

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Dan Fryer.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Members of the Public – 1

### **SC 150 23** Welcome

Councillors resolved to appoint Cllr Newbery as Chairman for this meeting. The Chairman welcomed those present.

### **SC 151 23** Apologies for Absence

Cllr Seaton (Via Phone), Cllr O'Neill (via email), Cllr Jane Daly (via email), Cllr Dave Morris (via email).

### **SC 152 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 153 23** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

### **SC 154 23** County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr O'Neill sent his report via email. The report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

### **SC 155 23** Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

SC 140 23 (1) – Public Footpath behind Travellers Site reported to the Safe and Sustainable Travel Team and they are satisfied with the security at the moment.

SC 140 23 (2) – Public foot path changes have been discussed with the Safe and Sustainable Travel Team regarding P/22/1640/2. The matter is under investigation and awaiting further information.

SC 140 23 (3)– The pot holes have been reported to Highways who consider that no action is required.

SC 141 23 – Cheque number changed from 1129 to 1130 – Cheque 1129 is Void.

### **SC 156 23** Planning Matters for meeting on 11th December 2023

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

3 large caravans removed from site. No report from Planning since meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 – Note potential traffic movements estimated by Tenacity Planning Consultants. NEW – National and Built Environment Team comments dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Traffic movements were discussed by the meeting. In addition monitoring of the traffic movements during the period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of December indicate higher figures than the desk top calculations of Tenacity Consultants. Further consideration to be given to this matter before the next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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P/22/1211/2 - 1 School Lane - Tree works in conservation area – Classified as REGISTERED on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. No change in status since last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

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P/22/1703/2 - 85-87 Main Street - Tree works in conservation area – Reclassified as REGISTERED on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. No change since last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

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P/23/0620/2 36 Kings Lane South Croxton, retention of outbuilding. Application Form Redacted on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Classified a REGISTERED 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023. No change since last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

P/23/0614/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of timber access bridge over ditch. Registered 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. No change since last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

P/23/0611/2 36 Kings Lane – installation of fence and gates. Registered 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Granted Conditionally on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

P/23/0613/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of decking. Registered 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Granted conditionally on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-23.

P/23/1117/2 18 School Lane – Tree works – To be confirmed – No change since meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**SC 157 23 Financial Matters**

**FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

Statement Current Account Balance **£12061.57 (Statement to 03/11)**

Estimated Income to year end £ 0.00

Total £ 12061.57

Uncleared Cheques from last meeting £ 1043.51

Estimated spend to year end £ 4145.36

Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end £ 6872.70

Statement Reserve Account Balance **£ 11511.89 (Statement to 03/11)**

The Bank Statements were initialled by 2 Councillors confirming the agreement between the amounts in the above statement and that of the bank statements.

a) Cheques to be approved at meeting

HMRC (Nov) £ 97.40 Chq No 1131

Clerks Wages (Nov) £ 390.00 Chq No 1132

Village Hall Rent (Dec) £ 55.00 Chq No 1131

**Total Amount £ 542.40**

b) Transfer Funds from Current to Business Reserve Account

A letter to Natwest Bank was signed by Councillors to authorise the transfer of £6445.00 from the Current Account to the Business Reserve Account.

c) Revised Accounts

**REVISED ACCOUNTS AT 11TH DECEMBER 2023**

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE SPEND TO YR END	TOTAL YR END	-USPND OVER SPEND
PAYROLL SERVICE	230.00	170.10	59.90	230.00	0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	200.00	136.97	63.03	200.00	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00	0.00	372.00	0.00
CLERKS SALARY	3060.00	2008.04	1051.96	3060.00	0.00
DEV ACCUMULATOR FUND	945.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	0.00

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INSURANCE	340.00	401.32	0.00	401.32	61.32
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	500.00	250.78	249.22	500.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1400.00	1080.00	320.00	1400.00	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	215.00	237.41	0.00	237.41	22.41
STREET LIGHTING	771.61	771.61	0.00	771.61	0.00
VH RENT	550.00	385.00	165.00	550.00	0.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	140.95	159.05	300.00	0.00
HMRC	764.00	501.80	262.20	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	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
NORTON A/V PRODUCTS	100.00	94.98	0.00	94.98	-5.02
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10737.61</b>	<b>6670.96</b>	<b>4145.36</b>	<b>10816.32</b>	<b>78.71</b>
CONTINGENCY	1013.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11751.00</b>	<b>6670.96</b>	<b>4145.36</b>	<b>10816.32</b>	<b>78.71</b>

<b>CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGETED ITEMS</b>	
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Maintenance	23.00
VH Donation	500.00
Maintenance	70.00
VH PAP	7500.00
Maintenance	35.00
RGS CONSULTANTS	540.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8668.00</b>

<b>BANK BALANCES 11th December 2023 meeting</b>	
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	12061.57
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	1043.51
ADJUSTED CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	<b>11018.06</b>
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	<b>11511.89</b>
Includes Interest 31st Oct 2023	14.62

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**SC 158 23** Police Report

Regarding your meeting tomorrow, I have checked the crime figures and there have been no reports made to us over the last 30 days – PCSO 6098

**SC 159 23** Clerks Report

Assets of Community Value. Confirmation of the nomination to Charnwood Borough Council from South Croxton Parish Council to list The Golden Fleece as an Asset of Community Value has been accepted. Appropriate conditions relating to the nomination have been supplied by the Planning Liaison Officer.

