

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 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 Daniel Grimley, Cllr Vicky Newby, Cllr Steve Goodger

Members of the Public: Two

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

### **SC 001 22** Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present.

### **SC 002 22** Apologies for Absence: Cllr B Seaton

### **SC 003 22** 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 004 22** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 21

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

### **SC 005 22** Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Grimley attended the meeting and gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Grimley here left the meeting.

### **SC 006 22** Matters Arising from minutes on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

None

### **SC 007 22** Planning Matters for meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### Planning Matters for meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

P/21/1435/2 5 Home Close – detached Garage. Comments to 16/08/21. Status is Granted Conditionally.

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P/21/1734/2 48 Main Street - Proposed front porch to dwelling. Status is Granted Conditionally.

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P/21/1709/2 Golden Fleece 77 Main Street - Conversion of part of existing restaurant and dwellings to form 2 x 2storey dwellings and 2 x 2 flats and associated works. Status is Granted Conditionally.

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

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P/21/1999/2 1 School Lane – Dormer Window at Rear – Status Withdrawn.

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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. Concern was expressed about the clarity of this application both about the cabin and lack of detail in terms of measurements. Councillors to respond individually and encourage Parishioners to do so by the expiry date of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. (Post meeting note extension obtained to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 from CBC Planning Office).

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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. Clerk to check with Charnwood Planning Officers.

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. Planning Office informed.

#### **SC 008 22 Financial Matters**

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

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

<b><u>Current Account Balance 03/12</u></b>	£	<b>7808.06</b>
Estimated Income to year end	£	90.77 (vat)
Total	£	7898.83
Estimated spend to year end	£	1655.48
Uncleared Cheques	£	936.47
Balance	£	5306.88

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**Reserve Account Balance 03/12** £ **15923.49**

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b) Cheques to be approved at this meeting

CLERKS WAGES (DEC)	£	229.67
HMRC (DEC 2021)	£	57.40
VH Rent (DEC)	£	55.00
TP Jones LLP (Payroll Oct-Dec 2021)	£	54.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>396.07</b>

c) Budget setting and Precept submission

After wide ranging discussion Councillors unanimously decided not to exceed the previous years precept figure due to considerable increases in living costs and to the amount held in reserves. The budget is £9500 for 2022 and the ring fence reserve is £2251. Existing reserves may be spent in part on the ground works for the playing field with the possibility of a fund matching grant toward this work. Other improvements to the village are to be considered consistent with funds available.

#### **SC 009 22 Members Highway Fund**

A proposal to enhance the village gateways with graphics under the members highways fund was rejected by Councillors due to funding for this aspect being an additional cost to the Parish Council. Thus the village

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entrance treatment would be a plain gate and dragons teeth on the roadway indicating to drivers that they are entering a built up area.

**SC 010 22 Play a Part Update**

The application for a grant for ground works is held pending provision of the constitution of the Village Hall. The existing document has been lost and an updated replacement is being produced for the Village Hall trustees to sign at an extraordinary meeting.

**SC 011 22 Clerks Report**

SC 168 21 Contact has been made with the police and they are now aware of the meeting dates for 2022.

The RCC Coffee van visit has been publicised via email, the Notice Board and the Website.

SC 169 21 Concerns about the Planning Application for a livery business on Kings Lane are clarified in the Planning Update viz. P21/1949/2.

SC 170 21 It is essential that the budget setting is confirmed at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and thus must be given priority.

Kings Lane Footpath – details awaited from the Safe and Sustainable Travel Team.

**SC 012 22 Correspondence Received**

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

**SC 013 22 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)**

**SC 014 22 Date of next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> February 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 7.35pm

**Notes From the Borough Council.**

**Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward**



Welcome to my round up of news from Charnwood.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

I had a quiet break over Christmas and spent Christmas Day with close family. It was an enjoyable day and the weather was good for my walk through Queniborough. Like a lot of people, I curtailed my socialising to low level.

**Planning Application for residential development for the erection of up to 50 no. dwellings Land off Boonton Meadow Way including No. 65 Glebe Road Queniborough – Application Deferred**

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This planning application for this application was heard at the Plans Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> December with an Officer's Recommendation for approval. The Planning Officer's Report concluded that the housing allocation in the Queniborough Neighbourhood Plan were not valid as not all tests had not been met. Myself, and, Stephen Wright, from Queniborough Parish spoke against the application and argued due to lateness of the release of the Officer's Report this application be deferred to allow the Parish Council to obtain a legal opinion. Cllr. Mark Lowe from Thurmaston proposed a deferment to the committee and a large majority of the committee members agreed. The Parish Council have now received the legal opinion which supports a refusal of the application. The application is due to go back before the Plans Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021. I will be speaking to the Planning Committee again and putting forward objections on behalf of local residents.

**Ward Member Grants scheme for 2021/22.**

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, and applications may be made to more than one member. In Queniborough we have allocated half the funds so there is still £250.00 left. Funding can be provided towards community events, activities, equipment, uniformed groups such as Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. Organisations in the ward that have benefited previously include Queniborough Football Club, Queniborough Craft and Chat, Barkby Youth Group, South Croxton Village Hall, Pochin School PTA, etc. For more information, please contact me.

**New Omicron grant launched to support leisure and hospitality businesses**

Applications for a new business grant which will aim to help the hospitality and leisure sector in Charnwood are now open.

The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant is being administered by Charnwood Borough Council and will support hospitality, leisure, and accommodation businesses in the borough which have been impacted by the Omicron variant.

The scheme will provide eligible businesses with a one-off grant of up to £6,000.

Grants are available to businesses that have a business rates account as of Thursday December 30, 2021. Full eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found on the Council's website at [www.charnwood.gov.uk/omicron](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/omicron) grant. Applications will close on Monday February 28, 2022.

Applications for the Local Discretionary Grant Scheme have recently closed after receiving over 170 applications from local businesses. The scheme was open to small and micro-businesses in the leisure, hospitality, personal care, and travel sectors plus some suppliers to the hospitality sector.

It is anticipated more funding will be made available from Government and the application process will re-open to eligible businesses once additional funding is provided.

For more information on the business grant schemes, please visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/cvbusiness](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/cvbusiness).

To stay up to date about business news including grant schemes involving Charnwood Borough Council, please sign up to our email alerts at: [www.charnwood.gov.uk/email\\_alerts](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/email_alerts).

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

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