

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022 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 Dan Fry, Cllr Steve Goodger, Cllr Vicki Newby, Cllr Daniel Grimley

Members of the Public: One

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 044 22 Welcome

Due to the absence of the Chair it was agreed that Cllr Newby would chair this meeting. All present were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

SC 045 22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Dave Morris – Stranded due to flight cancellations, Cllr Elizabeth Norton – isolating due to Covid case in family home, Cllr Seaton – Meetings clash.

SC 046 22 Disclosure of Interests and Dispensation by Councillors for this meeting

No other interests or dispensations were declared at the start of or during the meeting.

SC 047 22 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 22

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

SC 048 22 Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Grimley attended the meeting and gave his report. Main issues tabled were the launch of Charnwood's visitor offer and an update on Council Tax Rebate to help with energy bills. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Grimley here left the meeting.

SC 049 22 Matters Arising from minutes on 7th March 22

SC 035 22

Information about replacement battery costs for the MVAS have been obtained.

The rotation of the MVAS is to be carried out at intervals of not less than 3 weeks and not greater than 6 weeks. Batteries shall be charged on a weekly basis.

SC 025 22

Platinum Jubilee – a decision is required as to the purchase of a memorial to be placed in the village recalling this occasion.

SC 038 22

Further information concerning the revised Code of Conduct is emerging from LRALC – details to be advised at the meeting on 4th April 2022.

SC 039 22

Further details of the proposed village gateway treatments have been received and approved by Councillors.

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SC 040 22

A list of entrances to all public footpaths in the village has been received and will be surveyed as time allows.

SC 042 22

An advice update has been published by NALC regarding Legal Topic Note 87 which gives advice on procurement matters. This item is to be noted when considering the Play a Part project.

SC 050 22 Planning Matters for meeting on 4th April 2022

~~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. Status is **WITHDRAWN**~~

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 (retrospective) as well as 3 No stables and backroom and temporary siting of tourer caravan to provide toilet facility and storage container. This application is still classified as **Invalid**. Cllrs expressed concern that this business is up and running and despite previous questions put to the Planning Department no response had been received or action taken. Cllr Grimley requested the Clerk to send details to him for further investigation.

Travellers site progress is nil from the Planning aspect. No information in relation to the Planning Contravention Notice served. An update of Status has been requested from the Planning department and a response was received too late for the meeting. Action to be taken by Planning is being checked by the Legal Department at Charnwood whilst there is no response from the site owners representatives.

P/22/0014/2 Single storey extension to rear of property and 1st floor extension above existing single storey kitchen. Parish Council has notified to the Planning office that we have no objections to this application. Status is **Registered**.

P/21/2272/2 Extension to raised parking area. Parish Council have notified that we have no objection to this application but do have concerns about access obstructions on School Lane when the work is in progress. Status is currently **Registered**.

P/21/2415/2 Proposed Construction of Agricultural building on land at 3 Turns Lane. Current status is **Registered**. Cllrs expressed concern that despite previous questions put to the Planning Department about the size of the building no response had been received or action taken. Cllr Grimley requested the Clerk to send details to him for further investigation.

SC 051 22 Financial Matters

The Bank Balances for the Current and Business Reserve Accounts below were verified against the Bank Statements by Cllr Fry.

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FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 4th April 2022

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

<u>Current Account Balance 04/03</u>	£	6008.85
Estimated Income to year end	£	99.77 (vat)
Total	£	6108.62
Estimated spend to year end	£	0.00 #
Uncleared Cheques	£	419.86
Balance	£	5688.76

Reserve Account Balance 04/03 £ **15923.89**

b) Cheques to be approved at this meeting

CLERKS WAGES (Mar)	£	279.47 *
HMRC (Mar 2022)	£	69.80 *
VH Rent (April)	£	55.00
Payroll	£	54.00 *
TOTAL	£	458.27

This figure is shown as zero because all expenditure under the year's Budget has been paid when taking into account this month's cheques marked as *.

Councillors agreed that the transfer of monies from the current to the reserve account, amounts of £500 for upkeep of business reserves and £945 for the development fund, and a bank letter authorising the transfer was signed.

SC 052 22 Members Highway Fund

Discussion centred around the position of the post at the top of Main Street due to pavement width and visibility when exiting 3 Turns Lane. Further concerns were expressed regarding the costs of operation of the device to the Parish Council and ensuring risk assessments and insurance cover are provisioned for. Clerk to provide further information of costs for operation, as indicated in Highways Memorandum Agreement, the pavement width and the visibility splay from 3 Turns Lane on to Main Street and, results of consultation with affected residents by placing of posts. Possible solutions to the concern about operating costs could be use of Solar powered devices though these would incur a contribution from the Parish Council to cover additional outlay needed. Cllrs considered that these measures would be an important contribution to reducing vehicle speeds in the Village.

