

## Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held by Zoom 10/5/22 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Mrs Alison Gibson, clerk

**1. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 4/5/21**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**2. The Chairman's report on the Parish Council's work over the last year.**

Welcome to Tur Langton Parish Meeting 2022

It has been two years since I have been able to deliver my message in person at your Annual Parish Meeting. Although life is returning to something more recognisable, the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic will be felt for some time into the future and for some the changes are permanent. I hope in some small way that with Parish Council meetings returning to being held at our village hall is part of that journey to normality. I also hope that we can encourage greater engagement in the work we do and secure the future of our Parish Council by giving people the confidence and enthusiasm to step forward and take their turn in supporting their community.

In May 2021 the fully refurbished Village Hall reopened its brand-new doors and welcomed groups and individuals who had expressed an interest in running classes. Although the village hall is not managed by the Parish Council, I thought it would be useful to add some information as most of the funding was provided by a Public Works Loan negotiated by the Parish Council. At the beginning use was small scale as we followed the strict rules imposed on public buildings at the time. As the months progressed the restrictions eased, and more enquiries and bookings were made. We had donations of chairs and tables from Church Langton Primary School for which we are very grateful. However, issues with drains proved to be expensive and created a little drama when unexpectedly one weekend we had no toilets connected and three parties booked. My thanks go to Councillors Staveley and Officer who with quick thinking and hard work totally saved the day. Bookings are going well, and we have received some wonderful feedback from hirers. We are now working on providing a safe outdoor space for community events and parties. The Management Committee are also looking into grants available to improve drainage and resurface the car park. Anyone interested in helping to run the village hall can contact our clerk who will pass the information on to the Management Committee.

Part of our budgeted funds are allocated to Village improvement schemes. During the last year an opportunity to apply to LCC Members Fund arose and with the support of Kevin Feltham our County Councillor successfully applied and were awarded £5,000 towards a village improvement scheme. Our priority is traffic calming and we have explored various schemes. We are in the process of getting quotes for the installation of MVAS's (mobile vehicle activated signs) which display the speed of oncoming traffic. We will communicate plans with the village when we have a complete picture of what is involved and the costs.

Communication with the village is important to us and we achieve this through our Parish Council website, which is maintained by our Clerk and Cllr Officer. We also produce a newsletter which we hope is informative and useful, however we are always looking to the future and hope to explore digital forms of communication. Any suggestions or ideas are very welcome.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to our clerk for her continued hard work. Her dedication and attention to detail are an example to us all.

A council also needs to keep up to date, a list of the consultations that the Parish Council have responded to are attached to this report.

In conclusion we thank you for taking the time to attend this meeting and look forward to representing our community in the coming year and completing our ongoing projects

Consultations responded to:

- National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey
- 7 Planning applications

### **3. Questions from members of the public – none present**

The meeting was closed by Cllr Bladon at 7.30 p.m.

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