

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dave Morris, Cllr Dan Fryer, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Jane Daly, Cllr Daniel Grimley

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

SC104 23 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting.

SC 093 23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris O'Neil – CBC Meeting.

SC 105 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 106 23 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 7th August 2023

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Newbery, seconded by Cllr Norton, 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 107 23 County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Grimley made his report to the meeting. A copy has been attached to these minutes. Cllr O'Neil sent apologies for absence and a copy of his report is also attached to these minutes. Cllr Grimley here left the meeting

SC108 23 Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 7th August 2023

SC 097 23

An Arborist has been engaged to assess trees bordering the Playing Field following approval by Councillors.

Awaiting update on Jitty surface repair.

SC 100 23

New Dog Control Notice now on display.

SC 109 23 Planning Matters for meeting on 4th September 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 7th August 2023, although there have been movement of Mobile Homes away from the site.

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.

2 large caravans removed from site recently.

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

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traffic movements estimated by Tenacity Planning Consultants. No change since last meeting on 7th August 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 7th August 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 7th August 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 7th August 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 7th August 2023.

P/23/0611/2 36 Kings Lane – installation of fence and gates. Registered 27th April 2023. No change since last meeting on 7th August 2023.

P/23/0613/2 36 Kings Lane – Retention of decking. Registered 27th April 2023. No change since last meeting on 7th August 2023.

SC110 23 FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 4th September 2023

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves	
Statement Current Account Balance	£ 8315.97 (Statement to 04/08)
Estimated Income to year end	£ 6141.79
Total	£14457.76
Uncleared Cheques from last meeting	£ 989.70
Estimated spend to year end	£ 6362.93
Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end	£ 7105.13
Statement Reserve Account Balance	£ 18963.55(Statement to 04/08)

Cllrs checked Balances against Bank Statement and initialled indicating correct.

b) _Cheques to be approved at meeting

HMRC (Aug)	£ 62.80	Chq No 1111
Clerks Wages (Aug)	£250.93	Chq No 1112
Village Hall Rent (Sept)	£ 60.00	Chq No 1113
E Wilkinson (Grass)	£ 220.00	Chq No 1114
Clerk (Expenses)	£ 174.40	Chq No 1115
B and H (Dog Notice)	£ 60.00	Chq No 1116
Clerk (Norton Renewal)	£ 94.98	Chq No 1117

Cheques agreed by Cllrs and signed as correct.

c) Revised Accounts.

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REVISED ACCOUNTS AT 4th Sept 2023						
				ESTIMATE		-USPND
		SPEND	SPEND TO	TOTAL YR	OVER	
CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	TO DATE	YR END	END	SPEND	
PAYROLL SERVICE	230.00	113.40	116.60	230.00	0.00	
OFFICE EXPENSES	200.00	65.34	134.66	200.00	0.00	
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00	0.00	372.00	0.00	
CLERKS SALARY	3060.00	1255.25	1804.75	3060.00	0.00	
DEV ACCUMULATOR FUI	945.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	0.00	
INSURANCE	340.00	401.32	-61.32	340.00	0.00	
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	500.00	111.00	389.00	500.00	0.00	
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1400.00	750.00	650.00	1400.00	0.00	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	215.00	237.41	-22.41	215.00	0.00	
STREET LIGHTING	771.61	771.61	0.00	771.61	0.00	
VH RENT	550.00	215.00	335.00	550.00	0.00	
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	140.95	159.05	300.00	0.00	
HMRC	764.00	313.40	450.60	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	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	
NORTON A/V PRODUCTS	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	
TOTALS	10737.61	4746.68	6362.93	10737.61	0.00	
CONTINGENCY	1013.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTALS	11751.00	4746.68	6362.93	10737.61	0.00	
CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGETED ITEMS						
Maintenance		23.00				
VH Donation		500.00				
		0				
		0				
		0.00				
		0.00				
TOTAL		523.00				
BANK BALANCES 31st July 2023 meeting						
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE		8315.97	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT			
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS		989.70				
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE		7326.27				
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		18963.55	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT			
Includes Interest 31st July 2023		21.30				

An issue was raised concerning the costs of Grass Cutting – the surplus could be used for hedge trimming. Enquiries to be made by Cllr Daly to determine if use of Tractor is possible.

d) Bank Mandate

Data Registration partially successful, 2 Councillors still to register

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SC 111 23 Police Report

The Police Report was sent to Cllrs individually as the news letter now published on the Police website. Cllrs confirmed receipt though they questioned the depth of the work reported.

SC 112 23 Assets of Community Value (ACV)

The possibility of applying to nominate The Golden Fleece as an ACV had been raised in the Community. The issue was discussed at the meeting and a decision made to submit an application form under the name of the Parish Council. The matter is to be given priority. The clerk to submit the application form when ownership and occupiers have been established.

SC 113 23 Clerks Report

A copy of a Press advert was received notifying temporary road works in the Syston/Queniborough area. This is the first time such a notice has been received from this source. It is effective from 16th September for up to 6 months. Clerk to circulate and place on Notice Board/Website.

SC 114 23 Play a Part – Pathway, Kiddy Swing quotations

The completion of the pathway was acknowledged with comments made about the treatment of what was a tipping area for grass cuttings etc. Clerk to request Contractor to re – visit and tidy the area. In addition the sack containing top dressing left in the car park will be used BY THE CONTRACTOR when the site has settled to ensure a level surface. The square at the top of the path is for a proposed phase 2 of the development of the Play area. Councillors resolved to send a letter to the Village Hall Committee to convey thanks to them for their assistance in implementing the Community Facilities Grant for the new pathway from the Village Hall car park up to the playing field. They also resolved to guarantee to cover Village Hall funds, used temporarily to pay the Contractor, should the Grant Monies not be paid to the Village Hall. Kiddy Swing replacement quotations were considered by Councillors. Clerk to establish if further grants for a replacement of a similar pattern of the existing equipment can be obtained, e.g. Supermarkets.

