

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 at 6.00 pm

Councillors present: Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman), JoAnn Charles, Cllr Elizabeth Norton

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Member of the public – Vicki Newbery

SC18 21 Welcome

Cllr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

SC 19 21 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Steve Goodger (No zoom facility), Borough Cllr Daniel Grimley, Cllr Seaton.

SC 20 21 Disclosure of Interests and Dispensation by Councillors for this meeting

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

SC 21 21 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2021

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution - proposed Cllr Norton, seconded by Cllr Morris, no objections. Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy.

SC 22 21 Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Daniel Grimley was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted his report which was added to the website prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes. The main issues raised were Increase of Charnborough share of council tax, Rapid Covid-19 testing available in Loughborough, and a New Grant scheme to help Charnwood businesses affected by Covid-19.

SC 23 21 Police Report

The February report was received prior to the meeting, was added to the website, and is attached to these minutes. Cllrs have requested that the issue of Hare Coursing be added to the Notice Board and Website and that Cllr Grimley is to be asked to add this information to the Charnwood website. There has been no response to the letter sent to the police last week, Chairman is to send a reminder to them.

SC 24 21 Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 11th January 2021

SC 06 21 Draft email sent to Chair (to be forwarded to Police following approval) to press home the concerns of parishioners about dubious night time activities on Ridgmere Road and thereabouts and the need for police patrols to be made during the hours when the events are taking place.

SC 07 21

The Rationalising of Planning Document concerning the Travellers site, having been approved by Councillors, has been sent to The Planning Officer. No response has been received to date. Parish Councillors are now fully in the picture and look forward to closer collaboration with the planners and more visibility of the site development in accordance with permissions.

The issues on Kings Road will be resolved by CBC enforcement who have also have taken responsibility to replacement of the dog waste bin, and the unauthorised occupation of a building.

SC 13 21

Major flooding on 21st January 2021 in the area of the Queniborough brook has been reported to Severn Trent Water and to Amy Jackson at LCC. An update is being sought as to future action in this matter.

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The request for pictures of tree works on Kings lane has now been actioned with Planning and a response is awaited.

N.B. At this meeting it was stated that the Chairman is to check history on Kings Lane tree issues with Land Registry.

Highways and Parish Community Fund works – we have now received a map of the work they are to carry out following our request for information.

SC 25 21 Planning Update

*P/20/1956/2

Erection of detached building to rear of house 42 School Lane - currently classed as Registered.

Cllrs are concerned about flooding in the area and requested the Clerk to write to Planning raising the issue with them.

*P/20/1908/2

3 bay car port 23 Main Street. Planning considering Conservation Area, Listed Building Zone, Footpath, and Ancient Monument – currently classed as Registered.

*P/20/2092/2

Erection of Agricultural Storage to replace lorry body 3 Turns Lane. currently classed as Registered.

P/21/0045/2 Porch to rear of 36 Kings Lane currently classed as invalid.

P/20/2276/2 Fell Tree at 26 School Lane currently approved and not designated TPO.

*Travellers site update – received on 8th February 2021. Cllrs concerned that the issues are not being fully addressed, further dumping of hardcore hides what may be occurring at the rear of the site. A major issue is that the permanent building may be approved on what is a temporary site. Clerk to request a response to the Rationalisation letter sent to the planning team last month and in addition placing emphasis on the need for Planning to regularly check work being carried out on the site.

* An issue was raised at the meeting concerning the re-starting of a dog training facility on Ridgemere Road opposite to New York barn. This venture had appeared some months ago involving an enforcement case and it is considered appropriate to ascertain that the application has been reinstated and validated. Clerk to verify the situation.

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SC 26 21 Financial Matters

Copies of latest Bank Statements, with redacted account details, had been distributed to Cllrs and were confirmed at the meeting as aligning with the following statement:

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 8th February 2021

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE @ 5 TH January 2021	11470.16
ESTIMATED INCOME TO YR END	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	11470.16
UNCLEARED CHEQUES	0.00
ESTIMATED SPEND TO YEAR END	<u>5706.67</u>
BALANCE	5763.49

Note: Bank statement awaited for February – January cheques deducted from estimated spend to year end.

