

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at the St Andrew's Church Tur Langton on 8th May 2018 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Mrs Alison Gibson, clerk

1. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 9th May 2017

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 2018

It was with surprise that I found myself sitting down to prepare another annual report. How could another year have passed so quickly?

This year the Parish Council have undertaken the process to create an Emergency Response Plan. Communities are encouraged to do this to create a clear picture of facilities and skills that are available to use in the event of a small or large scale emergency. This is now complete and a grab bag containing a variety of items useful in an emergency situation has been donated to the village. We will be looking for an appropriate place to store the bag but until a suitable place has been identified it will be held by the chair. Details of the plan can be found on our website.

We have now had the defibrillator installed in our phone box for over a year and the ownership of the box has now been transferred to the Parish Council for the princely sum of £1, however you may have noticed that it is still lit up at night and may have wondered how the defibrillator remains charged. BT continue to pay for the electricity that supplies the box and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future which we are very grateful for. Thankfully there has not as yet been a situation where the defibrillator has been required but it is very reassuring to know it is there. The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank James T for his skilful restoration of the box and the addition of the defibrillator signs. He also has been carrying out the regular checks required to ensure the kit remains operational, we are very grateful for his support. It is now time to organise an alternative to James and create a system that is sustainable and doesn't become the sole responsibility of one person. We will be exploring ideas ourselves but are very open to suggestions.

The Neighbourhood plan is in the next stage of scrutiny by HDC this will lead to it being checked further by an independent examiner. The timescales for this can be unpredictable but the council will keep everyone informed as the plan progresses towards a referendum.

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We have continued to produce a regular newsletter ourselves, which we hope is informative and we try to ensure that meeting dates are circulated in The Kibworth Chronicle and Langton's Newsletter. However, as always, any suggestions as to how to improve communication and any additions that you would like to see are very welcome.

I would like to extend my thanks to our clerk for her hard work this year. I am very aware of the extra workload this year with the introduction of new data protection legislation. In addition to all the other work required to run an efficient Parish Council, has also with the help of Councillor Officer transferred our website to a new domain and maintained it full of information about the work of the council.

A council also needs to keep up to date, a list of training that has been undertaken and 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

3. Village Hall Update

The plans for refurbishment of the village hall are progressing. Various quotes have been obtained, grant applications are in preparation and a village meeting was held in April 2018 to discuss the viability of the project. Although very valid concerns were raised during the meeting enough support has been realised to move the project forward. The first project planned is the roof. We also plan a working party to carry out some preparation work. Detail will be circulated in due course.

The initial garden clear up in preparation for the Memorial Garden took place in July last year. We are very grateful to HDC and FCC Environmental for their support. A plan has been created with by children at Church Langton Primary School in collaboration with The Royal Horticultural Society. When the ground has had further preparation, planting can take place in the Autumn.

4. Questions from members of the public – none present

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

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