SC 115 23 Correspondence Received

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

SC 116 23 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

Members of the public present at the meeting expressed their concerns about The Golden Fleece and favoured the ACV proposals discussed at the meeting.

SC 117 23 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 2nd October 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, Replace Cradle Swing, Hedge Trimming



**Notes From the County Council.
September 2023**

County Councillor Daniel Grimley

Welcome to my round up of news from Leicestershire County Council.

Thurmaston County Councillor, Brenda Seaton, is unable to make the Parish Council Meeting as she is having to attend the full council at Charnwood as a Charnwood Borough Councillor.

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Leicestershire Highways Authority Raises Concerns to Local Plans Inspectors

Leicestershire Highways have raised concerns to the Local Plan Inspectors over the transport mitigation as individual developments both in and speculative are coming forward in advance of the adoption of the Draft Local Plan for the areas:

- Loughborough and Shepshed
- the North of Leicester and
- the Soar Valley (the 'area strategies').

Charnwood has yet to identify a mechanism to give effect to an interim transport contributions strategy proposed by the Leicester Highways Authority (LHA)

The County Council is of the view that, without joint ownership of the three area strategies and the interim contributions strategy, the LHA has no assurance in relation to the mitigation of the transport impacts of development under the draft Local Plan. The County Council wishes to act reasonably and is mindful of its duty to co-operate but regrettably the approach adopted by CBC to date does not provide the County Council with the trust and confidence that sufficient developer contributions will be achieved to meet the transport infrastructure requirements in the absence of a commitment from CBC to joint ownership of the interim strategies.

Work starts on the building of the Bowman Academy special school

Bowman Academy will provide support for up to 65 pupils aged five to 16 with social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs.

Based at the former site of St Botolph's Primary School in Shepshed, facilities will include a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and a variety of classrooms, including science and art studios.

It will also feature a music room, a sensory / immersion room and a quiet, calming room, as well as an outdoor dedicated outdoor learning area and a car park and drop-off points.

The sustainably built school is being constructed by contractors Bowmer + Kirkland for the Department for Education and will be run by the Community Inclusive Trust (CIT), which heads up several schools including Foxfields Academy, a specialist SEMH school in Blaby.

It's exciting seeing work starting on the build and we look forward to seeing it taking shape.

A Department for Education spokesperson said: "We are delighted to see that work has started on the Bowman Academy, which will provide state-of-the-art facilities, delivering on the department's Improvement Plan to reform the support system for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

"Every child deserves to have access to education that meets their needs, which is why we will continue to announce further special free schools."

The school is being built using more sustainable methods, where 'modules' are constructed off-site and then assembled and installed on-site. This reduces waste, means less transportation is needed and uses renewable materials.

Bowman Academy is due to open in September 2024. There are also plans to build a 90-place school for children with special needs and disabilities in Quorn after the Department for Education approved the county council's funding via its Special Free School Programme earlier this year.

New 'green' school given the go-ahead

Plans to build Leicestershire's second carbon-neutral primary school have been given the green light.

The £9.3m primary will provide school places for children living in the new 924 home Airfield Farm development in Market Harborough.

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The eco-friendly 210-place school will include teaching spaces for pupils with special educational needs, a multi-use play area, nature areas and parking and drop-off spaces. Bat and bird boxes will be installed to encourage wildlife.

The school is being built on behalf of Leicestershire County Council by contractor Willmott Dixon with what's known as section 106 funding from developers William Davis and Taylor Wimpey and money from the Government's Basic Need Funding for schools

Technology such as air source heat pumps and photovoltaic panels to provide power, as well as careful consideration of building materials, will help the school become 'zero-carbon'.

I was on the Development Control and Regulatory Board for this and seconded the proposal to approve this.

This school will be a welcome addition to this new community, providing much-needed school places and a lovely setting for learning.

The school has been built in such a way that it could be extended to take up to 420 pupils in the future if needed.

An academy trust to run it is due to be announced this autumn and a phased opening is planned from 2024 starting with reception children, with the school reaching capacity by 2030.

The build is hot on the heels of the council's first 'zero-carbon' school, Hollycroft Primary in Normandy Way, Hinckley, which is set to welcome its first pupils this autumn. Also built by Willmott Dixon, it will be run by the OWLS Academy Trust.

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Cllr Chris O'Neill Report to South Croxton Parish Council . Monday 4th September

Firstly apologies for not attending the meeting. There is a full meeting of Charnwood Borough Council at the same time.

There has not been much activity at CBC in recent weeks because of so many people taking annual holidays.

The issue with the Travelers site has developed in the last couple of weeks. When I became aware of the situation I spoke to the Parish Clerk to find out the full picture. I have been in contact with Enforcement at CBC and told that they were aware of the situation. They confirmed that the repair of any water leakage is the responsibility of the landowner rather than Severn Trent.

I also contacted Beverly Green of Environmental Health over the leakage of water/sewage from the site and concerns about the wellbeing of the Horses and Ponies that were thought to be there. She was away until 1st of September and I have not heard back.

Large scale planning applications continue to be made in the Wreake Valley. As well as the applications in Cossington there is a re-application in Rearsby, the Three Ways farm application in Queniborough and several applications in and around Syston. All of these will add extra traffic to the roads and increase the carbon footprint.

Media reports tell me that we as a nation do need more houses and the rate of house building is at a 10 - year low. However there needs to be more money spent on updating our current infrastructure (eg roads / schools / GP's /shops) if the current level of services are to be maintained or improved.

Cllr Chris O'Neil

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