CHQS TO BE PAID 8 TH FEBRUARY 2021	<u>342.12</u>
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BALANCE OF RESERVE ACCOUNT	7922.19
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Cllrs requested that a change in the Clerks working hours be recorded in these minutes. Weekly working hours will increase from 3 hours to 5 hours. Payroll will be notified of this change. Clerks contract will be amended and submitted for signature at the financial year end.

SC 27 21 Play a Part Project – Update

Latest Parish Council Annual Accounts information has been provided to the steering group who will be meeting on 24th February before submitting a grant application for the Play a Part initiative.

SC 28 21 Councillor Vacancy

Councillors unanimously resolved to co-opt Mrs Victoria Newby to fill the vacancy on the Council. Clerk to obtain a signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, agreement to abide by the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, and Completion of a Register of Members Interests.

SC 29 21 Clerks report

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for 1st March 2021. The decision to transfer an amount of money from the Current Account to the Business Reserve Account should be made at that meeting to allow time for the Bank instruction to take effect prior to the end of the financial year. Clerk to work with Cllr Goodger to make proposals for determine an appropriate figure for the transfer which will be considered at the March 1st 2021 meeting.

SC 30 21 Drains and Brook Update

A report from LCC in response to our request for an update on this issue noted that much of their issues with sewage flooding related to the lack of a non-return valve causing the STW system to back up through pipes. Cllrs requested that the clerk write to STW about rectifying this shortfall on the grounds of public health concerns and the impact on wild life in the area affected. A documentation pack was also included advising what action to take in the event of flooding.

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SC 31 21 Correspondence Received

Appropriate email messages forwarded to Councillors.

SC 32 21 Opportunity for Members of the public to speak

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

SC 33 21 Items for inclusion in future agenda

Drains and Brook – Update

Play a Part – update

Kings Lane matters

SC 34 21 Date of Next Meeting

1st March 2021 at 6pm

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

Notes From the Borough Council.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward

I hope everybody is safe and well.

Cabinet to consider raising its share of council tax by less than 9p a week

Charnwood Borough Council is proposing to raise its share of council tax by less than 9p a week for a Band D property.

The proposed increase would see the annual charge for an average Band D property rise by £4.45 (3.60 per cent) to £131.08 from April 1, 2021.

It is also being proposed to increase the Loughborough Special Rate, the equivalent of a parish precept in villages and paid by residents of the town. It is proposed to increase Loughborough Special Rate to £77.98 a year (1.99 per cent)

The Council’s cabinet will consider the proposed budget plans on Thursday, February 11 with its recommendation due to go before full council on Monday, February 22.

The proposed final budget for 2021/22 is around £19 million. This includes making £1.5m of proposed savings and generating income of around £600,000 largely through investments in commercial properties.

Income from council tax, business rates and Government grants is expected to be around £18 million and therefore there is still a gap of £1 million which the Council will use reserves to cover.

The Covid-19 pandemic has added significant costs and reduced income from various areas including car parks, leisure centres and Loughborough Town Hall. The impact is still expected to be felt in 2021/22, accounting for an expected £900,000 of lost income.

Charnwood Borough Council currently has the 23rd lowest council tax charge out of 188 district councils in the country.

Council tax pays for a range of services provided Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue and the parish council where you live (or Charnwood Borough Council for people in Loughborough)

For more information about the draft budget, see the reports to Cabinet on the Council website:

<http://bit.ly/CBCCouncilTax2021>

Rapid Covid-19 testing available in Loughborough

Rapid community testing for Covid-19 is now available in Loughborough for key workers and those who cannot work from home.

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A testing site has been set up at Gorse Covet Community Centre in Maxwell Drive.

One in three people who have coronavirus show no symptoms, and rapid lateral flow testing, led by the Leicestershire County Council's public health team, can help to quickly identify individuals and stop the spread of infection.

