



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Tur Langton  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 8 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. T Bladon, Cllr J Haynes, Cllr P Officer

In attendance: Alison Gibson, Clerk

Action

1.	<b>114/16 - Apologies for absence</b> – Cllr K Briggs, work commitments, Cllr C Weston (declares an interest in item 5) <b>Resolved to accept these apologies</b>	
2.	<b>115/16 - Declarations of pecuniary interest and granting of dispensations</b> – none	
3.	<b>116/16 - To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b> <b>Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6/9/16 be approved and adopted as a true record.</b>	
4.	<b>117/16 - Questions from members of the public</b> – none present	
5.	<b>118/16 – Planning</b>  16/01447/LBC – Erection of a single storey rear extension Greystones, Main Street, Tur Langton, Leicestershire. LE8 0PJ  The council supports the application with the following comments:  As a listed building any alterations need to be sensitively approached. The street view is only changed by the addition of one door.  The extension is built in a contemporary style but seems to be well designed and balanced, clearly showing the distinction between the listed building and the new addition.  The impact on traffic and parking during construction needs to be carefully considered	
6.	<b>119/16 – Local Government Finance Settlement 2017-18 Technical Consultation Possible Capping of Parish Council Council Tax</b>  The following response was agreed  Q 4 – do not agree – Local councils are important in local communities and should be able to respond to local need without this over burden of bureaucracy and cost.  Q 5 – do not agree – but would fully endorse this if a referendum were to be required  Q 6 – Do not agree to referendum for larger councils and this would be even more of a burden if extended to smaller councils where the amounts of money would be so small it would be unworkable  Q7 – It would be very impractical and would stop any new initiative.	

7.	<p><b>120/16 - Finance</b></p> <p><b>7.1 2015/16 Audit update</b> – noted that the audit papers have been returned from the External Auditor (Grant Thornton) and their opinion is - “no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.</p> <p>They brought to the council’s one matter that did not affect their opinion:</p> <p>“That the minute references should clearly demonstrate that the Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed before the Accounting Statements”</p> <p>This was noted for future reference. This was done in the correct order but under the same minute reference.</p> <p>The External Auditor Certificate and Report and Notice of Conclusion of Audit have been put onto the council’s website (thereby meeting Transparency Code requirements) and on the notice board by 30/9/16.</p> <p><b>7.2 To approve for payment</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>7.2.1</b> Grant Thornton fee, 2016 Annual Return - £100 + £20 VAT = £120 – <b>Resolved approved</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>7.2.2</b> 4 Counties Grounds Maintenance grass cutting (August) - £100 = £20 VAT = £120 – <b>resolved approved</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>121/16 - To confirm the date of next meeting -</b></p> <p>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.      Full Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.      Full Parish Council Meeting</p>	