

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st November 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 Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dan Fry, Cllr Daniel Grimley, Cllr Stephen Goodger

Members of the Public: One

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 146 21 Welcome

Cllr Goodger was appointed Acting Chair and welcomed all present.

SC 147 21 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman) via email, Cllr Newby via message.

SC 148 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 149 21 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th October 21

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

SC 150 21 Borough Councillors Report

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

SC 151 21 Matters Arising from minutes on 4th October 2021

SC 135 21

Bank Authorisation form has now been lodged with the Bank – requires presentation of proof of residence and identity in 2 cases.

SC 141 21

Police Report would appear to be delivered via the Neighbourhood link - the last time this was published was up to 14th October 2021. There is now a general information sheet in circulation for the area as a whole, for November, and this sheet has been circulated to Councillors.

SC 144 21

It has been established that Road Lining and Sign Cleaning are the responsibility of Highways. Signs needing cleaning will be photographed the pictures then used as evidence in a request to LCC Highways to clean/repaint them. Some residents maintain that this maintenance has not been carried out for at least 7 years.

Volunteers are required for litter picking on Beeby Road – please contact the Clerk for details.

SC 152 21 Planning Matters

An update of activity on the Travellers site from the Planning Department was read to the meeting by the borough councillor and comments were about the Travellers site planning issues. This concerned the correct definition of a caravan and its mobility. Cllr Grimley is working with the Planning Officer to ensure that details are clear and correctly interpreted. .

P/21/1331/2 32 Main Street Single Storey 1st 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.

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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.

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 appear yet 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 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 on 3 Turns Lane. This application is online only at the moment.

Clerk to notify details to Cllrs for these 2 applications when they are validated by the Planning Department.

SC 153 21 Financial Matters

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

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 1st NOVEMBER 2021

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

<u>Current Account Balance 05/10</u>	£	9438.14
Estimated Income to year end	£	180.64 (vat)
Total	£	9618.78
Estimated spend to year end	£	4429.61 (inc. Cheques presented)
Uncleared Cheques	£	872.46
Balance	£	4316.71

<u>Reserve Account Balance 05/10</u>	£	15923.22

b) Cheques to be approved at this meeting

CLERKS WAGES (OCT)	£	229.47
HMRC (OCT 2021)	£	57.40
Grass Cutting (4 TH OCT)	£	80.00
VH Rent (NOV)	£	55.00
Playing Field Maintenance	£	516.39
TOTAL	£	938.26

*The Revised Accounts page has been updated and is attached to these minutes.

SC 154 21 Financial Plan – Mid Year Assessment

The revisions to spending forecast to the end of the financial year take effect from this meeting.

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SC 155 21 Update in Kings Lane Footpath

The ownership of land at the top of the Lane is being investigated as part of the concerns about the recently installed stile preventing access to the public footpath for many parishioners. The footpath issue is being investigated by LCC. It is understood that this will take some time to resolve. Cllr Morris has undertaken to contact Land Registry about ownership and will be reminded by the clerk following this meeting. Meanwhile it is understood that an application to change to route of the footpath is being considered.

SC 156 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.

SC 157 21 Play a Part update

The decision about the bid for National Lottery Funding to finance this project has not been successful. Further work to break down the project into stages, commencing with ground works, will now be carried out.

SC 158 21 Clerks Report

The Clerk to issue Bank identity cards to 2 Councillors to facilitate submission proof of identity and address. Rural Community Council (RCC) have an initiative to create stronger and more connected communities across Leicestershire through the use of a 'Coffee Connect Van'. They have requested to make a series of visits at the start of 2022 to South Croxton. In the event of inclement weather they would request use of the Village Hall and would pay appropriate costs. The fundamental aim is to tackle loneliness and isolation. The sessions would last for 2 to 3 hours for 2 days a week and would visit weekly for 5 to 6 weeks. Councillors viewed the initiative positively.

SC 159 21 Flooding

It was noted that the Drain at the bottom of the village was again blocked. Pictures of the flooding, provided by Cllr Morris will be sent to Highways requesting cleaning including the gulley now, and subsequent periodic checks by them, especially during the winter period.

SC 160 21 Correspondence Received

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

SC 161 21 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

The Member of the public in attendance at this meeting again raised matters requiring attention in the village. The clerk has undertaken to pursue these issues providing photographic evidence where possible. It was also noted that the Village Hall wish to have a Bonfire on the corner of the Playing Field. No fireworks are permitted due to insurance limitations. Parish Council agreed to this initiative. Cllr Seaton also suggested that a litter picking event should be organised in the village, especially along the Beeby Road.