Rapid testing is ONLY for those who are eligible, who don't have symptoms and aren't already isolating – if you do have symptoms, or you have been told to self-isolate, then you should not attend. It is open to key workers and anyone else in the county who cannot currently work from home.

The lateral flow tests are self-administered at an approved test site – and you can leave the site straight after you have taken your swab. Results will be sent out by text or email by the end of that day. Sites are being created around the county and will be open six days each week.

Anyone who currently cannot work from home and is eligible will be able to book a test.

New grant scheme to help Charnwood businesses affected by Covid-19

Businesses in Charnwood which have been affected by Covid-19 may qualify for a new round of government funding. Charnwood Borough Council has opened applications for the Additional Restriction Grant which is available to businesses that have been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for businesses which qualify.

The Council has a fund of £2.4m to allocate.

The scheme is available to all businesses that have been severely impacted financially, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and have evidence of ongoing fixed costs. The scheme can help both eligible businesses that can continue to operate and those that have been required to close for the period of these restrictions.

Applications for the grant opened on January 26, 2021 and close on February 9, 2021. For information on what business support is available, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/cvbusiness

You can follow me on Twitter @dangrimley, email cldr.daniel.grimley@charnwood.gov.uk, facebook: Cllr Daniel Grimley or tel. 01162600899. Post c/o Member Services, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields, Loughborough, Leicester, LE11 2TX. Once current restrictions are lifted I will resume face to face contact.

Cllr. Daniel Grimley

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

PCM for South Croxton 1/2/2021

No Crimes to report for your area this month. We have been notified of incidents of Hare coursing happening on land adjacent to Ridgemere lane from Queniborough and Syston road towards South Croxton. We have increased patrols along this stretch and would be interested in any sightings of 4x4 type vehicles and Dogs (Greyhounds and Lurchers) seen in the fields. Please report via 101 or indeed 999 if an emergency.

CHANGES TO THE BEAT TEAM.

Sgt 1865 Chris Wharton has left the Team to take a role as Inspector on another area. The new Sergeant will be PS 3002 Fabrizio Smargiassi.

The rest of the Team consists of: PC 4290 James Johnson james.johnson@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PC 1651 Jason Stowell Jason.stowell@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PC 1909 Ady McCaffrey Adrian.mccaffrey@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6868 Fiona Lacey Fiona.lacey6868@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

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PCSO 6100 Shannah Spence Shannah.spence6100@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6098 Lesley Richards Lesley.richards6098@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Please continue to ring 101 to report any Crime or 999 in an emergency. Warm Regards,

REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 8th February 2021 Meeting

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT/INCOME	SPEND TO DATE
PAYROLL SERVICE	216.00	162.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	350.00	461.18
SOLR FEES	650.00	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00
CLERKS SALARY	1787.00	1238.68
INSURANCE	331.00	333.58
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	350.00	53.34
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	720.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	250.00	247.19
STREET LIGHTING	868.00	519.14
VH RENT	550.00	165.00
CCF	2615.00	0.00
AUDIT FEES	170.00	0.00
HMRC	447.00	309.80
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	20.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	500.00
DEV A/C	945.00	945.00
	11751.00	6046.91

CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGET ITEMS

TRXFER FROM RESERVE	1495.00	
NOTICE BOARD	-2940.00	
BALANCE YR END 2019/2020	4065.14	
RECEIPTS 2020/2021	1384.32	VAT TO 30.06.20
TOTAL	4004.46	

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ESTIMATE SPEND TO YR END	TOTAL YR END	OVER/UNDER SPEND
54.00	216.00	0.00
-111.18	350.00	0.00
650.00	650.00	0.00
0.00	372.00	0.00
548.32	1787.00	0.00
0.00	333.58	2.58
296.66	350.00	0.00
480.00	1200.00	0.00
2.81	250.00	0.00
348.86	868.00	0.00
385.00	550.00	0.00
2615.00	2615.00	0.00
170.00	170.00	0.00
137.20	447.00	0.00
130.00	150.00	0.00
0.00	500.00	0.00
0.00	945.00	0.00
5706.67	11753.58	2.58

Confirmed:

Chairman

Date: