



Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Tur Langton
21st June 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Action

1.	75/23 – To Receive Apologies for Absence None	
2.	76/23 – Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and granting of dispensations. None	
3.	77/23 – To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd May 2023. It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23/5/23 be approved and adopted as a true record.	
4.	78/23 – Questions from members of the public – none.	
5.	<p>79/23 – Planning</p> <p>5.1 General Report and update on applications / decisions from Harborough District Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/00043/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey rear extension. - Cleveland Cottage Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ – to note permitted • 23/00044/LBC - Demolition of existing garage, erection of a single storey rear extension, internal and external alterations including creation of rear window opening and door openings to the side. - Cleveland Cottage Main Street Tur Langton Leicestershire LE8 0PJ – to note permitted • 23/00660/TCA - Works to trees (fell) - Land At The Junction Of Cranoe Road And Melton Road Tur Langton Leicestershire – to note permitted • Final Decision to “Make” Kibworths Neighbourhood Review Plan <p>5.2 To agree response to: 23/00715/FUL – Alternations and extensions to enlarge an existing dwelling which includes demolition works, raising of ridge height of roof and installation of a balcony to the rear, installation of new replacement boundary treatment and revised dropped kerb access, Jays Cottage, Main Street, Tur Langton.</p> <p>It was resolved to strongly object to this application and to submit the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The application does not comply with Policy H3 of the Tur Langton Neighbourhood Plan – “Building Design Principles”, and is not in accordance with the following sentences in the introduction to the section on Design in the plan: <p><i>“New development proposals should be designed sensitively to sit within the distinctive settlement patterns of the village.” and “This traditional rural character should be enhanced by new development and schemes should be designed to ensure that new buildings sit comfortably within the existing settlement pattern and are respectful of their surroundings.”</i></p> <p>The Plot is in a Conservation Area and is arguably the most prominent site in the village, next to the church and opposite the pub, and surrounded by a quarter of the village’s listed buildings / structures.</p> 	

	<p>The Parish Council would like to highlight the following points which do not comply with Policy H3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The height and mass are not subservient to the Grade 2* listed Church next door. In particular, the proximity of the proposed building to the chancel will affect the light reaching the stain-glass windows. • The view of the Church from all angles is protected, including from the well-used footpaths along the North side of the village. The back elevation therefore needs to be as sympathetic as the front. • The Proposal does not fit with the streetscape of the village, which is universally traditional. There are a small number of more contemporary buildings in the village, all of which are set back from the street frontage. The provision of roof lights on the front elevation is out of keeping with other properties on the streetscape. • The choice of materials is very important. Given the consistency of materials used throughout the village, the colour of the bricks needs to be carefully chosen. The colour presented on the submitted images is not at all sympathetic with the other buildings. <p>2. The application is to extend the property to a four-bedroom house. In research for the Neighbourhood Plan in 2019 it was established that:</p> <p><i>“Tur Langton has a significantly higher proportion of 4/5 bed roomed properties (58%) compared to the District as a whole (35%) and at 42% has considerably fewer smaller properties (1/2/3 bed) than Harborough (65%).”</i> (from page 27 of the plan).</p> <p>Policy H2 on Housing Mix therefore supports new dwellings of three or fewer bedrooms. Whilst the application is not for a new dwelling, the Parish Council is concerned that it will reduce the number of smaller dwellings and increase the number of 4/5 bedroom dwellings.</p> <p>3. The Parish Council is also concerned to see that the parking spaces will be reduced, even though the property size will be increased. This is on a street where there is already a problem with street parking.</p> <p>4. The Parish Council agrees with the comments from Historic England in their letter of 21/6/23.</p>	
6.	<p>80/23 – Traffic Calming – update on research on speed signs and to agree further action.</p> <p>Establishing costs for replacing the two existing Vehicle Activated 30 mph reminder signs on Shangton Road (which currently belong to Leicestershire County Council) to signs that display speed (Speed Indicator Device, SID) is complex but good progress is being made. A summary of quotations previously received and a new quotation from SWARCO were circulated.</p> <p>On the advice of Leicestershire County Council (LCC), Cllr Staveley has been in contact with National Grid to explore arranging for the electricity supply to the signs to be changed from LCC to the Parish Council’s unmetered supply inventory (which the Parish Council will need to set up). She has been told that as the signs are currently owned by LCC the request must come from them. LCC have now advised that their Street Lighting Team will provide a quote for the installation of the signs and advise further regarding the connection into the Parish Council’s electricity supply. They have requested information about weight and size of the new signs to be able to supply the installation quote. Cllr Staveley will contact SWARCO for weight and size of their “240 mm 2-digit red / green SLOW DOWN” signs to be forwarded to LCC so that they can quote to enable the Parish Council to get an idea of their costs for installation.</p> <p>As agreed at the meeting on 7/3/23, once this and the other traffic calming options have been explored they will be put to the village with costs for consideration.</p>	Cllr Staveley
7.	<p>81/23 – To confirm the date of next meetings and items for next agenda.</p> <p>11/7/23, 12/9/23, 14/11/23, 9/1/24, 12/3/24, all starting at 7.30 p.m.</p>	

Meeting was closed at 20.15 p.m.