

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dave Morris, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Jane Daly,
Cllr Brenda Seaton, Cllr Chris O'Neil

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Members of the Public – 4

SC 118 23 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting.

SC 119 23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fryer (via Cllr Newbery)

SC 120 23 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 121 23 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 4th September 2023

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Norton, seconded by Morris, 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 122 23 County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr O'Neil made his report to the meeting followed by Cllr Seaton. A copy of Cllr O'Neil's report is attached at the end of these minutes.

Cllr Seaton – covered the issue of new housing in the area of Queniborough and Thurmaston with concerns about the Southern Link Road. Discussion also ensued regarding rights of way and responsibility for footbridges. It was also noted that formal rights of way must be established by 2025 for a lane not currently registered. Details need to be notified with the Access Officer, Safe and Sustainable Travel Team, in Leicestershire County Council. Maps were offered by Cllr Newbery showing the route and Cllr Seaton offered to provide details and history of the area concerned. The Clerk will then communicate with the Access Officer to progress the matter.

Cllr Seaton also confirmed that Highways had acknowledged the request for repair of the Jitty pathway.

SC 123 23 Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 4th September 2023

SC 110 23 c

A query was made about the use of a tractor for hedge cutting.

SC 122 23

ACV – the nomination of The Golden Fleece – an application was sent by post on 14th September 2023.

SC 114 23

The contractor has carried out the tidying of the bank at the top of the path as requested.

SC 124 23 Planning Matters for meeting on 2nd October 2023

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 as well as 3 No stables and backroom and temporary siting of tourer caravan to provide toilet facility and storage container (part Retrospective). This application was classified as REGISTERED on 20th May 2022. Communication with the planning officer handling this application reported that there was further diversity work needed. No change since last meeting on 4th September 2023.

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Chairman

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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 4th September 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 3rd October 2022 – Note potential traffic movements estimated by Tenacity Planning Consultants. No change since last meeting on 4th September 2023.

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 4th September 2023.

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 4th September 2023.

P/23/0620/2 36 Kings Lane South Croxton, retention of outbuilding. Application Form Redacted on 9th May 2023. Classified a REGISTERED 25th May 2023. No change since last meeting on 4th September 2023.

P/23/0614/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of timber access bridge over ditch. Registered 27th April 2023. No change since last meeting on 4th September 2023.

P/23/0611/2 36 Kings Lane – installation of fence and gates. Registered 27th April 2023. No change since last meeting on 4th September 2023.

P/23/0613/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of decking. Registered 27th April 2023. No change since last meeting on 4th September 2023.

P/23/1117/2 18 School Lane – Tree works

SC 125 23 Financial Matters

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 2nd October 2023

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

Statement Current Account Balance	£ 7326.20 (Statement to 0/09)
Estimated Income to year end	£ 6131.14
Total	£13457.34
Uncleared Cheques from last meeting	£ 923.11
Estimated spend to year end	£ 6362.93
Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end	£ 6170.96

Statement Reserve Account Balance **£11484.04(Statement to 05/09)**

a) Cheques to be approved at meeting

HMRC (Sept)	£ 62.80 Chq No 1118
Clerks Wages (Sept)	£250.93 Chq No 1119
Village Hall Rent (Oct)	£ 55.00 Chq No 1120
E Wilkinson (Grass)	£110.00 Chq No 1121
Clerk - Expenses	£ 17.23 Chq No 1122
TP Jones & Co LLP (Payroll)	£ 56.70 Chq No 1123

Total Amount £ 552.66

M Underwood (Maintenance) £ 35.99 Chq No 1124

b) Revised Accounts 2nd October 2023

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REVISED ACCOUNTS AT 2nd OCT 2023 /2

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE	TOTAL YR END	-USPND
			SPEND TO YR END		OVER 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	1757.11	1302.89	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	171.00	329.00	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	330.00	220.00	550.00	0.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	140.95	159.05	300.00	0.00
HMRC	764.00	439.00	325.00	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
TOTALS	10737.61	6222.45	4593.87	10816.32	78.71
CONTINGENCY	1013.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	11751.00	6222.45	4593.87	10816.32	78.71

CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGETED ITEMS	
Maintenance	23.00
VH Donation	500.00
Maintenance	70.00
VH PAP	7500.00
	0.00
	0.00
TOTAL	8093.00

BANK BALANCES 31st July 2023 meeting		
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	7326.20	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	0.00	
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	7326.20	
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	11484.04	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
Includes Interest 31st Aug 2023	20.49	

N.B. Amendments to some cell locations have been amended to show under/overspends where no further expenditures are anticipated to year end.

SC 126 23 Police Report

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The report for September was published too late for the meeting. A link to the report is added following:

<https://webmail.localcouncils.org/versions/webmail/19.0.24-RC/popup.php?wsid=b98debd27066416ca7c760d3dbc31c05-026f1be01b6d4beaa6221f67caebe00e#1696585793274>

SC 127 23 Clerks Report for meeting on 2nd October 2023

1. Maintenance Work – trimming vegetation to be carried out on playing field steps
2. Portable Goal Posts - availability
3. VAT Claim – Claim made for period covering from August 2022 to July 2023.

SC 128 23 ROSPA Report summary

A summary of the work required to bring the existing play equipment up to a safe standard has been produced to illustrate the financial viability against cost of replacement.

SC 129 23 Play a Part

Councillors resolved to place a hold on further development of the Playing field until a plan is developed to include the existing play equipment and further improvements until the Spring with an opportunity to apply for further grant finance in the April round.

SC 130 23 Correspondence Received

Emailed information has been distributed to Councillors, as appropriate, since the last meeting.

SC 131 23 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

Members of the public present at the meeting contributed to the discussion on rights of way.

SC 132 23 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 6th November 2023 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton
This meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project, Rights of Way, ACV Update, Precept for 2024/5.

Cllr O’Neil Report - South Croxton Parish Council Report September 2023

Planning Issues. - The Planning Inspector’s evaluation of CBC Draft Plan is nearing completion. The inspector has asked for comments about a number of key issues. The Council has been working hard to respond to various issues in response to the Inspectors’ August (?) letter. The County have recently responded with infrastructure analysis relevant to the Local Plan, so the process of moving towards approval can now continue. Additional documents have been prepared by CBC for a consultation and are available on the Examination website:

https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/examination_documents

Planning applications. South Croxton. Dog grooming and day care centre (application number P/23/1760/2).

Comments to CBC planning portal until 20th October.

Other Charnwood News - Time is running out for residents to put forward their nominations for this year’s Charnwood Sports Awards. The awards, run by Charnwood Borough Council, celebrate sporting achievements of clubs and individuals as well as the dedication of volunteers. Nominations close at midnight on Friday October 6. For more information contact CBC website.

- A46 Road repairs. Spotted in Loughborough Echo. Overnight repairs to A46 for the next 6 weeks between Six Hills and Widmerpool. It is a very busy road and is in need of some repairs.
- Loughborough in Bloom awarded gold award. The town was awarded the highest recognition at the East Midlands awards ceremony which was held in Spalding. It is the twelfth time since 2011 that Loughborough has now received gold. Quorn in Bloom were also awarded gold for their wonderfully kept open spaces. The judges were also told about the variety of community projects which make up Loughborough in Bloom when they visited in the summer.

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