

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2020 at 6.00 pm

Councillors present: County Cllr Brenda Seaton, Cllr JoAnn Charles, Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman), Borough Cllr Daniel Grimley.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 39 20 Welcome

Cllr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

SC 40 20 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Steve Goodger, Cllr Paul Gant

SC 41 20 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 42 20 Approve by resolution Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th June 2020

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

SC 43 20 Borough Councillor Report

Borough Councillor written report was added to the website prior to the meeting. Cllr Grimley highlighted important issues including the upcoming boundary changes. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

SC 44 20 Police Report

The report was added to the website prior to the meeting. There were no reports of crime at the time of writing though the issue of traffic speeding in the Village had been raised since that time. The police had responded with a proposal to carry out speed checks on 21st and 24th July 2020. Measures to reduce speed were considered and the clerk is to enquire about the blue strips installed at Barsby, also to be photographed by Cllr Morris. Cllr Seaton will make enquiries to Highways.

SC 45 20 Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 15th June 2020

Previous Minute

SC 13 20 AGAR Inspection period ends on 24th July 2020

SC 16 20/33 20 Progress report on Notice Board – payment received and cleared – the board is now being manufactured with anticipated installation in late August

SC 30 20 VAT claim submitted and acknowledged by HMRC. Payments to Reserve Account from Current Account – see authorisation letter to be signed

SC 34 20 Information about outstanding drains works was sent to Cllr Seaton, response awaited from LCC Highways

SC 36 20 Signs for playing field have been made and put in place

Confirmed:

Chairman

Date:

SC 46 20 Planning Matters

A Planning application was received from Charnwood Borough Council on the day of the meeting. Application P/20/1169/2 – 58 MainStreet – to remove 2 Sycamore trees (Non TPO) adjacent to neighbours' boundary was presented to the meeting and approved by resolution.

Further to reports of vacating the Travellers site there has since been more rubble deposited on the site. Clerk to contact CBC Planning department.

Comments have been received about overgrown shrubbery in the Jitty with requests for attention. Cllr Seaton will contact Highways to discuss.

SC 47 20 Financial Matters

Copies of latest Bank Statements had been distributed to Cllrs and were confirmed as aligning with the following statement.

a) FINANCIAL POSITION FOR MEETING ON 20th JULY 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	4850.40
CHEQUES TO BE PAID (JULY)	399.37
TRANSFER TO RESERVE ACCOUNT	1445.00
BALNCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT	3006.03
BALANCE OF RESERVE ACCOUNT	9416.78

b) Approve transfer of funds from Current to Reserve Accounts

The meeting instructed that the invoice amount for the new Notice Board (£2940) is to be taken from the Reserve Account. Thus the transfer to the reserve account of the £1445.00 above, i.e. £945 plus £500, mitigated with the £2940.00, for the notice board results in a transfer of £1495 from the Reserve account to the Current account. It was agreed by the meeting that a letter to transfer £1495 from the Reserve account to the Current account is to be signed by Cllrs along with the cheques approved at this meeting.

The Revised Layout of the Accounts for the 20th July meeting is attached to these minutes.

c) Cheques approved and signed at this meeting:

E Wilkinson (Grass Cutting 17/06)	£	80.00
Clerks Wages (July 2020)	£	133.97
HMRC (July 2020)	£	33.60
TP Jones (Payroll)	£	54.00
Clerks Expenses	£	17.80
E Wilkinson (Grass Cutting 15/07)	£	80.00
TOTAL	£	399.37

SC 48 20 Play a Part Project – Update and report from meeting with LCC on 22nd June 2020

Cllrs affirmed that the project awaited quotations from equipment suppliers. The issue of ground works is to be treated separately and enquiries have been sent to Ground Works contractors to quote for the work. Minutes of the meeting follow:

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Minutes - Meeting to discuss moving the Play a Part project forward.

Date of Meeting: 22nd June 2020 at 10am

Present: Cllr Brenda Seaton, Cllr Jo Charles, Cllr Elizabeth Norton.

