

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Dave Morris, Cllr Chris O'Neill, Cllr Daniel Grimley.

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

### **SC 166 24** Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present.

### **SC 167 24** Apologies for Absence

Cllr Seaton (Via Cllr Grimley), Cllr Jane Daly (via email), Cllr Fryer (via Cllr Newbery)

### **SC 168 24** 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 169 24** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Newbury, 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 170 24** County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Grimley reported to the meeting, see draft at end of these minutes. Cllr O'Neill reported to the meeting and his report is added at the end of these minutes.

### **SC 171 24** Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

SC 155 23 -

SC 140 23 (20 – Regarding P/22/1640/2 – Photos have been sent to Safe and sustainable Travel team.

SC 156 23 –

Monitoring of traffic on Kings Lane – P/22/1640/2 to be considered alongside the Tenacity Report figures and the way forward discussed at the meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

P/23/0611/2 and P/23/0613/2 Planning Office confirmation of conditional grant of applications.

SC 157 23 –

The letter confirming transfer of funds between bank accounts signed at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 has been posted to the bank.

SC 160 23 –

Link lane - a further letter has been received from a member of the public. To be discussed at this meeting and response determined.

SC 161 23 –

The precept documents signed at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December have been sent to Charnwood Borough Council by email and post.

### **SC 172 24** Planning Matters for meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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

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traffic movements estimated by Tenacity Planning Consultants. NEW – National and Built Environment Team comments dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. No report since last meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Parish Council to hold comments on traffic movements until Natural and Built Environment team comments resolved.

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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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. Refused on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

P/23/0614/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of timber access bridge over ditch. Registered 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Refuse 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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

P/23/1117/2 18 School Lane – Tree works – now classified as New – but no other change in status since 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**SC 173 24 Financial Matters**

**FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves	
<b>Statement Current Account Balance</b>	<b>£11615.86 (Statement to 05/12)</b>
Estimated Income to year end	£ 0.00
Total	£11615.86
Uncleared Cheques from last meeting	£ 1145.20
Estimated spend to year end	£ 3602.96
Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end	£ 6867.70
<b>Statement Reserve Account Balance</b>	<b>£11525.61 (Statement to 05/12)</b>

b) Cheques to be approved at meeting	
HMRC (Dec)	£ 67.20 Chq No 1134
Clerks Wages (Dec)	£268.53 Chq No 1135
Village Hall Rent (Jan)	£ 55.00 Chq No 1136
TP Jones and Co LLP (Payroll)	£ 56.70 Chq No 1137
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>£447.43</b>

c) Revised Accounts

**REVISED ACCOUNTS AT 8TH JANUARY 2024**

	ESTIMATE	-USPND
	SPEND TO	OVER
	TOTAL YR	
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CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	TO DATE	YR END	END	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	2398.04	661.96	3060.00	0.00
DEV ACCUMULATOR FUND	945.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	0.00
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	440.00	110.00	550.00	0.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	140.95	159.05	300.00	0.00
HMRC	764.00	599.20	164.80	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>7213.36</b>	<b>3602.96</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>7213.36</b>	<b>3602.96</b>	<b>10816.32</b>	<b>78.71</b>

CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGETED ITEMS	
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	11615.86	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	1145.20	
ADJUSTED CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	10470.66	
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	11525.61	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
Includes Interest 31st Oct 2023	13.72	

#### SC 174 24 Police Report

Just to let you all know I will be changing the way I send in reports for your PC meetings in 2024. The reports will not be so detailed with dates and times etc, rather they will be much simpler, but will still give you the figures for the Crime in your areas per month. Also the reports will be sent to you during the first week of each

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month and will give figures for the previous month. The first report for 2024 will be sent on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and will give you the figures for January. The reason I am making these changes is to allow me to be more efficient with my time. I hope this is okay for you all but please get back to me with any questions.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break. Lesley Harrison - PCSO 6098 - NL61 Beat - Charnwood NPA

**SC 175 24 Play a Part – Receive quotations**

Quotations for replacing the play equipment were received from 3 subcontractors and opened at the meeting. Focus was on layout plans and total prices. Councillors requested that a package comprising each submission be forwarded to them for further consideration prior to the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Members of the public will be invited to that meeting.

**SC 176 24 Correspondence received**

Emailed information has been distributed to Councillors, as appropriate, since the last meeting. In addition a letter received from a member of the public was discussed. A response is to be sent advising the individual to contact Leicestershire County Council.

