

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 9th December 2019

at 6.00 pm in South Croxton Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr JoAnn Charles (Chair), Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Stephen Goodger, Cllr Dave Morris, PC Harkerat Sanghera, Borough Councillor Daniel Grimley, Mr J Preston (RCC)

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

Meeting opened at 6.00pm.

1. Welcome

Chairman, Cllr Charles opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Apologies for Absence

Paul Gant (via Chair)

3. Disclosure of Interests by Councillors for this meeting

There were no disclosures made at the start of or during this meeting.

4. Agree Minutes of meeting held on 4th November 2019

The minutes were, Proposed Cllr Goodger, Seconded Cllr Norton, unanimously approved by Councillors and duly signed by the Chair. Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy.

5. Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 4th November 2019

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5. The total number of responses to the Play a Part survey was 30 of 100 delivered to residents.

8. Use of home as office – Report sent to Councillors on 25th November 2019. Matter now concluded satisfactorily.

8b. Total value of cheques to be signed was corrected to £297.57 from £330.97 – Clerks error.

Internal Audit confirmation form has been signed and returned to LRALC.

Precept for 2021 – LRALC guidance and has been secured and a second draft has been prepared for discussion by Councillors. This will be circulated to Councillors and a decision made at the meeting on January 6th 2020.

9. Grant Policy – Budgeting requested from Village Hall.

11. Report on development traffic arising from Draft Local Plan to be provided in Clerks Report.

15. Latest and final decisions on Bus timetable has been made.

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N.B. Copies of the final bus timetable have been posted on the web site, the Notice Boards, and passed to individual parishioners where appropriate.

6. Planning Matters

A report from CBC was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting stating that there had been no further activity regarding the field on South Croxton Road.

The log of applications is attached to these minutes.

7. Financial Matters

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| a) Bank Accounts and Reserves | |
| Current Account Balance | £ 12690.05 (Oct/Nov statement) |
| Estimated Income to yr end | £ 1098.36 (VAT REFUND) |
| Total | £ 13788.41 |
| Estimated spend to yr end | £ 6264.00 |
| Balance | £ 7524.41 |
| Reserve Account Balance | £ 9405.82 |
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| b) Cheques to be signed this meeting | |
| HMRC (November) | £ 33.60 Chq No. 879 |
| Clerk Wages (November) | £ 133.97 Chq No. 880 |
| Printing costs for PAP | £ 44.49 Chq No. 881 |
| Village Hall Rent | £ 550.00 Chq No. 882 |
| Total Value | £ 762.06 |
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c) Precept for 2020/2021 – Further work was needed to finalise the proposal. It will be considered by Councillors and a decision made at the next meeting which will be in time for submission to CBC.

In addition to the financial statement above the revised layout of the annual accounts has been updated and will be presented at the next meeting i.e. the end of the 3rd quarter and subsequently at the end of the financial year.

Discussion took place about the estimated end of year surplus and it was resolved to place £5000.00 of the surplus held in the Current Account into the Reserve Account. Clerk to prepare a letter for the transfer to take place.

8. Parish Council Grant applications

The availability had been notified on the website. It was understood that applications may be forthcoming following completion of end of year accounts.

9. Clerks Report

1. The road closure affecting school lane which was scheduled for up to 10 days had been extended to 12 days. The road was passable on 5th December though a heap of soil, signs and material had not been removed. Residents complained that the actual amount of work comprised short periods, on occasional days, and that they had been much inconvenienced.

2. Grit bins have been assessed and one at the bottom of 3 Turns Lane had a broken lid. A report was made to Highways on their website on 27th November.
3. Notice Boards are a disgrace – the previously reported board near the obelisk has an insecure door. The board at the bottom of the village is now jammed due to water ingress causing the wood to swell. The boards are used by anybody and are not an orderly presentation of information from the Parish Council due to lack of available space, difficulty of access, and poor condition.
4. Grass cutting on the playing field seems to have faltered after an impressive start at the beginning of the contract. Invoicing has been non-existent. Cllrs to contact contractor.

10. Draft Local Plan

An assessment of the Draft Local Plan for Charnwood did not provide details of traffic movements although there was an undertaking in the Plan to assess the situation prior to commencement of development. Notable was the provision of a sports field facility on Queniborough Road and land earmarked as suitable for Solar energy locations within the South Croxton area.

11. Local Police Report

PC Harkerat Sanghera reported that there had been 2 RTAs on South Croxton Road, one on the 12th November and a second on 14th November and it is thought these may have been weather related.

Speeding through the Village is still a problem. A request for blue lines similar to those recently installed on the Barsby Road is to be investigated. The Clerk was asked to contact the adjacent Parish to request details about costs and methodology. Cllr Grimley suggested that a petition of objection is raised and sent to the Planning and Transportation Committee and also notifying the County Council of the issue.

12. Street Furniture and grit bins

Councillors agreed to seek a supplier for one new lockable Notice Board to be sited at the top of the Village adjacent to the obelisk. The damaged Grit Bin was replaced at the beginning of December.

13. Drains – Current works

The Clerk reported the correspondence trail concerning the three reported drain related problem areas. All had been investigated but not resolved due to needing technical expertise to resolve. The further issue of the Queniborough Brook issue is to be Investigated by Councillors at the invitation of the land owner. Clerk has provided contact details to Councillors for this action to proceed.

14. Correspondence Received

Brochures relating to Playing Field apparatus and emails concerning CBC committees, awards and fly tipping actions, Mayoress invitation to Carol Service.

15. Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak

No Public present.

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16. Borough Councillors Report

Charnwood launches consultation for it's Draft Local Plan to cover 2019-36.

