

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th April 2021 at 6.00 pm

Councillors present: Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman), JoAnn Charles, Cllr Elizabeth Norton

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 51 21 Welcome

Cllr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

SC 52 21 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Steve Goodger (No zoom facility), Borough Cllr Daniel Grimley, Cllr Vicki Newbery

SC 53 21 Disclosure of Interests and Dispensation by Councillors for this meeting

No interests or dispensations were declared at the start of or during the meeting. All Cllrs notified that their Registers of Interests were up to date.

SC 54 21 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st March 2021

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Norton, seconded by Cllr Morris, no objections. Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy.

SC 55 21 Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Daniel Grimley was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted his report which was added to the website prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes. The main issues raised were Local Elections Thursday 6th May 2021, Planning Application and Planning Enforcement Workload, Outline application for erection of up to 200 dwellings, all matters reserved except access, Land at Melton Road Queniborough LE7 3FL P/20/1605/2 REFUSED, Outline application for up to 150 dwellings, together with new open space, landscaping and drainage infrastructure, with all matters reserved except for access Barkby Road Queniborough Leicestershire P/20/2380/2, and, 'Have your say on a new political map for Charnwood Borough Council'.

SC 56 21 Police Report

POLICE REPORT FOR SOUTH CROXTON PCM 6/4/2021.

During the last 30 days there hasn't been any Crime reported to us for your area. As we are coming out of Lock down we are anticipating more Antisocial behaviour to take place and will respond to any incidents reported.

We will also be increasing our patrols around areas where people tend to congregate, eg Parks and open spaces.

Please let us know of any concerns you may have for your area and we will try and help.

SC 57 21 Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 1st March 2021

SC 43 21

Bank Transfer of funds from Current Account to Business Reserve Account, in the sum of £8,000.00, completed on 9th March 2021

SC 46 21

Email received from Severn Trent Water should, with Councillor's approval, bring closure discussion about sewage problems during flooding events.

SC 47 21

Wombles still awaiting equipment – Clerk has sent a reminder.

SC 48 21

Copy of Land Registry confirmation of owner for land at top of Kings Lane awaited.

Confirmed:

Chairman

Date:

SC 58 21 Planning Update

*P/20/1956/2

Erection of detached building to rear of house 42 School Lane
classified as Registered, consultation expired 12/02, Flood Zone issues – status still ‘Registered’

*P/20/1908/2

3 bay car port 23 Main Street. Planning considering Conservation Area, Listed Building Zone, Footpath, and Ancient Monument – classed as Registered, plans have been resubmitted. Now Granted conditionally.

*P/21/0045/2

Porch to rear of 36 Kings Lane classed as Registered, consultation ends 12/03. Still classed as ‘Registered’

*P/21/0493/2

Additional storey to existing rear extension at 40 Main Street. Status is ‘Registered’, details have been sent to Councillors. Concern is about additional car parking in an already confined area. Clerk to contact CBC.

*Travellers site update – Meeting arranged for 14th April 2021 with Planning Officer, Travellers Agent, and LCC Traveller Liaison Officer, which should bring some clarity and applications for the site. Clerk to follow up after meeting on 14th April.

*Dog Training Unit – the matter is with the Planning Officer who has not yet reported back. Clerk to request update from Planning highlighting Councillors concerns.

SC 59 21 Financial Matters

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 6th April 2021

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

<u>Current Account Balance</u>	£	2615.05 (Interim)
Estimated Income to year end	£	11896.66 (inc.vat)
Total	£	14511.71
Estimated spend to year end	£	11751.00
Uncleared Cheques	£	0.00
Balance	£	2760.71

<u>Reserve Account Balance</u>	£	15922.43 (Interim)
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b) Cheques to be approved at this meeting

Clerks Wages (Mar 2021)	£	229.47
HMRC (Mar 2021)	£	57.40
Plus late invoices		
TP Jones	£	54.00
Charnwood (Street Lighting charges)	£	544.60
LRALC Limited (Membership)	£	163.17
TOTAL	£	1048.64

c) Telephone Box refurbishment

Second quotation awaited before decision

The Bank Account balances on the interim statements were confirmed at the meeting as matching those in the above calculations. The Revised Accounts layout is attached to these minutes.

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N.B. The interim Bank Statement figures are confirmed by formal statements received on 9th April 2021

SC 60 21 Annual Audits

The Internal Audit is in progress and contact with the External Auditor has been made.

SC 61 21 Clerks Report

The Defibrillator has been checked and reported as serviceable to Community Heartbeat. A video has been placed on the website demonstrating the use of the AED.

There are a number of traffic Regulations which have been circulated to Cllrs during the last month affecting local road delays; clerk to circulate again by email.

The WCAG 2 checks are in progress for the website which has, according to the test programme, 3 errors. Grass cutting on the Playing field – Councillors agreed to continuation of previous year contractor at the same costs. Clerk to confirm with contractor and request tidier resolution for cuttings disposal.

SC 62 21 Drains and Brook Update

The sewage issue discussed with Severn Trent Water is now considered closed following their undertakings to replace the internal parts of the Non-Return Valve at the Sewage Pumping Station. Clerk to confirm with Severn Trent Water.

SC 63 21 Correspondence Received

Appropriate email messages forwarded to Councillors.