Notice had been received from the supplier of our website and email facility that they would be ceasing the supply of the website with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. LRALC are holding discussions with all parties to determine a way forward.

**SC 177 24 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes per person)**

No members present – however storm Henk left its mark on the path where a small part of the lower path surface has been partly washed downward. A meeting with the contractor is to be arranged to rectify the damage.

A request from the community to use the BT Kiosk for library purposes is agreed provided that no structure or material obstructs access to the Defibrillator.

**SC 176 24 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

This meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

**Items for inclusion in future agenda**

Play a Part project.

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**Report from Cllrs Grimley included:**

Residents and businesses are being encouraged to give their views on Leicestershire County Council's 'toughest budget'. A consultation has been launched on proposals which include investing £127m more to meet growing demand, mainly in social care, and an extra £113m to cover inflation and the National Living Wage increase. The plan also forecasts a budget gap of £85m by 2028 after planned savings. A three per cent Council Tax increase for core services is planned for next year, generating £11m for front line services. A further £7m will be raised from a two per cent increase in the adult social care precept.

**Leaders call on Government to release funding to help residents**

Senior leaders are calling on Government to release funding to support flood-hit residents. More than 300 homes and a number of businesses were flooded around Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland this week following Storm Henk. Rivers and canals burst their banks and hundreds of people have suffered as their homes and businesses were damaged by flood water.

Councils, emergency services, charities and other organisations have rallied to support communities by closing roads, evacuating residents, offering temporary accommodation and more.

**Nick Rushton, leader of Leicestershire County Council -**

One of the worst hit areas was Charnwood, where more than 100 homes flooded in places including Loughborough, Syston, Quorn and Cossington. A number of businesses were also impacted.

Possible support measures available under the Government's Flood Recovery Framework, include:

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Flooded households in affected areas can apply for up to £500 to give cash quickly to help with immediate costs. Households and businesses significantly affected by recent flooding eligible for 100 per cent Council Tax and business rates relief for at least three months. Small-to-medium sized businesses in affected areas eligible for up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant to help them return quickly to business as usual. Eligible flood-hit property owners able to apply for up to £5,000 to help make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding via the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme. You can follow Cllr Grimley on Twitter@county grimley, email daniel.grimley@leics.gov.uk, facebook: Cllr. Daniel Grimley or tel. 01162600899. Post C/O Members' Secretariat, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8RA

Cllr O'Neill Report for this meeting

**Report to South Croxton Parish Council (January 2024)** The recent withdrawal of the application for 56 houses on the field between East Goscote and Rearsby is a positive one. The community had voiced their worries about the existing pressure on roads, the excessive traffic, and the shortage of school places. However, David Wilson Homes successfully appealed the refusal of an additional 150 houses behind Avenue Road in Queniborough. The strain on roads continues to worsen, with an increase in traffic causing safety concerns. The local GP surgery in Syston did not receive any financial contributions from this housing development. The surgery already faces a high number of patients and desperately needs to expand its facilities. We have spoken to various agencies to see how we can help ensure the surgery gets its fair share of contributions in future.

The local plan has been further delayed as the Inspectors have requested more public hearings to be held in February. Until this plan is adopted by Charnwood, the balance will continue to be in favour of more housing. We have also seen an increase in appeals, where the decisions are taken out of local hands and are instead made by planning inspectors appointed by Government.

The other BIG issue at the moment is flooding. Floods have again caused major disruption in the Wreake Valley area, with serious flooding in Syston, Barrow, Cossington, Quorn and Thrussington, as well as many surrounding villages. The A46 has been closed due to flooding around Broome Lane in East Goscote. CBC has a closely defined legal responsibility for incidents of flooding (Leicestershire County Council are the lead flood authority), but we have encouraged Charnwood to lobby the Environment Agency to invest in better flood warning and protection measures. Villages in Charnwood are urged to join the Flood Resilience forum. CBC says that most houses in the flood zone have previously been issued with advice and a supply of 'hydrosnake' flood barriers.

For individual residents the advice from the Environment Agency is:

- Sign up to the flood warnings text message system;
- Have a plan in case of flooding (e.g. where to put expensive items);
- Have a grab bag containing important documents such as passports;

If you would like further information and advice please get in touch and we'll do our best to help.

**Cllr Chris O'Neill (Wreake Valley)**

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