SC 053 22 Clerks Report for Meeting on 4th April 2022

Play a Part project update – verbal news indicates that the grant application was again unsuccessful. Further news is awaited but in the meantime the Clerk is to circulate members of the Play a Part Steering group as to their opinion on moving forward. In addition advice is to be sought from Burton and Dalby Parish Council about their recent completion of a Playing area at Top End. Cllrs were made aware of a revision to Legal Topic Note 87 concerning procurement and its relevance to this project.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were again discussed and considered reasonable if grant funding was available. The Clerk is to contact Asda Local Community Fund for provision of a Village seat with

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appropriate embellishment of the occasion which if successful could be placed at the 3 Turns Lane site replacing the existing seat there.

The Police had nothing to report for the April Meeting. However a later communication from their website advised that there was a trend of older people being attacked when withdrawing cash from bank machines.

Councillors are to affirm whether or not changes have occurred to their Register of Interests. The Clerk has now received confirmation from all Cllrs that there are no changes in the previous 6 months and will now reply to the Monitoring Officer with this information.

An issue with billing for street lighting has been resolved. Investigation showed that there had been an overpayment in 2021 which will now be credited as payment for the current year.

The Clerk will be attending a training session at LRALC on 27th April 2022 on the new Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council at the March meeting. We have already been advised of actions to be taken immediately, the training session being important to ensure full understanding of this document and its relevance to Councillors.

The issue of pavement parking was again raised. Clerk requested to obtain comment from a real policeman.

SC 054 22 Correspondence Received

Email information has been distributed as appropriate since the last meeting. In addition a letter has been received from a representative of the Woolaston Trust requesting help to find a replacement contact in the village who could channel cases to the trust with, in particular, those moving on to higher education or others who may have suffered during the pandemic. Communication options will be sought from Cllr Norton.

SC 055 22 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

Survey of Public Footpath entrances from Village – a list of entrances to public footpaths throughout the village has been produced, however, copies of the definitive maps for the area are to sought to bring clarity to this work. Cllr Seaton has also requested pictures and testimonies of use of individual footpaths by local people currently and in the past i.e. proof of historical use.

SC 56 22 Date of next meeting

2nd May 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Kings Lane Footpath, Travellers Site, Planning issues.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Notes From the Borough Council.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward

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Welcome to my latest round up of news from Charnwood.

Update on council tax rebate to help with energy bills

Council tax rebates to help with energy bills will start to be paid to Charnwood residents who pay by Direct Debit in May 2022.

The Government announced a £150 council tax rebate payment to households in council tax bands A-D to help with rising energy bills.

Charnwood Borough Council will confirm details soon about how residents who do not pay their council tax by Direct Debit will receive their payment. Residents are urged to keep an eye on our [council tax rebate webpage](#) which is regularly updated. For those who receive Housing Benefits, Universal Credit or Council Tax Support, the rebate will not affect your entitlement to these benefits.

The Council will also be launching a discretionary scheme for vulnerable households who may not qualify for the council tax rebate. Further details will be announced shortly.

If you are unsure on which council tax band you are in, you can find out by visiting [My Charnwood](#).

To find more details on the council tax rebate, visit [our webpage](#) where there is further information and frequently asked questions.

A website to promote Charnwood’s exciting offer to visitors has been launched.

Discover Charnwood has been developed by the borough council to showcase the area’s unique story along with its wonderful attractions and vibrant towns and villages.

Charnwood’s landscape was sculpted by the forces of nature nearly 600 million years ago and its unique geological history is of global importance. At the heart of the borough is Loughborough, home to the last working bell foundry in the UK, 800-year-old markets and fairs, Great Central Railway, and the renowned Loughborough University.

A leaflet to celebrate the area’s heritage is also being developed and it will be launched in the next few weeks.

To find out more, visit www.discovercharnwood.co.uk

You can also follow @DiscoverCharn on Twitter and if you want to share your pictures of the area, use the hashtag #DiscoverCharnwood

The Discover Charnwood website has been funded thanks to the Welcome Back Fund, which is supported by the European Regional Development Fund.

For more information, please contact me.

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Cllr. Daniel Grimley

Charnwood Borough Councillor for Queniborough Ward (including Barkby, Barkby Thorpe, Beeby, Hamilton Lea, Queniborough, South Croxton and part of Thorpebury)

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