

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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,

Members of the Public: Zero

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

### **SC 087 22** Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present.

### **SC 088 22** Apologies for Absence

Cllr Grimley, Cllr Goodger, Cllr Newby

### **SC 089 22** Disclosure of Interests and Dispensation by Councillors for this meeting

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

### **SC 090 22** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 22

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. The minutes are marked as draft due to computer glitch but noted as 'Final' by hand.

### **SC 091 22** Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Grimley was unable to attend the meeting but sent his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

### **SC 092 22** Matters Arising from minutes on 13<sup>th</sup> June 22

#### SC 077 22

The MVAS documentation from LCC Highways has been signed. However a remaining difficulty exists concerning the amount of money needed to be paid by the Parish Council to add to the original grant for the work. This is due to the change of the device to solar powered. Until this information is received the Parish Council are not in a position to agree to the work being started.

#### SC 078 22

The seat celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee has been delivered and will be installed at the lower end of the village replacing the existing seat which is in poor condition. Cllr Morris to organise removal of old seat.

#### SC 079 22

An instruction to carry out and inspection of the existing playing field equipment has been issued.

#### SC 080 22

The application for the Shire Grant to fund Phase 1 of the Play a Part Project was not successful.

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**SC 095 22 Members Highway Fund**

The Parish Council has agreed to a single solar powered device for speed monitoring sited at the top of Main Street near Three Turns Lane junction. Clarity is still needed about actual costs to the Parish Council above the grant monies available due to the change agreed relating to the earlier battery-operated device proposal.

**SC 096 22 Play a Part Update**

As the application for the grant was not successful a renewed approach is being prepared with the intention of applying to the Lottery Grant for under £10,000. Additional quotations for the Phase One of the Play a Part project are being sought.

**SC 097 22 Clerks Report**

Maintenance work has now been completed on the playing field – the steps at the side of the slide are cleared of vegetation and the goal post nests are free of grass.

The seat in memory of the Queens Platinum Jubilee has been set into concrete at the lower end of the Village as agreed. It would be helpful to have a belated celebration around the seat for publicity purposes, local lads and lasses dressed for the occasion and flags etc. It is rumoured that a bottle will be donated for the occasion for adults, children are welcome. Acknowledgement of the contribution from ASDA Foundation towards obtaining the seat (a label) is required.

Some discussion took place regarding the application to move the Public Footpath. A Planning officer has visited the site and further investigations are in progress.

**SC 098 22 Correspondence Received**

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

**SC 099 22 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)**

None present.

**SC 100 22 Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> September 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 6.45pm

**Notes From the Borough Council.**

**Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward**



Welcome to my latest round up of news from Charnwood.

It was good to enjoy some of the events in the locality for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. In South Croxton it was good to attend the Village Fete on 11<sup>th</sup> June. It was a great event and good to see so many local residents along.

**Travellers Site South Croxton**

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See below update from Planning Enforcement:

Wed 29/06/2022 15:33

From Helen Robinson Enforcement

Dear Cllr Grimley and Mr Johnson,

I visited the site prior to going on leave last week and can confirm there are a number of people living in the caravans on site that I believe are in breach of the Conditions of the planning permissions. I intend to serve a formal planning contravention notice on the owners of the property tomorrow. As we progress the matter I will confirm our actions to keep you up to date. The soil levels to the rear of the site have not been reduced either which is an issue they were going to address.

Kind regards

Helen.

I have asked Helen for an update

### **Council 'extremely disappointed' by delay to Local Plan hearings**

Planning inspectors have paused public hearings which are being held as part of the statutory scrutiny process for Charnwood Borough Council's Local Plan.

The inspectors have postponed the remaining sessions to allow more time for the consideration of information relating to Leicester's unmet housing need. Leicester does not have enough land for the new homes and employment land it needs in future years. Councils in Leicestershire have agreed to work together to share this unmet need.

An assessment was published recently looking at a range of issues connected to Leicester's unmet need. It was released in May, months after Charnwood's Local Plan was submitted to Government at the end of last year.

The planning inspectors appointed to examine the Local Plan, Sarah Housden and Hayden Baugh-Jones, advised that further consideration should be given to how the evidence for the apportionment of Leicester's unmet need can be tested and the progression of the local plan examination overall. The inspectors will be liaising with the Council to establish a work programme and a timetable to resume the hearings.

The first week of hearings ended on Thursday, June 30 and were due to resume on July 12. The planning inspectors have not indicated how long the hearings will be delayed for.

Cllr Richard Bailey, the Council's lead member for planning, said: "We are extremely disappointed the hearings have been delayed.

"To be very clear, this delay is not about the quality of Charnwood's Local Plan but about Leicester's unmet need.

While we are not responsible for how another area meets its own need for new homes and employment, we have as a county already agreed to work together to help the city. It is not in the interests of the borough and its residents to further delay the Local Plan process.

"Our local plan has been robustly prepared taking account of evidence and we firmly believe it delivers growth in a sustainable way and helps safeguard our local environment and build strong communities.

"However, we respect the planning inspectors' decision and we will continue to work hard to adopt the Charnwood Local Plan as soon as we can."

Charnwood's Local Plan 2021-37 provides a robust strategy for growth which simultaneously safeguards the environment and helps build healthy communities. It identifies how the borough will meet increased Government targets for new homes, as well as providing employment land and critical infrastructure.

As ward councillor I am very disappointed in the view taken by the Planning Inspectors who have caved into pressure from commercial developers.

For more information on the Local Plan, please visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan).

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### Consultation on proposed changes to polling districts in Charnwood

A consultation has been launched about proposed changes to polling districts, places and stations in Charnwood. All 92 polling districts have been reviewed following changes to the borough's ward boundaries which will come into effect for the local elections in May 2023.

Next year the current 28 ward boundaries in Charnwood will reduce to 24. The number of borough councillors will remain at 52 but it means most ward boundaries will change, except for two wards, Anstey, and Quorn & Mountsorrel. The boundary changes are the result of an independent review by the Boundary Commission. All polling districts, places and polling stations have been reviewed by officers at Charnwood Borough Council and views are now being sought.

A polling district is a geographical area within a ward or constituency (there can be more than in each ward/constituency). