town councils
- NALC communication – Updated HR templates
- NALC communication – Environment Agency Flooding survey (to be completed as an individual, closed 29th May)
- NALC: Project Keystone survey - to be completed individually, closed 5th June
- NALC Legal Bulletin – May 2026
- NALC video about Civility and Respect

LRALC

- LRALC website updates - including new finance page
- The Association of Local Council Clerks is now the Union for Local Council Staff
- Community Governance Reviews - various updates
- Risk Ready Communities – Upcoming webinars on Summer Preparedness and Community Response Plans
- LLR Road Safety Partnership - World Cup drug driving safety campaign
- Hannah Shaw at LRALC is leaving
- Update to LRALC Planning and Development webpage

RCC

- RCC Impact Magazine - issue 29

7. 2627/35 - Reports and updates from:

7.1 County Councillor

	The County Councillor was unable to attend, and has let the Parish Council know he is available to help with any issues. 7.2 District Councillors Newsletters have been circulated to Councillors. 7.3 Police Update • Market Harborough north newsletter - May 2026 • Our News - June 2026 (1st newsletter) • Our News - June 2026 (2nd newsletter) • June 2026 OPCC Newsletter • Market Harborough north newsletter - June 2026 • Our News - July 2026
8.	2627/36 - Planning 8.1 General Report and update on applications / decisions from Harborough District Council General Report: HDC provided an update on changes to how planning decisions will be made from 31st October 2026. A National Scheme of Delegation has been introduced which will affect how decisions are made. Final arrangements are yet to be confirmed. The full update can be found on the news page of the Parish Council website. Approved since last meeting: Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development for the construction of single storey rear conservatory with related fenestration amendments - The Granary Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 26/00299/CLU Received date: Fri 27 Feb 2026 Status: Application Permitted Case Type: Planning Application Works to trees (fell) - Tur Langton Village Hall Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Ref. No: 26/00653/TCA Received date: Tue 12 May 2026 Status: Application Permitted Case Type: Planning Application PC unable to comment due to involvement with VH. Open, but not open for consultation as DDD tree: 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: Pending Consideration Case Type: Planning Application 8.2 To agree comments on the following applications: • Ref. No: 26/00867/TCA - Works to tree (fell) - Langton House Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ • Ref. No: 26/00895/PCD - 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: 26/00896/PCD - Discharge of condition 4 (materials) of 25/01488/REM - South View Farm Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ

	It was resolved to submit comments of no objection to all of the planning applications. 8.3 Enforcement Closed: The Parish Council received notification on 18/05/26 of the following enforcement case from HDC: Ref. No: 26/00121/HEDGES It is alleged that a hedgerow has been removed within a Conservation Area without the necessary consent. Pyms Place Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ Case closed 13/05/26 – not expedient to pursue. Pending Consideration: The Parish Council received notification on 25/06/26 of the following enforcement case from HDC: 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 Case Type: Planning Enforcement
9.	2627/37 - Flooding 9.1 Flood Warden update The potential volunteer is still interested, and new Flood Warden introduction session dates have been circulated to them. 9.2 Updates following general flooding discussion at previous meetings Cllr Bladon will follow up on the matters discussed at the last meeting. HDC has provided the Parish Council with checklists and resources about flood preparedness. These are available on the Parish Council website. Information on Anglian Water funding sent by HDC was circulated. The Parish Council does not own any land so this funding is not appropriate.
10.	2627/38 - Trees 10.1 Tree Warden Plans are still going ahead to map the trees within the village. 10.2 Oak tree outside the Village Hall Cllr Staveley noted on 15/06/26 that highways have now cut out the lower branches of the oak tree next to the Village Hall. They have done a good job and have been sympathetic to the tree. 10.3 New trees planted Some of the new trees look like they're struggling due to the recent heatwaves and lack of rain. It is unknown how much water the new trees have been getting. A resident has a plan to water them all with plenty of water. The tree that has been adopted is looking healthy.