1. The members considered ways in which to continue the ground work put in place by earlier work of the Play a Part Steering group and the Rural Community Council.
2. Further funding through grants applications will be required, not only for the groundworks but also costings for the project as a whole, including play equipment.
3. Three further play equipment specialists have been approached to provide a quotation using the plans produced by David Plumb with a response deadline of the 31st July 2020.
4. When all responses have been received, a further meeting of the Play a Part Steering group will be arranged to discuss the merits of each plan and quotas prior to requesting tenders.

SC 49 20 Notice Board Update

The manufacture of the Board is in progress and a date for installation is to be agreed for late August 2020. Highways have approved the pattern and the installation.

SC 50 20 Drains Update

Communication has been received from LCC regarding the blocked gully storm pipe on the T-junction adjacent to Beeby Road. The drain is totally dysfunctional and is blocked on the farm side of the road and therefore on farm land. A request for landowner details has been answered and further visit and investigation will proceed with all parties present.

A second issue has been raised about the Brook and a visit is to be arranged for Amy Jackson from LCC to meet with Cllrs.

SC 51 20 Correspondence Received

Emails from CBC regarding covid issues have been circulated, and regular updates and guidance from LRALC has also been passed on to Councillors.

SC 52 20 Opportunity for Members of the public to speak

Two members had requested to join the meeting to discuss closure of the Playing Field by the Parish Council. The Chair explained the reasons for the closure due to difficulties in meeting current Covid legislation. A proposal was made that members of the community could be available to effect the necessary safeguard measures. Further discussion will take place between parties with a view to resolving the issues within 48 hours of this meeting.

SC 53 20 Items for inclusion in future agenda

Drains – Update

Brook – resolution

Notice Board News

Play a Part – update

SC 54 20 Date of Next Meeting

7th September 2020

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm

Confirmed:

Chairman

Date:

Notes from Borough Councillor

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward

I hope all are safe and well.

Traveller's Site South Croxton

I note the reports that the occupants have now vacated the site.

I have asked enforcement to take up the outstanding planning conditions.

South Croxton Online Facebook Group.

I have launched a new facebook group for residents of South Croxton. This as a way of getting information out to residents. I have modelled this in the Queniborough and Barkby Online Facebook groups. I would encourage Parish Councillor to join an invite residents.

Charnwood Ward Boundary Changes Initial Consultation

The Boundary Commission has launched an initial consultation into ward boundary changes in Charnwood. The 1st stage is confirm the number of councillors for the borough.

Virtual Mayor-making for new Mayor of Charnwood

Charnwood's mayoral chains were handed over virtually recently as Cllr David Snartt became the 47th first citizen of the borough.

The virtual mayor-making was streamed during Charnwood Borough Council's Annual Council meeting on Monday, 29 June.

The Conservative councillor for Forest Bradgate will serve alongside his Mayoress, wife Joan.

The Mayor said: "After being a councillor for 17 years I realise how important the role of Mayor is to the people of Charnwood.

"I will do my very best to uphold the excellent contribution past Mayors have given to this Borough.

"I believe this will be a challenging time not only for our Council, but for many residents during this coming year, I commit to help in any way I can."

The Mayor of Charnwood normally attends up to 500 events per year, but since March all engagements have been cancelled or postponed. The Mayor will continue to represent the borough and citizens at official engagements, whether they are socially-distanced or virtual.

Cllr Snartt was first elected to the council in 2003 and currently sits on the Plans Committee. From 2005 to 2017 he also served as a County Councillor for the Bradgate division and on retiring from the role was made an Honorary Alderman.

Loros and Admiral Nurses have been chosen as the 2020-21 Mayoral charities.

The appointment of Cllr Snartt sees an end to the Mayoral year of Cllr Brenda Seaton.

Cllr Seaton said: "What an amazing year it has been.