**SC 160 23** Rights of Way – Update

The following is a summary of the Rights of Ways issue concerning the link road between 3 Turns Road and Barsby Road and a summary of current issues concerning Public Footpaths in the Parish.

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- The meeting was reminded that the link described in the foregoing will not be pursued by the Parish Council other than the request already made that maintenance is authorised to be carried out by Leicestershire County Council, Safe and Sustainable Travel (S&ST) when necessary.
- The public footpath behind the Travellers site has been inspected by the S&ST and found satisfactory for the moment.
- Reference P/22/1640/2 the public footpath treatment in the proposal is not considered to be approved. Further evidence is being assessed by the Parish Council in consultation with S&ST.
- The damaged bridge on the public foot path at /// puns.padlock.gong is to be replaced under instructions from S&ST.
- Concerns about the surface of the public footpath at the top of Kings Lane has been brought to the attention of the S&ST.
- The surface of the Jetty between Main Street and School Lane has not been repaired.

**SC 161 23** Precept 2024/2025

The meeting discussed proposals tabled by the Clerk which updated each budget item with confirmations and/or reasons for changes made from the previous years budget. Councillors resolved to accept the proposals and the Precept documents were signed by all Councillors present and the Clerk. Clerk to send the document to the Head of Financial Services at Charnwood Borough Council.

**SC 146 23** Play a Part Update

A proposal was made to replace all of the existing equipment on the playing field the majority of which required repair or replacement. Replacement would be like for like, with the possible addition of a climbing frame. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations from relevant suppliers for the work, each item to be listed and priced separately. The goal posts may be removed/replaced to open up the central area for use. Completion of the fencing and seating/tables are to be included in the details. Removal of the existing equipment is to be included in the quotations. A priority is that wooden parts set into the ground must be encased in metal.

Three companies had been asked to quote for this work by 11<sup>th</sup> December. However due to difficulties in delivering the information the matter is to be considered on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

An invitation to Parishioners to comment or assist with the project will be advised when costs are available.

The costs involved will be met from grants from outside sources and existing capital held by the Parish Council.

The meeting noted that earlier efforts to realise this project following the Rural Community Council initiative failed due to inability to find funding.

**SC 147 23** Correspondence Received

Emailed information has been distributed to Councillors, as appropriate, since the last meeting.

**SC 148 23** Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes per person)

Member of the public present at the meeting contributed to the discussion on rights of way issues and reminded the Council of safety issues associated with the revised play area.

**SC 149 23** Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton

This meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project.

CLLr O'Neill Report for this meeting

Report to South Croxton Parish Council Dec 2023

Decisions of Charnwood Borough Council.

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There was a meeting of Charnwood Borough Council on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The council decided unanimously to declare a climate emergency. This will help the council draw together its current activities and identify future areas for policy development in this area. Over the past few years the Plans department have had to cope with a lot of planning applications. The last council commissioned a report into their management of the planning process. Following this report CBC voted to follow the many recommendations of the report. These included reducing speaking time at Plans committee meetings from 5 to 3 minutes. For these items developers will now have 3 minutes and objectors 9, (3 for Parish council, 3 for ward councillor, 3 for resident). This change should help speed up the process and reduce the backlog of applications coming to the committee.

**Case work.**

I received a call from a Syston GP a week or so ago about the decision by the planning inspector to allow the building of houses on Barkby Road in Queniborough. He was concerned about the impact of this on the GP service. At first I thought that this was because s106 money had not been asked for. However the NHS had asked for s106 money to meet the needs of extra patients but the planning inspector turned their case down.

**Other issues**

**Nottingham City Council issue S114.** Nottingham has become the latest council to issue a section 114 notice effectively declaring themselves to be bankrupt. Inflation and growing demands for services have pushed many local authorities to “breaking point”. This situation clearly suggests that whoever is in charge after the next general election will need to address the issue of local government finance. Councillors have been told by the chief executive that Charnwood BC has enough reserve funds to maintain services.

**Recycling.** A festive note. At present food waste cannot be recycled but food-contaminated recyclable waste is estimated to cost CBC £1 million a year. Separate food waste collections are planned by the government soon. Details of what can and cannot be recycled over the festive period are explained on page 12 of the recent issue of Leicestershire Matters.

CLlr C O’Neill 29.11.2023

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