

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th August 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dave Morris, Cllr Dan Fryer, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Jane Daly, Cllr Daniel Grimley, Cllr Chris O'Neil

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Members of the Public – 0

SC 092 23 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting.

SC 093 23 Apologies for Absence

None

SC 094 23 Disclosure of Interests and Dispensation by Councillors for this meeting

No Disclosure of interests or dispensations were declared at the start of or during the meeting.

SC 095 23 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 26th June 2023

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

SC 096 23 County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Grimley made his report to the meeting followed by Cllr O'Neil. A copy of the reports are attached at the end of these minutes. Cllrs are to make an appropriate response to Cllr Seaton concerning the recent flood survey and specific issues in South Croxton.

SC 097 23 Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 26th June 2023

SC 084 23/8 The period of exercise of public rights ended on 14th July 2023. No request for information was received during the period.

SC 087 23 The services of an approved arborist is being sought.

A letter of thanks was sent to Cllr Grimley on 27th June 2023.

Action to resolve issues in the jitty have been taken by residents regarding hedgerows, and the developer has undertaken to trim back the support structures where they are considered a risk to those using the pathway. Cllr Norton to discuss with Cllr Seaton repair of the broken area of the pathway.

SC 098 23 Planning Matters for meeting on 7th August 2023

P/21/2154/2 Proposed change of use of land on 3 Turns Lane to livery business with associated equestrian buildings including shelter (retrospective), 2 No stables (retrospective) and hay store as well as 3 No stables and backroom and temporary siting of tourer caravan to provide toilet facility and storage container (part Retrospective). This application was classified as REGISTERED on 20th May 2022. Communication with the planning officer handling this application reported that there was further diversity work needed. No change since last meeting.

Travellers site – An Enforcement Notice, E11 Ref No. E/22/0225, Signed 26/05/2023, was served on 1st June 2023 to take effect from 7th July 2023. A recent planning application (P/23/0617/2) is not valid until the outcome of the enforcement or whether it is appealed.

P/22/1640/2 Change of use of land on Kings Lane from Agricultural to Agricultural/Equestrian to include livery, provision of menage, formation of parking/turning area and siting of mobile home. (Resubmission of P/21/1949/2). Classified as REGISTERED on 3rd October 2022 – Note potential

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traffic movements estimated by Tenacity Planning Consultants. Clerk to relay Cllrs comments about this document to Planning Officer.

P/22/1211/2 - 1 School Lane - Tree works in conservation area – Classified as REGISTERED on 3rd August 2022.
No change in status since last meeting.

P/22/1703/2 - 85-87 Main Street - Tree works in conservation area – Reclassified as REGISTERED on 21st September 2022.

P/23/0115/2 - The Golden Fleece 77 Main Street South Croxton Leicestershire LE7 3RL - Application to determine if prior approval is required for the change of use from commercial, business and service (use class E) to dwelling (use class C3) (GPDO Class MA). Classified as Final Decision – Prior approval of details not required.

P/23/0114/2 The Golden Fleece 77 Main Street South Croxton Leicestershire LE7 3RL - Erection of single storey dwellinghouse, with associated parking and landscaping. Classified as REFUSED on 21st June 2023.

P/23/0620/2 36 Kings Lane South Croxton, retention of outbuilding. Application Form Redacted on 9th May 2023. Classified a REGISTERED 25th May 2023.

P/23/0614/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of timber access bridge over ditch. Registered 27th April 2023

P/23/0611/2 36 Kings Lane – installation of fence and gates. Registered 27th April 2023.

P/23/0613/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of decking. Registered 27th April 2023.

SC 098 23 FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 7TH AUGUST 2023

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

Statement Current Account Balance £ 9297.97 (Statement to 05/07)

Estimated Income to year end	£ 6130.34
Total	£15428.31
Uncleared Cheques from last meeting	£ 927.00
Estimated spend to year end	£ 7282.70
Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end	£ 7218.61

Statement Reserve Account Balance £ 18942.25 (Statement to 05/07)

b) Cheques to be approved at meeting

HMRC (Jul)	£ 62.60	Chq No 1100
Clerks Wages (Jul)	£251.13	Chq No 1101
Village Hall Rent (Jul)	£ 50.00	Chq No 1102
ROSPA	£ 111.00	Chq No 1103
TPJ (Payroll – Apl to June)	£ 56.70	Chq No 1104
E Wilkinson (Grass)	£ 220.00	Chq No 1105
E Wilkinson (Hedge)	£ 90.00	Chq No 1106
Print and Buying Services Limited	£ 38.34	Chq No 1107
M Underwood (Maintenance)	£ 70.00	Chq No 1108 Late invoice

Total Amount £ 949.77

Bank Mandate to be reviewed by digital means – information to be sent to Councillors shortly.

Clerk to investigate if cheques can be digitally authorised.

