

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 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 Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Vicky Newby, Cllr Steve Goodger, Cllr Dave Morris, Cllr Brenda Seaton, Cllr Daniel Grimley.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Members of the Public – 1

SC 148 22 Welcome

The Chairman, Cllr Morris, welcomed those present.

SC 149 22 Apologies for Absence

The meeting resolved to accept the apologies of the following Member sent by email to the Clerk.

Cllr Dan Fry.

SC 150 22 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. Cllrs were reminded to declare any changes of interest on their Registers of Members Interests. Non were declared.

SC 151 22 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 22

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Morris, 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 152 22 Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Grimley made his report to the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.

SC 153 22 Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 7th November 2022

SC 139 22

Proposed Reserves Allocation – The current account has been swelled by payment in from LCC for the MVAS. Confirmation of the Reserves Allocation should also be addressed at this meeting minus the temporary lodging of funds.

SC 148 22

Full Council approval for the way forward in the Play a Part project needs confirming while also taking into account insurance considerations.

SC 154 22 Planning Matters for meeting on 5th December 2022

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 classified as REGISTERED. No change from previous meeting.

N.B. Information was presented at the meeting that this application was granted by planning on 5th December 2022. This will be updated in the next meeting report.

Travellers site – Following an exchange of letters in the second week of October, after the retirement of the Planning Officer handling the development of the site, undertakings were made by the Planning Department to address the situation. A request for an update on progress made by email on 31st October 2022 was answered briefly the following day by stating that no there were no further comments after the

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earlier letter. Councillors reply to the earlier letter was sent on 10th November 2022. The planning response to this was an undertaking to inform the parish council of changes as and when they occur but not on a monthly basis. N.B. Councillor Grimley also emailed Planning for a progress report on 30th November 2022. A further request from planning requested copy of an email sent to the clerk by a resident on the site and a copy of the FaceBook advert relating to the caravans. The email has been lost but the advert was provided. Councillors noted that the temporary licence for the site expires this month and are not aware of any application for its renewal.

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). Response made by PC on 11th October 2022. Classified as REGISTERED. Planning documents were sent to Councillors and tabled at the meeting - no change to status since last meeting. Councillors noted that the Highway planning objections were similar to those made in the earlier response (P/21/1949/2). The meeting also noted that the current state of the land was like a quagmire with little exercise area for the current number of horses. There has also been an increase in the number of vehicles accessing the site from Kings Lane. The situation was described as chaotic.

P/22/1211/2 - 1 School Lane - Tree works in conservation area – Classified as REGISTERED. No change in status since last meeting.

P/22/1703/2 - 85-87 Main Street - Tree works in conservation area – Classified as RE -REGISTERED. Site history required.

P/22/1662/2 Maida House Barn 3 Turns Lane. Proposed self contained log cabin dwelling with associated parking. Classified as REGISTERED. Comments sent to planning office 20th November 2022. No change to status since last meeting.

SC 155 22 Financial Matters

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 5th DECEMBER 2022

Bank Accounts and Reserves *

a) Statement Current Account Balance	£	16835.84	04/11
Estimated Income to year end	£	28.90	
Total	£	16864.74	
Uncleared cheques	£	680.17	
Estimated spend to year end	£	4228.64	
Speed camera – unbudgeted item	£	5716.80	
Estimated Current Account Balance at year end	£	6239.13	
Statement Reserve Account Balance	£	17384.89	04/11
b) Cheques to be approved at meeting:			
HMRC (NOV)	£	58.40	Chq No1059
Clerks Wages (NOV)	£	233.67	Chq No1060
Village Hall Rent (DEC)	£	55.00	Chq No1061
Community Heartbeat – Tube for Defib)	£	19.20	Chq No1062
Westcotec (Speed device)	£	5716.80	Chq No1063
		£ 6083.07	

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The financial statement was checked against the Bank Statements by Cllr Norton and confirmed as correct.

