

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Borough Cllr Chris O'Neill, Cllr Dan Fryer, Cllr Jane Daly, Cllr Dave Morris. County Councillor Brenda Seaton.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Members of the Public – 16

SC 197 24 Welcome to the meeting

The Chairman, Cllr Morris welcomed those present.

SC 198 24 Apologies for Absence

None.

SC 199 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 200 24 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2024

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 a copy.

SC 201 24 County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr O'Neill submitted his report which is added at the end of these minutes.

SC 202 24 Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 5th February 2024

SC 182 23

Councillors have decision a reached at an extraordinary meeting on 26th February 2024 to accept one of three quotations for the replacement of the play equipment.

SC 183 24

Parking of a Caravan in a field on 3 Turns Lane was already known to the Planning Department.

SC 185 24

The website has now been moved to Cuttle Fish and the website has been updated with a new look!

SC 186 24

The Police report will be extradited from the Neighbourhood Link which describes police activity in detail.

Direct reports indicate 'no activity'.

SC 190 24

The meeting date for March was altered to allow time for Councillors to make a decision on the quotations submitted for the Play a Part project.

SC 203 24 Planning Matters for meeting on 11th March 2024

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.

3 large caravans removed from site. No report from Planning since meeting on 5th February 2024.

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 traffic movements estimated by Tenacity Planning Consultants. NEW – National and Built Environment Team comments dated 29th November 2023. No report since last meeting on 5th February 2024. Parish Council awaiting outcome of Natural and Environmental Team decision.

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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 on 5th February 2024.

P/22/1703/2 - 85-87 Main Street - Tree works in conservation area – Reclassified as REGISTERED on 21st September 2022. No change since last meeting on 5th February 2024.

P/23/1117/2 18 School lane – Tree works – New – but no change in status meeting on 5th February 2024.

SC 204 24 Financial Matters for meeting on 11th March 2024

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

Statement Current Account Balance £ **3641.03 (Statement to 05/02)**

Estimated Income to year end £ 0.00

Total £ 3641.03

Uncleared Cheques from last meeting £ 708.53

Estimated spend to year end £ 2702.00

Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end £ 230.50

Statement Reserve Account Balance £**18010.03 (Statement to 05/02)**

b) Cheques to be approved at meeting

HMRC (Feb)	£ 67.20	Chq No 1143
Clerks Wages (Feb)	£ 268.53	Chq No 1144
Village Hall Rent (Mar)	£ 55.00	Chq No 1145
Community Heartbeat	£ 267.00	Chq No 1146
Clerks Expenses	£ 18.50	Chq No 1147

Total Amount £ **671.73**

b) Revised Accounts

REVISED ACCOUNTS AT 11TH MARCH 2024

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE	TOTAL YR END	-USPND OVER SPEND
			SPEND TO YR END		
PAYROLL SERVICE	230.00	226.80	3.20	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	2935.30	124.70	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	550.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	140.95	159.05	300.00	0.00
HMRC	764.00	796.20	-32.20	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	200.00	20.00	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

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NORTON A/V PRODUCTS	100.00	94.98	0.00	94.98	-5.02
TOTALS	10737.61	8314.32	2502.00	10816.32	78.71
CONTINGENCY	1013.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGETED ITEMS	
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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
TOTAL	8668.00

BANK BALANCES 11th March 2024 meeting	
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	3641.03
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	708.53
ADJUSTED CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	2932.50
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	18010.03
Includes Interest 31st JAN 2024	23.58

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SC 205 24 ACV – Outcome

The Parish Council meeting was attended by a representative 16 members of the public aggrieved by the decision of Charnwood Borough Council to uphold an appeal and allow the Asset of Community Value (ACV) on the Golden Fleece listing to be removed.

A broad range of discussion ensued which evidenced the strong feelings concerning the loss of a longstanding amenity in the Village, condemned the undemocratic decision by Charnwood, and the haste with which the decision was made without any involvement of the community or Parish Council . The feeling is that the decision should be challenged.

It was established that the Parish Council would not be allowed to submit a second ACV, however, under legislative rulings a second ACV under a qualifying group was a possibility. Councillors warned that the initiative would involve a considerable and sustained effort on the part of the qualifying group.

The possibility of a judicial review was mooted, and/or an approach to a higher executive within Charnwood Council.

Three possible ideas emerged from the meeting:

1. The Parish Council could commit to following a Complaint Process.
2. The community should strongly resist any application by the owners for change of use of the property.
3. Re- application through a community group (unconnected with the Parish Council) which would need a constitution and a bank account is a viable route to follow.

It is anticipated that further action will be made outside of the Parish Council meeting.

SC 206 24 Clerks Report

Reports of fly tipping and dumping have been seen on 3 Turns Lane and Beeby. Clerk to follow up and notify appropriate authorities.

Further reports of pot holes on local roads need patching. Clerk to investigate and report.

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SC 207 24 Play a Part

A meeting has been set up with the chosen contractor to discuss terms and discussions, access, and timescales. A visit to a Meet the Funders under Voluntary Action Leicestershire has been arranged.

SC 208 24 Police Report

The Police report states no activity for the month of February.

SC 209 24 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes per person)

Potholes were reported at the top of Kings Lane – to be reported to Highways directly or via emailing the Clerk. A reminder of a list of jobs circulating from previous year which has now been sent to County Councillor. Also the resurfacing of the Jitty is still outstanding.

SC 210 24 Correspondence received

SC 211 24 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton. This meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

ACV – action, Play a Part project.

Charnwood Council Report to South Croxton Parish Council- March 2024

The Charnwood Draft Plan has been further examined by the Government appointed Planning Inspector during 4 days of hearings at the town hall in Loughborough. I attended on Thursday morning when travel was one of the areas that was being looked at in more detail. A final decision on the plan is expected in the Autumn.

Although the flooding seems to have happened a while ago now, many residents are still experiencing the side effects. The Government has announced payments for communities effected by flooding caused by Storm Henk. The support is being made available through a scheme called the Flood Recovery Framework and is being administered by Charnwood Borough Council.

- Community Recovery Grant - £500 for immediate recovery costs.
- Council Tax Discount – 100% Council Tax relief for at least three months.
- Business Recovery Grant - £2,500 to help return to business as usual.
- Business Rates Relief – 100% relief for at least three months.

These measures aim to provide immediate relief and support to those effected by the floods in Charnwood. The deadline for applications is set at Thursday March 21st, 2024. Apply online. There is a meeting scheduled for 20th March in Syston to give residents the opportunity to raise flooding related issues with CBC representatives.

Charnwood Borough Council approved a budget increase of 3%. Charnwood receives only about 7% of the council total tax bill, the remainder is spent by the County Council, the emergency services and Parish Councils. The Charnwood part of council tax will rise by £4.21 (3%) for an average band D property from April 1, 2024. The Charnwood budget includes the creation of a £100,000 grants fund to support community groups who help residents struggling with the cost of living .

A 5% council tax rise has been approved by Leicestershire County Council at their annual budget meeting. There is a 3% rise in general funding and a 2% rise in funding for social care.

Cllrs Needham, Woodward, and O’Neill

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