	One of the new trees on the Langton Road/Kibworth Road exit to the village has snapped in half naturally due to recent strong winds. The Clerk to report this to LCC Forestry.
11.	2627/39 - Highways and Transport 11.1 General Report • Better Transport Week 2026 • The Environment Agency has published new Surface Water Investment Model guidance on GOV.UK • Surface Dressing Works Underway Across Leicestershire • LCC: Speed enforcement 'Community Concern' sites updated - requests for support from the Safety Camera Scheme can be made via the Community Concern Site Request 11.2 Snagging List Nothing to report. 11.3 Footpaths Nothing to report. 11.4 Road sweeping and roadside drain cleaning The online gully tracker on the LCC website that tracks when gullies were last cleaned was circulated to Councillors. The gullies on Shangton Road and the Shangton Road/Main Street junction are a priority 1, were last cleaned in January 2026 and are next due to be cleaned in September/October 2026. The gullies on Main Street are a priority 2, were last cleaned in March 2025 and are next due to be cleaned in September/October 2026. It was noted that this appears to be a change to the previous schedule, where it was understood the gullies were being cleaned every three months. It also explains why there has been a build up of leaves as some of them haven't been cleaned in over a year. The drains and gullies will be monitored and the Parish Council will make contact with Highways if any of them need cleaning before they are next due to be visited. The next newsletter will let residents know that the gullies are next due to be cleaned in September/October and to not park cars over them, so they can be properly accessed for cleaning. 11.5 Parking on pavements No further reports have been received about parking on pavements. It was suggested to change the noticeboard in the entrance to the Village Hall to have two noticeboards, one for flyers and one for official notices. This will hopefully make the notices about parking considerably clearer for visitors. There doesn't seem to be any further parking on the grass. No nuisance parking leaflets have been used yet. 11.6 Construction of footpath connecting new houses with the village Cllr Bladon declared an interest, Cllr Staveley took the Chair.

	The footpath connecting the new houses to the village at the north end of Shangton Road has not been completed. This was supposed to be completed before people moved in, and all of the houses are now occupied. It is understood that the developer is keen to complete the work, but it is being held up by LCC. It was suggested to contact the County Councillor, to see if he could help look into it. The Clerk to email the CC. Cllr Bladon made no comments and resumed the Chair. 11.7 Review of the damage to the steep bank on Shangton Road There has been no further damage, and the bank seems to be improving. This will be reviewed again in six months' time.
12.	2627/40 - Grass cutting 12.1 General update Public Liability Insurance from Leics Gardens received, sent to LCC and Purchase Order received. Grass cutting spot check due in August. • 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 - pending receipt of invoice 12.2 Grass cutting on the steep bank on Shangton Road A report was received about the grass verge/steep bank on Shangton Road not being strimmed, meaning the grass has been growing too high, affecting visibility and safety when pulling out into the road. Cllr Bladon has liaised with Leicestershire Gardens about what can be done, and it was decided that the grass next to the drives will be strimmed every time it is mowed. The Clerk liaised with the resident and the issue appears to have been solved for the time being. It is uncertain whether Leicestershire Gardens has continued to mow the grass next to the drives, and Cllr Bladon will follow this up. The additional strimming will not be charged for as it is part of the grass cutting contract. 12.3 Grass cutting budget It was noted that based on the number of cuts so far, and the budgeted 14 cuts this year, that the 14th cut would be due to take place in September, well before the end of the grass cutting season. A summary of the grass cutting completed so far this year, along with potential future cuts for the rest of the year was presented to Councillors. It was agreed for the Clerk to look at the budget and make any suggestions for transferring funds at the September meeting.
13.	2627/41 - Finance 13.1 RFO Report

- AGAR Certificate of Exemption submitted to external auditor
- Unity Bank - bank statement design has been updated
- ICO renewal paid by DD - contact details updated
- HMRC - new mileage, fuel rates, and allowances for 2026/27. The Clerk's contract wording covers the update and the contract does not need to be updated.
- Report on the results of Auditors' work at Smaller Authorities 2024/2025
- Lebara (PC SIM card provider) - VAT is no longer applied to any Lebara plans since 9th June 2026. They applied a system wide change on that date which automatically changed future and previous invoices, so invoices no longer show VAT. This means that the invoice for May would have had VAT shown, but the Clerk did not download it until the end of June. Therefore there is no VAT invoice for June, and it is no longer possible to obtain it. Lebara did not send any notification of this change. This means the PC will not be able to reclaim the £0.73 of VAT for May.

13.2 To note payments previously not minuted

Receipts:

None

Payments From List of Regular Payments:

29/05/26 - Clerk salary and HWA May 2026 - £300.52

25/06/26 - Leics Gardens, inv 26/080, May - £342.00

25/06/26 - Leics Gardens, inv 26/021, Mar/Apr - £792.00

30/06/26 - Clerk salary and HWA June 2026 - £300.52

Other:

- 01/05/26 - Lloyds Corporate Card April - £60.00
 - Printer paper, Amazon - £11.35
 - Printer ink, Amazon - £41.25
 - Parish Council SIM card, Lebara - £4.40
 - Card fee - £3.00
- 26/05/26 - Tur Langton VH Room Hire 12/05/26 - £5.00
- 27/05/26 - Information Commissioner - £47.00
- 31/05/26 - Bank fees - £7.00
- 01/06/26 - Lloyds Corporate Card May - £7.40
 - Parish Council SIM card, Lebara - £4.40
 - Card fee - £3.00
- 30/06/26 - Bank fees - £7.00