N.B. *

1. It was noted that a typing error had occurred between the agenda issued earlier and this statement of the balance in the Reserve Account. This statement in these minutes is correct.
2. The presentation of the balances in the current account was temporarily boosted by the grant for the speed camera. This skewed the forecasts for end of year totals due to the item being non budgeted expenditure. The Statement Current Account Balance above has been amended to avoid the skewed appearance.

c) Revised Accounts

REVISED ACCOUNTS FOR MEETING ON 5th DECEMBER 2022

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE	TOTAL	-
			SPEND TO YR END	YR END	USPND OVER SPEND
PAYROLL SERVICE	226.80	167.40	59.40	226.80	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00	0.00	372.00	0.00
CLERKS SALARY	2803.00	1915.16	1355.18	3270.34	467.34
INSURANCE	350.00	338.17	11.83	350.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	482.60	240.99	241.61	482.60	0.00
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	1160.00	40.00	1200.00	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	270.00	214.04	55.96	270.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTING	544.60	0.00	544.60	544.60	0.00
VH RENT	605.00	385.00	220.00	605.00	0.00
AUDIT FEES	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
HMRC	701.00	478.60	222.40	701.00	0.00
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
DEV A/C	945.00	945.00	0.00	945.00	0.00
ELECTION EXPENDITURE	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
TOTALS	9500.00	6716.36	3250.98	9967.34	467.34
RING FENCE RESERVE	2251.00	0.00	2251.00	2251.00	0.00
ASDA FOUNDATION GRANT	706.00	934.47	0.00	934.47	228.47
LCC MVAS	5716.80	0.00	5716.80	5716.80	0.00
TOTALS	18173.80	7650.83	11218.78	18869.61	695.81

CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGET ITEMS			
MILLENIUM SEAT	934.47	<u>BANK BALANCES 5th December meeting</u>	
ANTI VIRUS RENEWAL	64.99	CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	16835.84
NORTON UTILITIES	31.96	RESERVE ACCOUNT	
STAMPS	13.04	BALANCE	17384.89
DEFIB	60.00	LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	34220.73
			680.17

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TOTAL	1104.46	33540.56
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c) Budget – 2023 - 2024

The meeting on 7th November agreed by resolution that £10,000.00 of the reserve bank account monies would be held as ring fenced Reserve of the Parish Council. This meeting considered that some, though not all, of the remaining monies in both accounts would be considered for use toward the Play a Part project.

The draft proposal for the budget for the financial year 2023 – 2024, now distributed to Councillors, requires further work and confirmation of amounts in the proposed budget where possible. E.g. it is thought that the street lighting may be considerably higher next year due to the rise in energy costs. In addition consideration should be given to advice in the LRALC November News Letter sent to Councillors on 7th November 2022. The budget requires submission to Charnwood Borough Council by Friday 13th January and so must be decided at the parish council meeting on the 9th January 2022.

SC 156 22 MVAS - Update

The solar powered device for speed monitoring sited at the top of Main Street near Three Turns Lane junction has now been installed on the post provided by Highways. The Members Highways Grant for the device notified by LCC as being paid into the bank account and a cheque for payment in full to Westcotec is to be signed at this meeting. There have been questions about the functioning of the device, some finding it working others not so. Clerk to contact Westcotec about the batteries being charged in cloudy weather.

SC 157 22 Kings Lane – Update

No further progress was available at the time of the meeting following the last email from LCC which stated I am in the process of converting my report to the Director into a Board Report for a meeting of the County Councillors to consider. The recommendation will be to make a Diversion Order under S119 Highways Act. Once we know which meeting the Report will go to, the Parish Council and other interested parties will be informed and there will be an opportunity at that meeting for short verbal representations to be made. Time is limited and I'm not sure of the protocol but that information will be available once we have a date. (Dated 09.11.2022)

SC 158 22 Play a Part - Update

Councillors have discussed the difficulties associated with the access to the playing field and the cost to overcome this problem. The meeting decided that a development in full compliance with RoSPA and equipment with EN 1176 was beyond financing by this Council. This decision has been agreed by all Councillors. Clerk to prepare drawings for provision of an access path up the bank, to be approved by Councillors. Contractors will then be invited to requote for the work. A grant application would be submitted, however should this not be successful the Parish Council would bear the full costs of the work subject to being within its means. Insurers will be consulted when the design has been established. The Village Hall coffee mornings and afternoon teas will continue as part of the effort to create a community space including the play areas and the Village Hall.

SC 159 22 Police Report

No reports of crimes in the area have been received from the Police. Councillors requested details of the police beat team. Clerk to action.

