

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 3rd February 2020

at 6.00 pm in South Croxton Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr JoAnn Charles (Chair), Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Stephen Goodger, Cllr Dave Morris, Borough Councillor Daniel Grimley.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, PC Harkerat Sanghera

Meeting opened at 6.00pm.

1. Welcome

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

Cllr Norton declared an interest in item 11 – Grant Applications

4. Agree Minutes of meeting held on 6th January 2020

The minutes were unanimously approved by Councillors and were duly signed by the Chair.

Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy.

5. Borough Councillor Report

The first stage completion of Longley Road was confirmed. There will be further consultation by the Planning Inspectorate in due course

The SUE received approval for 600 homes on 30th January 2020, the infrastructure was agreed in detail. However, it will be some time before work commences, the end of 2020 at the earliest. There is some planning detail to resolve, especially keeping construction traffic away from villages. Details are in the minutes of the relevant Planning Meeting.

Local Ward Member grants are still unused, the deadline for the application being 28th February 2020. An application for cricket equipment/table tennis bats etc may be forthcoming from the Village Hall.

Councillor confirmed that the need for the replenishment of white lining on Queniborough Road had been actioned and a response from Highways was awaited.

6. Police Report

No crimes were reported since the last meeting. However, the start of the vehicle speeding checks in Villages are imminent.

7. Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 6th January 2020

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7. It was agreed that the Play a Part Grant be included in the estimated spend to the end of year. The grant was paid into the Current Account on 5th April 2019. When comparing the application for the grant to Awards for All, with the invoice from RCC for their work, there is a difference of £550. RCC have assured that this is correct and the £550 is for work being done on the Project by the Parish Council.

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The matter will be discussed at the February meeting in Clerks Report.

Presentation of items remaining to be spent to year end sent to Cllrs on 29th January 2020 at 1134 am. The precept approved at the meeting on January 6th 2020 was sent to CBC Finance and acknowledgement of receipt received. A breakdown of the Reserve Bank Account and the status of the Development funds were also sent to Cllrs on 29th January 2020 at 1225.

9. The application for a Parish Council grant made to the South Croxton Women's Institute has been processed and a cheque for the amount will be submitted for signature at the February Meeting.

13. Blocked drains were reported and have been issued with enquiry numbers 780324 to be rectified within 28 days and 780328 to be rectified within 90 days.

15. The issue of faded white lines on the road between Queniborough and Barsby/South Croxton cross roads was reported to Cllr Daniel Grimley on 21st January 2020 by email.

8. Planning Matters

Planning Application P/19/0442/2 relating to the field on Main Street has been withdrawn. Details of the discharge of condition 4 of E/16/0357 were presented to the meeting. The planning update chart showing status of applications has been amended and is included at the end of these minutes. However, work on the site is proceeding with members of the public reporting additional hard core being deposited. Clerk to report to Planning Officer.

9. Financial Matters

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

Current Account Balance	£ 11630.42 (Dec/Jan statement)
Estimated Income to yr end	£ 1098.36 (VAT REFUND)
Total	£ 12728.78
Estimated spend to yr end	£ 8857.35 (inc PAP grant £4080)
Balance	£ 3871.43 (£2000 marked as reserve)
Reserve Account Balance	£ 9408.96

b) Cheques to be signed this meeting

Direct 365 (Defibrillator Spares)	£ 214.07	Chq No. 887
HMRC (January)	£ 33.40	Chq No. 888
Clerk Wages (January)	£ 134.17	Chq No. 889
South Croxton WI (Small Grant)	£ 150.00	Chq No. 890
Dean Broughton Turfcare	£ 1000.00	Chq No. 891
Total Value	£ 1531.64	

The Bank Balances presented were checked against bank statements by Cllr Goodger.

Cheques were approved by the meeting and signed by 2 Councillors.

The estimated spend to year end includes the RCC invoice for the Play a Part project including VAT.

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The clerk explained ongoing difficulty with the Defibrillator spares the incorrect item having been supplied by the company used.

10. Play a Part Project update

The Community Vision and Action Plan included a number of Appendices had been sent to Cllrs on 29th January 2020 via a sharing folder on the web. The documents were well received and the clerk was instructed to send a letter to John Preston (RCC) thanking him for the sound work he had completed and outlining possible involvement in future projects in the Parish. The documents will now be circulated to the members of the PAPS Group including Councillor Seaton. An early meeting of the PAPS Group is to be convened prior to contact then being sought with contractors such as Wicksteed, PlayScape, and others.

11. Parish Council Grant Applications

An application for Village Hall Funding had been received in the amount of £1600. The purposes for which the grant was requested were approved by the meeting and a cheque will be raised for signature at the 2nd March 2020 meeting.

12. Clerks Report

1. Playing Field grass cutting – the current position was determined and an invoice received prior to the meeting was approved and a cheque issued. A verbal quotation for the following years' work in the sum of £1000 was considered satisfactory.
2. Parish Council Grant applications – an application from the Village Hall has now been received on completion of their end of year accounts.
3. £550, part of Play a Part Grant, available to Parish Council funds will be included in the Cash book accounts with all expenditure listed.

13. Notice Boards

Quotations were being sought from local suppliers. The clerk was also requested to obtain updates on prices obtained previously.

14. Drains – Update

Concerning the Queniborough Brook some progress has been made with a thorough assessment having been carried out. Further meetings are to be arranged and it is hoped clarification will be available from the Environment Agency.

The drain at the lower end of the Village has been cleared by local residents. A new drain has been fitted by Highways adjacent to 38 Main Street. However, at the bottom of the Syston Road/Beeby Road surface water is flowing across the junction and the drain cover is missing. Clerk to report to Highways.

A further query was raised here concerning a report that trees had been felled in field no. 0086 on Kings Lane. Clerk requested to write to the land owner for clarification of this action.

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15. Correspondence Received

The Clerk highlighted a communication from LRALC which dealt with the legality of giving financial assistance to the church or other religious organisation. A briefing document from NALC regarding the Local Government Act 1894 and subsequent publications ends with the following 'Whilst there is no consensus on this issue, a Council that considers making a payment in these circumstances needs to consider whether it is prudent to take a course of action that it cannot be certain is legally valid.' So perhaps we as a Parish Council should consider this in the light of it being raised by LRALC.

16. Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak

No members of the public present at the meeting.

17. Items for inclusion in future Agenda

Notice Board, Brook, Drains, Finance – end of year, CCF Update, Review of small grants.

18. Date of Next Meeting

\Monday 2nd March 2020

The meeting ended at 1940 hrs.

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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	WITHDRAWN	
27	15/07/2019	P/19/1346/2	52 MAIN SREETT	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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