

## Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall Tur Langton on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. T Bladon (Chair), Cllr K Briggs, Cllr J Haynes, Cllr P Officer, Cllr C Weston

In attendance: Mrs Alison Gibson, clerk

- 1. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016**  
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 2017.

The past year has disappeared at frightening speed and is one that will be etched in the memories of many of our Parish Community.

Experiencing the impact and consequences of murder, is not something any family expects. However that is what the Ruggles family was faced with in October 2016. Our community worked together to give as much support as we could in such difficult circumstances and I know will continue to do so as the need arises. Alice, their daughter spent all her early life in Tur Langton, leaving only a few years ago when she moved onto further education in Newcastle and then to begin her career. It became clear early on that there was a strong desire in our community to create something within the village in memory of Alice. Her family supports the venture and a memorial garden will be created at the Village Hall. This will be planned jointly with the Village Hall Committee, RHS and Church Langton Primary School

This leads into the announcement that in February 2017 the Parish Council finally signed a new 21 year lease for the village hall. It is now planned to extensively refurbish the building to bring it up to the needs and expectations of a 21<sup>st</sup> century community. This will require a large amount of funding some of which will be available in the form of grants but the hope is that the people in our parish will support the project and help raise some of the money required by fund raising and donations. The refurbishment will be the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee as the Parish Council are custodial trustees responsible for the lease and rent but not the day to day running of the hall. The PC will however receive regular reports of progress and will help wherever it can. This will include paying a consultant appointed by Merton College to scrutinise our progress, this was an integral part of the final lease agreement.

Mrs Alison Gibson, Clerk to the Council, 56, Naseby Way, Great Glen, Leicester. LE8 9GS  
Tel: 077631777107 e-mail: clerk@turlangtonparishcouncil.org.uk

This year we have already had first-hand experience of how generous people are in our community. As reported in 2016 the possibility of putting a defibrillator somewhere in the village was suggested by a local resident. Despite the fact the Parish Council budget had already been set for 2016/2017 not allowing us to contribute to the project, the £2000 required was raised in record time. The defibrillator is now installed in the telephone box. Apart from a bit of refurbishment to the outside and TLC to the interior of the phone box, the project is complete.

The neighbourhood plan is developing well and will soon be ready for the six week pre-submission consultation before being presented to HDC for scrutiny. You will be informed as soon as we are ready to start this next step of the process.

We have continued to produce a regular newsletter ourselves, which we hope is informative and we continue 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 who works tirelessly to keep us on track and has with the help of Councillor Officer created and maintained our excellent website, full of information about the work of the council. She also has, with the financial support from a further grant obtained from NALC (National Association of Local Councils), continued to ensure that the council complies with all the new transparency legislation. 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. Questions from members of the public – none present**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_