SC 64 21 Opportunity for Members of the public to speak

No members of the public present.

SC 65 21 Items for inclusion in future agenda

Planning issues, Dog Training Unit.

SC 66 21 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th May 2021 at 6pm – late in the month to enable handling of Audit papers. Meeting venue may change dependent on LCC Covid Policy.

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

Notes From the Borough Council. Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward

Welcome to my round up of news from Charnwood.

We are now moving along the roadmap to out of lockdown and I am looking forward to seeing the Golden Fleece and other local pubs reopen.

The covid vaccination program has been going well. I had my first jab and I would all residents to take this up when the offered.

Local Elections Thursday 6th May 2021

Thursday May 6th see local elections for Leicestershire County Council, and the Police and Crime Commissioner. I have found County Councillor Brenda Seaton to be hard working and she always provides a quick response to local issues in the village.

Planning Application and Planning Enforcement Workload

Charnwood Councillors have been informed that the Planning Department has an extremely high workload at the moment. This is coupled with two planning team leaders leaving the authority. The Planning Committee had an additional meeting due to the high volume of Planning Applications.

We have been informed that the officers are working to resolve this by recruiting and using contract staff.

Outline application for erection of up to 200 dwellings, all matters reserved except access.

Land at Melton Road Queniborough LE7 3FL P/20/1605/2 REFUSED

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A planning application for up to 200 dwellings Land at Melton Road Queniborough Leicester went before the Planning Committee on 25th March 2021.

The Planning Committee Members had a long debate and eventually proposed that the application was refused going against the Officer's recommendation for approval. The vote was 8-4 in favour of refusal. The grounds for refusal were that the application would cause significant harm to the area of local separation between Queniborough and East Goscote due to the scale and location and extent of urbanisation in the area.

Outline application for up to 150 dwellings, together with new open space, landscaping and drainage infrastructure, with all matters reserved except for access Barkby Road Queniborough Leicestershire P/20/2380/2

A rehash of a previous planning application has been submitted to Charnwood Borough Councillor. A similar application was refused in 2018. I have very serious concerns about this application and object on the ground of increase traffic on Barkby road and impact on the landscape of the area.

Have your say on a new political map for Charnwood Borough Council

The below press release has been issued by The Local Government Boundary Commission.

A new pattern of wards is being developed for Charnwood Borough Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Charnwood should be 52, the same as now. The Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area. A 10 week consultation will run until 31 May 2021.

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Charnwood to make sure councillors represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements help the council work effectively. It wants to be sure that its proposals reflect community ties and identities.

The Commission is interested in views on which communities should be part of the same ward. What facilities do people share, such as parks, leisure centres or schools and shopping areas? What issues do neighbouring communities face that they have in common, such as high numbers of visitors or heavy traffic? Have there been new housing or commercial developments that have changed the focus of communities? And are there roads, rivers, railways or other features that people believe form strong boundaries between neighbourhoods?

The Commission will use local views to help it draw up proposals for new ward boundaries. There will be a further round of consultation once the Commission has drawn up those proposals. Launching the consultation Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said: "We want people in Charnwood to help us.

"We are starting to draw up new wards for Charnwood. We want our proposals for new electoral arrangements to reflect communities. We also want them to be easy to understand and convenient for local people.

"Residents and local organisations can help us understand community ties and identities at this early stage of the process.

"It's easy to get involved. Go to our website. Or you can e-mail or write to us.

"Just tell us what you think and give us some details why you think that. It's really simple, so do get involved."

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can give their views. Just visit:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/25847>

People can also give their views by e-mail at reviews@lgbce.org.uk, and by post:

You can follow me on Twitter @dangrimley, email cllr.daniel.grimley@charnwood.gov.uk, facebook: Cllr Daniel Grimley or tel. 01162600899. Post c/o Member Services, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields, Loughborough, Leicester, LE11 2TX. Once current restrictions are lifted I will resume face to face contact. Cllr. Daniel Grimley

Charnwood Borough Councillor for Queniborough Ward (including Barkby, Barkby Thorpe, Beeby, Hamilton Lea, Queniborough, South Croxton and part of Thurmaston).

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REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 6th APRIL 2021 Meeting

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE SPEND TO YR END	TOTAL YR END	-USPND OVER SPEND
PAYROLL SERVICE	216.00	54.00	162.00	216.00	0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	375.00	0.00	375.00	375.00	0.00
SOLR FEES	808.00	0.00	808.00	808.00	0.00
WEBSITE	375.00	0.00	375.00	375.00	0.00
CLERKS SALARY	1787.00	229.47	1557.53	1787.00	0.00
INSURANCE	338.00	0.00	338.00	338.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	0.00	1200.00	1200.00	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	265.00	163.17	101.83	265.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTING	650.00	544.60	105.40	650.00	0.00
VH RENT	550.00	0.00	550.00	550.00	0.00
CCF	2615.00	0.00	2615.00	2615.00	0.00
AUDIT FEES	180.00	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
HMRC	447.00	57.40	389.60	447.00	0.00
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
DEV A/C	945.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	0.00
TOTALS	11751.00	1048.64	10702.36	11751.00	0.00

Confirmed:

Chairman

Date: