

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting on Thursday 4th January 2018 at 18.30

in the South Croxton Village Hall

Councillors present: JoAnn Charles, Paul Gant, Richard Spokes, Neil Russ

Councillors not present: Ben Teasdale

In attendance: Kate Yarrow

Also present: Cllr Seaton, Joanne Lowe from RCC, PC Freeman, Mike Baxter and David Baggett from VHC, 3 village residents.

Meeting opened at 18.44

1. Welcome

Cllr Charles opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Teasdale were accepted by the council.

3. Disclosure of Interests

Cllr Spokes declared an interest for agenda item 12(c).

4. Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting on 4th December 2017

Cllr Charles proposed to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Russ. The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

None.

6. Rural Community Council / Grant application to improve access to playing field and resurfacing tarmac

Joanne Lowe from the Rural Community Council talked to the parish council about grant funding and the requirements to apply for it. Please see appendix a_040118_RCC for a summary of this discussion.

7. Village Hall Committee report

David Baggett and Mike Baxter of VHC presented to the parish council their concerns regarding future funding. The Parish Council stated the following:

- 1) VHC funding comes from the Community Contribution Fund within the parish precept. This fund is for all community voluntary organisations in the village.
- 2) The parish council would ideally like to pay for projects for village organisations from this fund.
- 3) For specific projects the parish council would like three quotes for the work required.

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- 4) Purchase of equipment or building works can be ordered and supplied by the parish council. VAT can be claimed back in this instance.
- 5) Where a project is part funded by the parish council, the council will contract to carry out a specified part of the work or to purchase specified materials. Vat can be claimed back in this instance.
- 6) If the VHC would like funding towards running costs of the hall the parish council would like evidence of estimated costs required.

The Village Hall Committee provided paperwork showing that approximate annual running costs to run the village hall amounted to £1600. The Parish Council resolved to pay the Village Hall Committee £1600 running costs for financial year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 respectively.

8. Precept 2018-2019

CLlr Russ proposed the following precept form 2018-2019, seconded by CLlr Gant. The Parish Council resolved on the following precept:

Payroll services	£216.00
Office expenses	£350.00
Website	£330.00
Clerks salary	£1500.00
Development Accumulator Fund	£945.00
Insurance	£250.00
Play equipment inspection & maintenance	£350.00
Playing field mowing & strimming	£980.00
Subscriptions	£190.00
Street lighting	£1425.00
Village Hall rent	£550.00
Community Contribution Fund	£3165.00
Solicitor fees	£1500.00
	£11751.00

9. Highway issues within the village

- a) Broken wooden pole on Ridgemere Lane
This has been reported to BT.
- b) Any other highway matters
 - a) Broken chevron on Syston Road leading to Ridgemere Lane.

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- b) Flooding from manhole cover on Main Street near School Lane junction. This causes ice to cover the whole of School Lane junction.
- c) Road erosion by hedgerow on Kings Lane
- d) Public highway on Kings Lane ends outside properties 34/36 up to the public footpath.
- e) Trees obscuring street lighting half way down School Lane.

10. Financial matters

a) State of Bank Accounts

The Clerk confirmed that the balances were as of 4th January 2018:
 Current account: £10,897.58
 Reserve account: £5093.36

b) Expenditure

The following invoices were approved and paid:
 Clerk invoice, Dec 17 £161.60

11. Neighbourhood Plan

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

12. Planning matters

a) P/16/1702/2 / Appeal ref. APP/X2410/W/17/3168611

Change of use as travellers site and siting of three mobile homes, Land off Main Street.

The Inspectorate has now reached a verdict regarding this appeal. The appeal succeeds and planning permission is granted for use of land as a travellers site and siting of 3 mobile homes (3 pitches) subject to conditions. An update letter and a copy of the decision by the Inspectorate have been sent to the mailing list of those who registered their interest.

b) P/17/2150/2 – Certificate of lawfulness (existing) development for the siting of two mobile homes, Travellers site, main Street, South Croxton.

This is not a formal consultation and the matter is between Charnwood Borough Council and the applicant.

c) P/17/1942/2 – Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling, carport & storage building, The Hovel, Syston Road.

No updates regarding this application.

d) P/17/2422/2 – Change of use & alterations to public house, Golden Fleece, Main Street.

The parish council would like reassurance that this proposal will ensure that the pub and restaurant will open on a more regular basis to meet the needs of the village.

13. Police report

PC Jo Freeman gave a report for the Police. PCSO Greeson has now moved away from our beat. The new contact for South Croxton will be PCSO Harkerat Sanghera. Details of the local beat team can be found on the parish website.

Just one incident reported – theft of battery for fencing on Three Turns Lane. Police have visited and advice given.

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14. Charnwood Borough Council / Leicestershire County Council reports

CLlr Seaton updated the Parish Council on activity at Leicestershire County Council.

15. Correspondence received

Leicestershire County Council:

- Budget proposals – have your say

South Croxton Churches:

- Parish newsletter

RCC:

- Newsletters

LRALC:

- Newsletter

16. Public participation

None.

17. Items for inclusion as future agenda items

None.

18. Dates of next meeting

Thursday 1st February 2018 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed 20.26

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