SC 162 21 Date of next meeting

6th December 2021 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

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Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Barkby Parish Council

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward

Welcome to my round up of news from Charnwood. I hope all residents are keeping safe and well. It is good to see life in the village returning to normality. The covid vaccinations have allowed the removal of the majority of restrictions. However, we still need to take our own precautions. I was contacted by NHS Track and Trace last week following a council meeting after a councillor, tested positive. Myself and my partner immediately booked and were given a PCR Test at the test centre at the Birstall Park and Ride Site. The process was very quick and efficient. I had my results early in the morning the next day. Both of our results were negative. Which was a relief. Travellers Site South Croxton I am currently chasing the Enforcement Officer at Charnwood for an update. I have asked for this for the Parish Council Meeting on 01.12.21.

Leicester City FC granted Freedom of the Borough FA Cup winners Leicester City FC have been granted Freedom of the Borough of Charnwood by the borough council. The honour, the highest the Council can bestow, recognises the club's incredible success in recent years and its connection to Charnwood. The 2016 Premier League champions opened a £100 million training facility in the borough in 2020 at Seagrave. The honour was conferred at a special meeting of the Council at Loughborough Town Hall on September 14. As a long-term foxes fan, I was pleased to see the honour confirmed on the football club. Not only for their recent performances in winning both the FA Cup and Premiership Title but also for all the local community work by the club. The club have recently opened their new training centre in Seagrave. Many years ago my brother, as a mascot for a lcfc game, was photographed with a Foxes goalkeeping legend Mark Wallington. I managed to grab a selfie with the current goalkeeper legend Kasper Schmeichel on the evening.

Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour the Council can bestow. It does not carry any privileges or powers but it is only awarded in exceptional circumstances where the prospective recipient has rendered eminent services to the borough. They will have demonstrated outstanding achievements in the borough and/or on the international stage which have brought pride and satisfaction to the borough. To grant the honour, there must be a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Council, specially convened for the purpose of granting the Freedom of the Borough.

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. 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.

Next phase of Outwoods restoration project to get underway The next phase to return the Outwoods in Loughborough back to its true and natural historic state will get underway next week. Charnwood Borough Council, which maintains the Outwoods, working alongside the Outwoods Management Committee, will start the second phase of gradually removing non-native coniferous trees in the ancient woodland. Native oak trees will be planted and allowed to grow back naturally, returning the Outwoods to a natural acid oak woodland. The Council and the **Outwoods Management Committee** want to turn the woodland back to its natural state after parts of the ancient

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oak woodland were removed in the 1940s and conifer trees were planted as a crop. The project which is part of a Countryside Stewardship scheme, run by Natural England and the Forestry Commission, first got underway in 2019 and aims to preserve the ecology and habitats found in the Outwoods. The non-native conifers add little benefit to the plants and wildlife in the local area and over the years have stopped native plants from growing and wildlife from flourishing. Restoring the ancient woodland to its natural state will be beneficial for the local area. Native trees such as birch and rowan will quickly start to grow in the area and planting of new oak trees will start as soon as the non-native trees have been removed. Work on the next phase will start at the beginning of November and around two hectares of conifer trees will be removed from the woodland. This phase will take around three weeks to complete and the Outwoods car park will be closed between Monday November 1 and Wednesday November 24 while the conifer trees are removed.

There will be no access to the woodland car park from the main road. Visitors will be able to use alternative parking at Nanpantan Sports Ground and Moat Road and follow the footpath diversions to walk up to the woodland. Parts of the woodland will also be closed while work is being carried out and footpath diversions will be in place. The Outwoods is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by Natural England, which means it is protected by law to conserve its wildlife and geology. It is also part of the ancient Charnwood Forest and is the most easterly part of the National Forest. For more information and the latest updates about the project visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/Outwoodsrestoration For more information, please contact me.

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REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR version B 1st Nov 2021 Meeting

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE SPEND TO YR END	TOTAL YR END	-USPND OVER SPEND
PAYROLL SERVICE	216.00	162.00	162.00	324.00	108.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	375.00	125.50	50.00	175.50	-199.50
SOLR FEES	808.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-808.00
WEBSITE	375.00	372.00	0.00	372.00	-3.00
CLERKS SALARY	1787.00	1606.49	1376.82	2983.31	1196.31
INSURANCE	338.00	335.84	0.00	335.84	-2.16
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	350.00	0.00	516.39	516.39	166.39
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	1040.00	80.00	1120.00	-80.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	265.00	263.17	0.00	263.17	-1.83
STREET LIGHTING	650.00	544.60	0.00	544.60	-105.40
VH RENT	550.00	275.00	275.00	550.00	0.00
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CCF	2615.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2615.00
AUDIT FEES	180.00	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
HMRC	447.00	401.60	344.40	746.00	299.00
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00

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DEV A/C	945.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	0.00	
NON BUDGET		674.17	0.00	674.17	674.17	
TOTALS	11751.00	5800.37	4429.61	10229.98	1521.02	-
NON-BUDGET						
CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGET ITEMS						
KIOSK REFURB		627.85			2615.00	CCF
					945.00	DEV A/C
					500.00	RES
					180.00	?
TOTAL		627.85			4240.00	

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