The draft plan sets out how the Council will balance future growth in the area while making sure the environment is looked after and communities have the infrastructure they need.

The new local plan will include strategic and detailed policies and will be prepared to provide for a longer plan period than the adopted Charnwood Core Strategy which provides the strategy up to 2028.

As well as providing housing and jobs, the local plan considers the quality of design, climate change, renewable energy and improving biodiversity. It also considers how we secure infrastructure for our growing communities, including health services, schools and the transport system.

Locally housing is proposed at the following locations in Queniborough:

Land off Melton Road Queniborough

Land at Threeways Farm Queniborough

Queniborough Lodge Melton Road Queniborough

With other housing sites in East Goscote, Syston, and Hamilton Lea.

I am extremely concerned about these proposals especially with the adverse impacts on the overcrowded local roads, local doctor's surgeries and local schools etc. in the area.

Please let Charnwood have your views on the draft local plan. The consultation runs until 5pm on Monday, December 16. Please have a look at the draft local plan and the sustainability appraisal which is a key supporting document.

Details of the consultation can be found here:

https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/draft_charnwood_local_plan_2019_36

Ward Members Grant Scheme

A quick reminder that the Ward Member Grants are running again this year in Charnwood. I am encouraging community groups from throughout the Queniborough Ward to get in touch if they want to apply for a share of the £1000 available. Projects could include play / sports equipment, sports shirts etc. The grant is not available for actual running costs. For more details please contact me.

3,000 free trees to give away

Residents can apply for free trees under a scheme which has returned to Charnwood.

The borough council has once again teamed up with the National Forest and partner idverde to run the scheme which has 3,000 trees to give away and people have until January 10, 2020 to apply.

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Matt Bradford, head of cleansing and open spaces at the Council, said: “We’re pleased to be offering our free tree scheme for the second year running.

“Following the success of last year, we’re giving away even more trees and I’d encourage residents to apply as soon as possible to snap up their free trees.

“Charnwood is part of the National Forest and this is one way to help make it even greener.”

Last year 2,000 trees were given away to local residents, community groups and parish councils in the borough.

Households and community groups are eligible to choose up to three trees and there is a choice of three varieties; holly, hazel and cherry plum.

The trees will be approximately 20cm – 40cm when they are collected. Each resident who applies for a free tree will be given a guide on how to look after them properly.

Trees will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and residents that apply for a free tree must be available to collect on one of the following dates and locations:

Saturday January 18 2020, 10am-3pm – Central Park, Syston

Saturday January 25 2020, 10am-3pm –Derby Road Playing Fields, Loughborough.

To apply online, all residents need to do is visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/freetrees idverde manages the borough’s parks and open spaces on behalf of the Council.

The National Forest is right in heart of the country, embracing 200 square miles of the Midlands. It spans across parts of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire and aims to link the two ancient Forests of Charnwood and Needwood

Phase 1 Broadnook Garden Suburb

The proposed development has been delayed and the 1st phase planning application will not be heard until into the new year. The housing development is located between Birstall and Rothley development and will eventually provide 1650 dwellings including an assisted living village, a care home, employment uses community facilities. Phase 1 is for 193 dwellings.

You can follow me on Twitter @dangrimley, email cllr.daniel.grimley@charnwood.gov.uk, facebook: Cllr Daniel Grimley or tel. 01162600899. Post c/o Member Services, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfileds, Loughborough, Leicester, LE11 2TX. I am happy to meet residents at my surgery or by appointment locally.

Cllr. Daniel Grimley

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

17. Items for inclusion on future agenda

Precept approval and submission document

18. Date of next meeting – 6th January 2020 at 6pm

This meeting concluded at 7.15 pm

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| 22 | 31/07/2018 | P/18/1272/2 | 77 MAIN STREET | RESUBMISSION OF P/18/2077/2 | WITHDRAWN | |
| 23 | 26/03/2019 | P/18/2101/2 | TRAVELLERS SITE OFF MAIN ST | DETACHED DAY ROOM | GRANT CONDITIONALLY | |
| 24 | 04/04/2019 | P/19/0506/2 | 58 MAIN STREET | SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTN | GRANT CONDITIONALLY | |
| 25 | 02/04/2019 | P/19/0534/2 | 17 MAIN STREET | TREE WORKS INC TPO | GRANT CONDITIONALLY | |
| 26 | 19/02/2019 | P/19/0448/2 | TRAVELLERS SITE OFF MAIN ST | DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 4 | INVALID | |
| 27 | 15/07/2019 | P/19/1346/2 | 52 MAIN SREET | TREE WORKS - CONSERVATION AREA | NOT FORMAL CUNSLTATION | |
| 28 | 12/07/2019 | P/19/1347/2 | 4 HOME CLOSE | TREE WORKS - CONSERVATION AREA | NOT FORMAL CUNSLTATION | |
| 29 | 13/08/2019 | P/19/1615/2 | 8 SCHOOL LANE | TREE WORKS - CONSERVATION AREA | NOT FORMAL CUNSLTATION | |
| 30 | 09/09/2019 | P/19/1829/2 | 31 MAIN STREET | TREE WORKS | NOT FORMAL CUNSLTATION | |
| 31 | | P/19/1885/2 | 58 MAIN STREET | SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTN | GRANT CONDITIONALLY | Amendment to application P/19/0506/2 to include use of external render to rear and side elevations and replacement of window with bi-fold door |
| 32 | 16/10/2019 | P/19/2070/2 | 31 KINGS LANE | SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTN | GRANTED 06/12/2019 | |
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Planning Update 9TH December 2019

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