C) Revised Accounts

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REVISED ACCOUNTS AT 7th August 2023

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE	TOTAL YR END	-USPND
			SPEND TO YR END		OVER SPEND
PAYROLL SERVICE	230.00	56.70	173.30	230.00	0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	200.00	27.00	173.00	200.00	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00	0.00	372.00	0.00
CLERKS SALARY	3060.00	1004.12	2055.88	3060.00	0.00
DEV ACCUMULATOR FUND	945.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	0.00
INSURANCE	340.00	401.32	-61.32	340.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1400.00	440.00	960.00	1400.00	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	215.00	197.41	17.59	215.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTING	771.61	771.61	0.00	771.61	0.00
VH RENT	550.00	165.00	385.00	550.00	0.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	140.95	159.05	300.00	0.00
HMRC	764.00	250.80	513.20	764.00	0.00
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
ELECTION RESERVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTERNAL AUDITOR	220.00	0.00	220.00	220.00	0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT TOP UP	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
CLERK HTG/LIGHTING	120.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00
NORTON A/V PRODUCTS	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
TOTALS	10737.61	3826.91	7282.70	10737.61	0.00
CONTINGENCY	1013.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	11751.00	3826.91	7282.70	10737.61	0.00

CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGETED ITEMS

Maintenance	23.00
VH Donation	500.00
	0
	0
	0.00
	0.00

TOTAL 523.00

BANK BALANCES 31st July 2023 meeting

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	9297.97	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	927.00	
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	8370.97	
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	18942.25	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
Includes Interest 30th June 2023	17.89	

The successful application for a grant to assist with funding for the access pathway from the car park to the high ground at the Playing Field is most encouraging news. Thanks are due from the

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Parish Council to the efforts of County Councillor Brenda Seaton, the team at VCS Development in Charnwood Borough Council, and not least all those in the Parish who have contributed to this long awaited conclusion.

SC 099 23 Police Report

Monthly Beat Update – July 2023

Dear Resident

Welcome to July’s Priority update for the Melton Rural South Beat. Our priorities are decided from feedback from the community in the form of surveys through Neighbourhood Link and our crime incident reporting systems.

Thank you to those who have completed the surveys.

Our 3 main priorities are:

Road Safety

Drug Taking

Rural and Farming Equipment Thefts

We had a great deal of rain in July and we had 5 Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) on the Melton Rural South Beat, tragically one of which resulted in a fatality. This brings into sharp focus the need to drive within the speed limit and to the weather conditions through our villages and on our local roads.

There were 2 thefts from vehicles on our beat. Please ensure your vehicle is secure when unattended and any valuables are out of sight, ideally in the boot.

We have seen 3 burglaries across the beat involving thefts from a building site, a diesel theft from agricultural vehicles and a residential burglary.

We continue to develop intelligence on drug dealing and are proactively conducting stop/search of suspect vehicles.

Thank you for your continued help and co-operation.

PCSO French 6575

Your Melton Rural South Beat team are PS William, PC Tranter and PCSO French

N.B. This is the Police Report taken from a Neighbourhood Link site.

SC 100 23 Clerks Report for meeting on 7th August 2023

1. Dog Control on Playing Field – Notice to those using the field. Councillors agreed to an amendment to the proposed notice required by the ROSPA report using the Charnwood Public Spaces Protection order as the source of the notice. The meeting resolved that the notice be ordered at a cost of £50.00 plus Vat.
2. Road Works advisory. Advance notice of a temporary traffic regulation order has been posted on the Notice Board and website. The order is effective for 16th September and is not expected to exceed one day affecting Syston, Barkby, and Queniborough areas.
3. RCC Impact magazine – the latest issue can be found at <https://www.ruralcc.org.uk/read>
4. Grass Verges - Dates of cutting can be found on the website – www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/grass-cutting

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5. Defib Code? and monthly check – Councillors rejected the placing of the cabinet code in the Kiosk. Information about access to and operation of the device can be obtained from dialling 999.

SC 101 23 Play a Part

ROSPA Safety Report – Councillors resolved to obtain 3 quotations for replacing the Cradle Swing condemned by the ROSPA Report. Clerk to investigate removal costs of the existing cradle and rectification of items raised in the ROSPA report.

Councillors resolved to accept the quotation for provision of a pathway from the carpark to the higher level on the playing field. Of 3 quotations requested one failed to respond with detail and a second withdrew due to staffing problems.

Councillors resolved to accept the quotation from the arborist for £450.00 to assess the condition of the trees around the playing field.

SC 102 23 Correspondence Received

A Street Lighting consultation has been run between 6th July and 3rd August following LCC’s identification of budget savings. Councillors did not agree with the proposed further dimming of lights.

The Charnwood Road Safety Committee is being resurrected. The first meeting will be on 20th September 2023 at Southfields starting at 7.30 pm.

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Leicestershire was published. The updated strategy can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/local-flood-risk-management-strategy>.

A new communications and engagement strategy has been announced by the Environment and Transport department. Underpinning the plan are core elements: Consistency, Efficiency, and Transparency. Updates on progress will be published throughout the year.

SC 103 23 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

No Members of the public present at the meeting.

SC 103 23 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 4th September 2023 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton This meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project, Replace Cradle swing,

Cllr Grimley Report

Notes awaited

Cllr O’Neil Report

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Charnwood residents are being asked to nominate their Community Heroes. This is being organised by Charnwood Borough Council . There are 7 categories including Young Hero, Good Neighbour and Green Hero. The awards ceremony will be held at the end of September. More information at

www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/heroes

The Carillon Tower in Loughborough will celebrate its 100th birthday this year. Charnwood BC will mark the occasion with several events in Queens Park. The Tower was built in memory of the people who lost their loves in WW1 and subsequent conflicts. For more information see

www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/carillon100

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Charnwood BC has begun a new campaign against fly tipping in the borough. Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of household and trade waste. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence and can result in unlimited fines and/or five years imprisonment. Over 2000 incidents were reported in Leicestershire last year.

The council is still awaiting to receive approval from the government inspector for the borough's strategic plan.

Charnwood BC have awarded South Croxton Village Hall a grant of up to £7500 (50% match funded) under the Community Facilities Grant Scheme towards improving accessibility to their community facility.

Congratulations !!

Cllr Chris O'Neill Wreake Valley Charnwood BC

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