13.3 To approve bank reconciliation to 30/06/26

Total Receipts to 30/06/26 - £5,874.60 made up as follows:

Unity Trust Bank - £5,801.67

Market Harborough Building Society - £72.93

Total Payments to 30/06/26 - £2,475.49 made up as follows:

Unity Trust Bank - £2,475.49

Market Harborough Building Society - £0.00

	Balance at 30/06/26 - £13,069.51 made up as follows: Unity Trust Bank - £4,942.07 Market Harborough Building Society - £8,127.44 It was resolved to approve the reconciliation. 13.4 To approve updated List of Payments Arising on a Regular Basis It was resolved to approve the list. 13.5 Review of Expenditure Against Budget • So far all categories are within budget. • The cashflow spreadsheet suggests some budgets will be overspent on by year-end, including grass cutting and VAT, and possibly stationery. Budgets will remain the same until there is a clearer picture of actual costs over the next few months. • The Unity balance is currently quite high but the cashflow suggests that by the end of August (just before the precept payment) it will have reduced to a much lower but still adequate amount. 13.6 Update on bank account signatories MHBS - former Cllr Molyneux signed the form to remove her access to the account. The Clerk will take forms and evidence into branch after May meeting minutes have been signed. Unity - forms signed at May meeting submitted to Unity online and accepted, Cllr Molyneux no longer has access. 13.7 To approve for payment: • Tur Langton Village Hall, room hire for meeting 14/07/26 - £5.00 • Renewal of Microsoft OneDrive cloud storage - £19.99 It was resolved to approve the payments.
14.	2627/42 - To consider the purchase of a cupboard for the secure storage of Parish Council documents A significant amount of archived Parish Council documents are currently stored at the Clerk's home. It was suggested that these could potentially be stored at the Village Hall in a secure locked cupboard. Cllr Bladon has researched appropriate storage cupboards in terms of size and security. It was resolved that if a better storage solution cannot be found for the documents at the Clerk's home, a secure storage cupboard be purchased to store the documents in at the Village Hall.
15.	2627/43 - Policies 15.1 To review and adopt: • Health and Safety Policy • Lone Working Policy • Home Working Policy

	• GDPR Policies: ○ Data Protection Policy, General Privacy Notice, Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Role Holders, Consent Form, Subject Access Request Policy, Data Breach Policy It was resolved to adopt the policies with the minor amendments circulated and discussed at the meeting. 15.2 To update the Expenses Policy to reflect new HMRC mileage rates It was resolved to update the policy with the new guidance from HMRC about mileage allowances.
16.	2627/44 - To consider whether to join CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Leicestershire This was discussed, and it was agreed that there is currently no need to join. This will be reviewed again in six months, when the new planning rules have come in at HDC and when a decision on which model of Local Government Reorganisation has been decided.
17.	2627/45 - To consider a response to the LRALC Development & Member Support Survey 2026 Councillors discussed whether to send a response as a Council, and decided that the majority of the questions relate to the Clerk's role. The Clerk will submit an individual response.
18.	2627/46 - Assets 18.1 Health and Safety Check of Assets - Cllr Officer Nothing to report. 18.2 Notice Board - Cllr Bladon The noticeboard is continuing to look and work well after repairs were completed earlier this year. 18.3 Defibrillator - Cllr Staveley Nothing to report with the defibrillator. In regards to making a donation for the defibrillator training session held earlier this year: Rutland Community First Responders have been contacted several times, through the individual the training session was arranged with and also through the generic email address, to find out where to send the previously agreed donation for the session. No replies have been received. It was suggested to see if they have a donation link on their website and make the donation through that. If this can be done the Clerk will make the donation with the PC credit card.
19.	2627/47 - Review of website changes and suggestions for possible further changes Changes suggested at the November 2025 meeting have been completed. These include simplifying the agendas and minutes page, updating the news page, updating the main menu, updating the website SEO and reducing the amount of storage used on the website.

	The website will continue to be updated to simplify it, and to reduce the amount of storage needed. Further updates will be reviewed in six months.
20.	2627/48 - To arrange the Clerk's annual appraisal To be arranged after the meeting.
21.	2627/49 - Community Engagement - Newsletter The next newsletter is due to be published at the end of August/beginning of September.
22.	2627/50 - To confirm the dates of next meetings and items for next agenda Provisionally set as: 15 th September 2026, 10 th November 2026, 12 th January 2027, 9 th March 2027 all starting at 7:30 p.m. at Tur Langton Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at: 8:41 p.m.