"I need to thank the people of Charnwood, without them being Mayor would be a dull job, with them we have a borough filled with people making it more interesting, more friendly, more equal. And we have a borough filled with music, dance art and friendship, ambition and hope."

Cllr Paul Baines was also appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Covid-19 recovery grants launched to help community groups

Community groups and charities in Charnwood are being encouraged to apply for funding to help them recover from coronavirus pandemic.

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The borough Council's Charnwood VCS Covid-19 Recovery grants will help voluntary organisations respond to community needs as lockdown restrictions continue to ease. Community groups and local charities have had to operate differently since lockdown, with some having to temporarily close buildings, stop offering services and adapt the way they support people. The VCS Covid-19 Recovery Grants programme is aimed at organisations that need additional funding for phased reopening of buildings, restarting or adapting their services. The new single fund has been created by combining the existing funding for Community Development and Engagement and Loughborough Community Grants. The Charnwood VCS COVID-19 Recovery grant scheme is open to properly constituted community and voluntary groups for activities not conducted for profit. The grant scheme will award organisations up to £5,000. Applications for the Charnwood VCS Covid-19 Recovery grant scheme are now open and the deadline is Friday August 7.

Reception to open on appointment-only basis from July 13

Charnwood Borough Council will open its Customer Service Centre to customers with essential enquiries on an appointment-only basis from Monday, July 13.

Customers will be able to make appointments to visit the Customer Service Centre in Southfield Road by calling 01509 634560 from 9am on Wednesday July 8.

Appointments with a Customer Advisor will be available from Monday to Friday, 8.30am until 4.30pm, with 30-minute slots given to each customer. Reception will be closed from 12.30pm to 1.30pm daily and there will be no entry into the building during this time.

All customers will be required to queue outside of the building before entry, queuing guides have already been applied to the floor outside and inside to support social distancing. Customers will be encouraged to wear a face covering and will be required to use the hand sanitising station on entering the building. We may also ask to check their temperature before allowing entry.

People who visit the Council without an appointment will be triaged to establish the nature of their enquiry and if they are able to access the service from home online or by telephone they will be asked to do so.

Appointments will only be offered to those who have no other means of undertaking their transaction with the Council. Social distancing restrictions mean that there will only be a limited number of appointments available each day, which may mean triaged customers will be offered an appointment to return on a later date.

Application forms and more information is available at: www.charnwood.gov.uk/recovery_grants, email: grants@charnwood.gov.uk or call 01509 634730.

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)

Confirmed:

Chairman

Date:

REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 20th July Meeting

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT/INCOME	SPEND TO DATE
PAYROLL SERVICE	216.00	0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	350.00	126.71
SOLR FEES	650.00	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00
CLERKS SALARY	1787.00	402.31
INSURANCE	331.00	333.58
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	350.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	240.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	250.00	147.19
STREET LIGHTING	868.00	519.14
VH RENT	550.00	0.00
CCF	2615.00	2940.00
AUDIT FEES	170.00	0.00
HMRC	447.00	100.40
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	0.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	0.00
DEV A/C	945.00	0.00
TOTALS	11751.00	5181.33
	0.00	0.00
BALANCE YR END 2019/2020	0.00	0.00
RECEIPTS 2020/2021	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	11751.00	5181.33

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O/STDG VAT CLAIM	1384.32 inc up to 30th June 2020
	1384.32

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ESTIMATE SPEND TO YR END	TOTAL YR END	OVER/UNDER SPEND
216.00	216.00	0.00
223.29	350.00	0.00
650.00	650.00	0.00
0.00	372.00	0.00
1384.69	1787.00	0.00
0.00	333.58	2.58
350.00	350.00	0.00
960.00	1200.00	0.00
102.81	250.00	0.00
348.86	868.00	0.00
550.00	550.00	0.00
0.00	2940.00	325.00
170.00	170.00	0.00
346.60	447.00	0.00
150.00	150.00	0.00
500.00	500.00	0.00
945.00	945.00	0.00
6897.25	12078.58	327.58
0.00	0.00	0.00
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