

Meeting of Harborough Magna Parish Council
17th November 2025

Cllr Toby France (Chairman or TF)
Cllr Paul Skidmore (PS)
Cllr Lorna Smith (LS)
Clerk Helen Denton-Stacey

Parishioners: 7 in attendance

1.17.11.25 Welcome

- Cllr Toby France welcomed all to the meeting.

2.17.11.25 Apologies for absence received from -

- Cllr Colin Cox (CC)
- Cllr Rob Clarke (RC)
- Cllr A Warwick

3.17.11.25 Declarations of Interest

None made

4.7.11.25 Update from District and County Councillors

- Tony Gillias attended the meeting and advised that The local plan will re open for consultation on 21st January, everyone is encouraged to add their feedback, this will include 710 dwellings in Wolvey and 420 dwellings in Brinklow.
- GLP the owners of Magna Park are looking at 200 acres of land on the Pailton side for more warehousing.
- Clerk to write to highways department to refresh the road markings at Tuckeys Bridge Junction.
- His Chairmanship of the A5 Partnership Group has now ended its term, The Senior Highways Officer advised that the Highcross improvements will begin in early 2026.
- Jct 1 of the M6 has been resurfaced and has now been handed to WCC for future maintenance.
- WCC are currently looking at options for Gibbett.
- The rail bridge in Hinckley has been hit by vehicles numerous times and planned works will take place in March 2026.
- Midlands Connect Officer Sarah Spink is currently looking at upgrades for the A5
- On Wednesday 19th November RBC will be submitting their views on the Unitary proposals

5.17.11.25 Approval of minutes and financial papers from last meeting

- The minutes of the PC meeting and financial papers from 15th September were taken as read and approved and signed by the Chairman.

6.17.11.25 Matters arising from the minutes

- No matters arising

7.17.11.25 Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting

- A resident is concerned on the lack of streetlighting around the church and village hall, Clerk is to look at possible funding for additional lighting as well as total costs for installing.
- National Grid are aware of the light being faulty for the Defibrillator.
- A residents email regarding the footpath issues has been sent to the Footpaths Officer.

8.17.11.25 Standing orders were resumed

9.17.11.25 New Village Issues

- Double Yellow Line proposal. Following a village visit by the MP John Slinger and a conversation with a resident, a proposal has been made to look at installing double yellow lines in Main Street, residents were in attendance this evening to discuss further. The resident advised she raised the issue of speed of buses and vehicles along Main Street , cars parked along the road does slow down the vehicles. Residents feel the buses take the bend too fast, the volume has increased and the buses are around the same time each day. Residents do not feel like double yellow lines are the solution to the issues. Residents parking is limited already due to the design of the village and adding line will further exacerbate this. The Parish Council agreed to contact Highways to request parking signs for the new lay by by the cemetery to help with parking outside of the village hall. It would also be requested to Highways to request that the bus operators advise drivers to slow down.
- Another resident asked if a one way system would help, this was agreed as not suitable.
- The consensus is that double yellow lines are not suitable.
- Cllr T France is to draft a response for PC approval for looking at scheduling solutions on buses schedules.

10.17.11.25 Planning applications and appeals

- R25/0389 Field View, Back Lane, Harborough Magna, Demolition of existing storage buildings and replace with a new dwelling and outbuilding – No objection raised.

11.17.11.25 Action Plan

- None

12.17.11.25 Financial Matters

- Review and approve financial reports and bank reconciliation 31st October 2025 – Proposed to approve by PS, seconded by TF, all agreed.
- Payments were approved as per agenda.
 - o Clerks salary Nov, Dec as per contract, HMRC Nov, Dec as per contract, Google charges £6.00, charges hsbk £10.00, ink £35.11, home allowance £26.00, & £26.00, Leics gardens £554.00 & £554.00,.

13.17.11.25 Precept & Budget

- PC discussed the budget for the forthcoming year, they discussed the inflation costs facing the PC from grass cutting services, insurances and street lighting
- PC agreed to increase the precept by 5%, Proposed by TF to increase by 5% to £16,079.62 this is an increase of £765.70 to the PC funds, which equates to £4.13 per Band D household annually. This is agreed to be formally requested from WCC. Seconded by PS, All agreed.

14.17.11.245 Ongoing Matters

- Following the September playpark inspection conducted by Cllr Cox –ESP have replaced the tunnel
- Clerk to contact grass contractor regarding damage to matting.
- Top soil to be topped up.

15.17.11.25 External Organisations Update

- No Update

16.17.11.25 Correspondence

- None

Provisional date of next meeting – 19th January 2026 at 19:30

Minutes by - Clerk

Date 20/11/25

Chair's initial