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SC 160 22 Clerks Report

The Clerk reminded the meeting that a pay award for Clerks backdated to April 2022 would be implemented in the next wages calculations.

A report that the Play area was being used by dog walkers was noted. Clerk requested to provide notices advising that this practice should stop.

Though a temporary repair had been carried out by Highways at the Beeby Road junction Councillors requested that Highways be reminded of the completion of works on School Lane and the repair of the road surface by Severn Trent Water may now proceed.

A report that street sweeping had not been carried out resulting in large quantities of debris needing removal resulted in a request that Highways be requested to carry cleaning and ensure that all drains were cleared.

SC 161 22 Correspondence Received

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

SC 162 22 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

The following points were raised.

1. Definition of EN 1176 related to the Play a Part project.
2. Information concerning a portable defibrillator costing £299 or £10.00 per month by Celli Group.
3. The hedge on Kings Lane has been replanted.

SC 163 22 Date of next meeting

9th January 2023 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project, Kings Lane, Travellers Site.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward



Welcome to my latest round up of news from Charnwood.

Can I firstly wish Parish Councillors and all residents in South Croxton a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Outline application Barkby Road, Queniborough for up to 150 dwellings, together with new open space, landscaping and drainage infrastructure, with all matters reserved except for access (as amended to include proposed junction improvement works at Queniborough Crossroads). Application Ref. P/20/2380/2.

This application went before the Planning Committee Thursday 24th November with an officer recommendation of approval. At the meeting I argued that the development would have significant and demonstrable harm to the area of local separation. I also argued that a recent appeal decision in Sileby and Cossington that Officers were using to justify their recommendation for approval was not a valid argument. Members of the committee agreed with my reasons for refusal and turned the application down despite the lack of the 5year housing supply.

Member Grants scheme for 2022/23

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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. Funding can be provided towards community events, activities, equipment, uniformed groups such as Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. In the past local groups such as Queniborough Football Club, Queniborough Craft Group, Barkby Youth Group, South Croxton Village etc. have all benefited from the grant scheme. Applications for the grant 2022/23 need to be submitted by 31st January 2023.

Charnwood Borough Council named best in the region for Covid-19 business support

Charnwood Borough Council has been recognised as the 'best in the region' for its support of small businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Council was named as the overall winner in the East Midlands Covid-19 Support and Recovery category at the Federation of Small Business (FSB) Local Government awards.

The awards celebrate and recognise local authorities which made the biggest impact on small businesses during the pandemic.

The judges were impressed by the Council's response to the pandemic including its quick distribution of government funding to businesses and launching a wide range of innovative campaigns to support the reopening and recovery of the local economy.

They also recognised the Council provided support to the high street by offering 150 businesses free advertising through its Charnwood inBusiness campaign and creating a dedicated online shopping platform as part of the Shop Safe, Shop Local campaign.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Council has issued over £65million in Government funding to over 4,850 local firms. Officers carried out visits at over 1,500 businesses to offer advice and help ensure they were complying with the latest regulations. The Council also issued hundreds of email updates to keep firms up to date with guidance. The borough council was one of 250 local authorities across England to enter this year's awards.

Full details of the Council's award as well as others from across England can be found on the FSBs website at: www.fsb.org.uk/localgovernment

Businesses in Charnwood can keep up to date with the Council's latest news and information, by signing up to the Business email alert. Just visit: www.charnwood.gov.uk/alerts

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Firm awarded two-year contract for Council home improvements

A new contractor has been appointed to deliver improvements to council homes in Charnwood.

J Tomlinson, a property maintenance firm has been awarded a two-year contract by Charnwood Borough Council to deliver planned improvements to council-owned homes across the borough.

The contract will include full and partial kitchen, bathroom and toilet replacements as part of the Council's programme of improvements to its housing stock. It will also involve works such as internal and external structural alterations alongside refurbishments to empty properties.

The new contract came into place this month following a rigorous tendering process

The Council manages around 5,500 residential homes across the borough.

The two-year contract has potential to be extended for an additional two-years and has an estimated value of around £9 million.

J Tomlinson were established in the 1950s by the Tomlinson family in Nottinghamshire. The business has expanded over the years, and they now work throughout the Midlands and the North of England.

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