

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th February 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 Dave Morris, Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dan Fry, Cllr Vicky Newby, Cllr Steve Goodger, Cllr Daniel Grimley

Members of the Public: One

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 015 22 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present.

SC 016 22 Apologies for Absence

None

SC 017 22 Disclosure of Interests and Dispensation by Councillors for this meeting

Cllr Morris declared an interest in Planning Application P/22/0014/2 – no other interests or dispensations were declared at the start of or during the meeting.

SC 018 22 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 22

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were corrected in respect of the date specified on each page of the minutes and clarification of missing word in a planning application. The minutes were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Norton, no objections. The minutes were signed by the Chair, Cllr Morris. Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy.

SC 019 22 Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Grimley attended the meeting and gave his report. Main issues tabled concerned Planning Applications in the ward, boundary changes, and discussion about proposed bin frequency changes. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Grimley here left the meeting.

SC 020 22 Matters Arising from minutes on 10th January 22

SC 007 22

A timely response was made to Planning Application P/21/1949/2

A query has been made to the Planning department as to progress in the case of P/21/2154/2

SC 010 22

A new Village Hall Constitution has been approved.

SC 011 22

The RCC Coffee van has been a warming success.

An update has been requested from LCC regarding the Kings Lane footpath.

SC 021 22 Planning Matters for meeting on 7th February 2022

P/21/1933/2 Woodbine Cottage 33 Main Street – erection of shed – Status Grant Conditionally.

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 Registered.

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Travellers site progress is nil from the Planning aspect. No response from Land Owner in relation to the Planning Contravention Notice served. New fence erected at front of site and 2 caravans now located adjacent to The Willows boundary.

P/22/0014/2 Single storey extension to rear of property and 1st floor extension above existing single storey kitchen.

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 Invalid. Councillors request some clarification of this application as there are additions to and evidence of the business being carried on.

P/21/2227/2 Extension to raised parking area. Parish Council have no objection to this application. However there are concerns about obstruction to access from contractor equipment and vehicles at this narrow part of School Lane.

SC 022 22 Financial Matters

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

Clerk queried progress of Bank Authorisation registering process by Councillors – still ongoing due to difficulty in accessing during business hours.

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 7th February 2022

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

<u>Current Account Balance 05/01</u>	£	6871.59
Estimated Income to year end	£	99.77 (vat)
Total	£	6971.36
Estimated spend to year end	£	1259.61
Uncleared Cheques	£	395.87
Balance	£	5315.88

Reserve Account Balance 05/01 £ **15923.63**

b) Cheques to be approved at this meeting

CLERKS WAGES (DEC)	£	229.47
HMRC (DEC 2021)	£	57.40
VH Rent (DEC)	£	55.00
LRALC (Internal Audit)	£	180.00
TOTAL	£	521.87

SC 023 22 Members Highway Fund

There is now clarity of results, we are to have dragons teeth on village entrances and an MVAS for use on Main Street.

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SC 024 22 Play a Part Update

There is a need to define detail of ground works, e.g. specification, insurance liability cover, payment details including VAT, and a risk assessment to cover the proposed work timetable. The village hall has applied for a grant towards this work which if successful will enhance the opportunities for the site to become a more attractive community centre.

SC 025 22 Clerks Report

Kings Lane Footpath – details awaited from the Safe and Sustainable Travel Team but see SC 027 22 comments below.

Assessment of village improvements ongoing, including all the footpaths entrances, signs, and tidy up of scruffy areas cleaned up. The work will commence at the start of the new financial year in April.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee – Discussion ranged from parties to memorabilia, perhaps plaques, in celebration of this event. Clerk to provide examples at the next meeting.

Crime report – there were no specific crimes reported. However there is a warning about farm trailer thefts in the area. We are aware of police activity especially concerning Hare Coursing.

SC 026 22 Correspondence Received

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

SC 027 22 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

Ownership of roadway in Kings Lane has been clarified by Highways which assists the proposed change to the existing public footpath.

Other footpaths in the Village are to be assessed for access.

Play a Part project queried for information available to public.

SC 028 22 Date of next meeting

7th March 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project, Kings Lane Footpath, Travellers Site.

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Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Notes From the Borough Council.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward



Welcome to my round up of news from Charnwood.

New political map for Charnwood Borough Council

Charnwood is set to have new boundaries for its council wards.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Charnwood to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

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The Commission has published final recommendations for changes to Charnwood Borough Council. It says residents should be represented by 52 councillors. This is the same as the current arrangements.

There will be 24 wards; five single-councillor wards, ten two-councillor wards, and nine three-councillor wards. This is four fewer wards than there are now. The boundaries of all but two of the existing wards will change.

South Croxton is to become party a large 3 seat ward including part of Syston, Queniborough, East Goscote, Rearsby, Cossington, Thrussington, and, Radcliffe on the Wreake. Parliament now needs to agree the changes. The new arrangements will then apply for the 2023 council elections.

Cabinet to consider 9p-a-week council tax increase

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 the Charnwood element of an average Band D property rise by £4.61 (3.52 per cent) to £135.69 from April 1, 2022.

The Council's Cabinet will consider the proposed budget plans on Thursday, February 10 with its recommendation due to go before Full Council on Monday, February 21.

The proposed final budget for 2022/23 is around £17.9 million. This includes making £850,000 of savings, generating extra income through fees and charges and using around £200,000 of reserves.

The proposed savings being considered by the Council include amending the opening hours of the Council's reception and the telephone contact centre and not reintroducing the Shopmobility scheme in Loughborough. There are also proposals to increase charges for the garden waste service and bulky waste collections.

In recent years, Charnwood has continued to have one of the lowest council tax charges in the country.

People on low incomes can apply for Local Council Tax Support. This gives up to an 85 per cent reduction on the whole council tax bill.

Residents urged to have their say on waste and recycling in Leicestershire

People are encouraged to give their views on what happens to waste and recycling in the county.

Leicestershire Waste Partnership is asking residents to help shape its blueprint for future services, known as the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050.

A range of pledges, such as delivering reuse services and encouraging residents to prevent unnecessary waste, are set out in the strategy as is, subject to Government policy and funding, implementing household food waste collections.

The consultation also seeks views on the future frequency of household waste collections.

The partnership is made up of Leicestershire County Council, Blaby District Council, Charnwood Borough Council, Harborough District Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Melton Borough Council, North West Leicestershire District Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council.

The consultation is open until April 25.

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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