

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

The meeting was held in the Village Hall and in compliance with Covid guidance.

Councillors present: Cllr Dave Morris, Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dan Fry, Cllr Daniel Grimley, Cllr Vicky Newby

Members of the Public: One

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

### **SC 163 21** Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present.

**SC 164 21** Apologies for Absence: Cllr Steve Goodger by email

**SC 165 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.

**SC 166 21** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 21

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

**SC 167 21** Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Grimley attended the meeting and gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Grimley here left the meeting.

**SC 168 21** Matters Arising from minutes on 1st November 2021

SC 141 21

Police have been contacted about their reports to our meetings. A new Officer is now in post for this area, Martin Dravien 6603, he has been invited to our 6<sup>th</sup> December meeting.

SC 144 21

Reported that white lining has been repainted in the village by Highways.

The road sign at the end of 3 Turns Lane, on South Croxton Road, has been returned to the vertical position.

The Coffee van run by the Rural Community Council will now visit South Croxton, parking outside the Village Hall, on the following dates. 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Arrival time will be 9am, serving time 10 am to Noon. The packing up from noon will take 45 minutes and RCC will provide publicity and posters in advance.

**SC 169 21** Planning Matters for meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

P/21/1331/2 32 Main Street Single Storey 1<sup>st</sup> Floor side extension. Status is Granted Conditionally.

P/21/1435/2 5 Home Close – detached Garage. Comments to 16/08/21. Status is still Registered.

P/21/1734/2 48 Main Street - Proposed front porch to dwelling. Registered.

P/21/1709/2 Golden Fleece 77 Main Street - Conversion of part of existing restaurant and dwellings to form 2 x 2storey dwellings and 2 x 2 flats and associated works. Status is Registered.

P/21/1929/2 Stables Riding School 3 Turns Lane – Granted Unconditionally.

P/21/1933/2 Woodbine Cottage 33 Main Street – erection of shed – Status Registered.

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P/21/1999/2 1 School Lane – Dormer Window at Rear – Status Registered.

Two other applications have been listed as INVALID:

P/21/1949/2 Proposed change of use to equestrian tracked livery facility including menage and other associated buildings and temporary mobile home Kings Lane – However the application is invalid and does not yet appear on the website or through normal planning announcements. When the application is formally issued Cllrs have indicated a number of concerns about this proposal.

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 (retrospective) as well as 3 No stables and backroom and temporary siting of tourer caravan to provide toilet facility and storage container. This application is online, though classified as invalid.

Clerk to notify details to Cllrs when for these 2 applications when available from the Planning Department. Travellers site progress is nil from the Planning aspect. No response form Land Owner in relation to the Planning Contravention Notice served.

### **SC 170 21 Financial Matters**

The Bank Balances for the Current and Business Reserve Accounts below were confirmed against the Bank Statements by Cllr Newby.

### **FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

#### a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

<b><u>Current Account Balance 05/11</u></b>	£	<b>8516.85</b>
Estimated Income to year end	£	90.77 (vat)
Total	£	8607.62
Estimated spend to year end	£	2591.95
Uncleared Cheques	£	708.79
Balance	£	5306.88

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#### **Reserve Account Balance 05/11**

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#### b) Cheques to be approved at this meeting

CLERKS WAGES (NOV)	£	229.67
HMRC (NOV 2021)	£	57.20
VH Rent (NOV)	£	55.00
Playing Field Maintenance	£	50.00
Street Lighting 2020-21	£	544.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>936.47</b>

#### c) Budget for Precept

Guidance for the 2022.2023 budget planning has been assisted by an LRALC presentation 'Medium Term Financial Planning' emphasising the need to set a meaningful budget. Using the checklist provided proposals for the budget were presented to Councillors at the meeting. Emphasis will be on using some of the reserve funds in community projects and through grants to move forward with the Play a Part Project. Decisions will be made at the January meeting on the precept resulting from this budgeting exercise.

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**SC 171 21** Update in Kings Lane Footpath

Discussion centred on future developments at the top of Kings Lane. The current position is that an application has been made to alter the course of the Public Footpath and a response is awaited to and email sent to the Safe and Sustainable Travel Team. The Parish Council have stated that they are against any change of the route of the footpath.

**SC 172 21** Members Highway Fund Update

Proposals from Councillors for traffic calming measures were submitted to Highways for consideration and guidance. The proposals are now being reviewed to provide cost estimates. White lining and sign cleaning which were included in the proposals have been struck off as they are part of Highways normal maintenance programme. An updated on the progress of this initiative has been requested from LCC.

**SC 173 21** Play a Part update

Further work to break down the project into stages, commencing with ground works, is in progress.

**SC 174 21** Clerks Report

A call confirming contact details regarding payment of the Members Highways fund stated that a payment was in process.

There is a notice on the Police website which emphasises that motorised scooters are not permitted to be used on the highways. Those considering purchasing for self or offspring for a gift should be aware of the fact.

A separate report from the police indicated that no crimes has been reported in the area over the last 30 days.

**SC 175 21** Flooding – Report

Response to the request to clear the drains in the flooded area has been acknowledged. Action is awaited.

**SC 176 21** Correspondence Received

Email information has been distributed as appropriate since the last meeting.

**SC 177 21** Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

Cllr Seaton has suggested that a litter picking event should be organised in the village, especially along the Beeby Road.

**SC 178 21** Date of next meeting

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project, Kings Lane Footpath, Travellers Site.

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Meeting closed at 7.34pm

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



Welcome to my round up of news from Charnwood.

**Charnwood Local Plan Submission**

A local plan is a document which sets out planning policies and proposals for new development.

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Charnwood Borough Council has consulted residents, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders on the Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37.

The six-week consultation ran from Monday July 12 until Monday August 23, 2021.

Representations will be considered by a Government-appointed independent Planning Inspector through a public examination.

The council received a significant number of responses to the consultation.

The Charnwood Local Plan has been submitted to the Planning Inspector on 03.12.21

### **Thorpebury Sustainable Urban Development**

The new development of 4,500 houses lies between Barkby Thorpe, Thurmaston, and, Hamilton.

The Thorpebury SUE formally commenced in September this year. You may have already seen some activity on the site. The temporary Haul Road has been constructed and is accessed from Hilltop Road. (A current application is pending for permission to tarmac the haul road)

The developers on site are Davidsons, David Wilson Homes, William Davis. They will be sending a letter drop to nearby residents in the next week to notify of the start of works and contact details.

An application has been made by the developers of Thorpebury to amend details previously agreed for tree and hedgerow protection and removal.

Details were previously agreed to discharge of condition 3 for RMA P/19/1457/2 under application P/20/1766/2 and P/20/1767/2 and were carried through into recent S73 permissions referenced P/21/0631/2 and P/21/0571/2.

### **Cabinet to consider draft budget for next year**

The Council's lead member for finance, Cllr Tom Barkley, says the budget is another step on the Council's journey towards improving its financial sustainability which will be the bedrock for delivering excellent services for years to come.

The Council's overall draft budget for 2022/23 is £17.6 million. The Council is proposing to make around £600,000 of savings and generate income of around £400,000 through some increased charges. It is proposed to increase the Charnwood element of Council Tax by £5 on an average Band D property per year.

The Council is still planning to use £200,000 from reserves and depending upon the Government's financial settlement, it may have to make further savings.

The main budget proposals to be considered by Cabinet on December 9 are summarised below. There is also more information on our budget summary webpage - [www.charnwood.gov.uk/budgetsummary](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/budgetsummary)

### **Summary of budget proposals**

It is proposed to amend the opening hours of the Council's reception and the telephone contact centre to reflect the changing habits of customers and the move to the use of more online services. The reception has been appointment-only since the summer of 2020 due to the pandemic and the Council still sees people in emergency situations and has an out of hours service

It is proposed to not reintroduce the Shopmobility scheme in Loughborough town centre. The scheme was paused in March 2020 due to the pandemic. It had low usage before that and was down to around 13 bookings a week and nine regular users a month. It would also need further investment before it could reopen. Parking spaces used by the scheme would be retained for people to book. The proposal would save £34,000 a year.

It is proposed to increase the charge of the Garden Waste Service by £9 to £50 per bin, per year (if paid by direct debit) from April 2022. It means the cost is rising from around £1.64 per emptied bin every fortnight to £2 which the Council feels is still very good value for money. The garden waste service is discretionary, and residents can choose to compost instead. Other authorities in the area charge more for a similar service.

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It is proposed to raise the charge to collect bulky waste items from £20 to £25. The charge is comparable with other councils and it is a discretionary service. Residents can choose to take items to the tip or use a similar service from other providers. The fee can be waived for people who can prove exceptional hardship.

For more information on the budget proposals read the Council's budget summary or read the Cabinet report. People can have a say about the budget proposals by using this online form. Comments must be received by midnight on Sunday December 19.

**Ward Member Grants scheme for 2021/22.**

Organisations currently running projects with community benefit in Charnwood are invited to apply for a minimum of £250 per member, and up to a maximum of £500 per member, and applications may be made to more than one member. In Queniborough we have allocated half the funds so there is still £250.00 left. Funding can be provided towards community events, activities, equipment, uniformed groups such as Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. Organisations in the ward that have benefited previously include Queniborough Football Club, Queniborough Craft and Chat, Barkby Youth Group, South Croxton Village Hall, Pochin School PTA, etc.

For more information, please contact me.

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

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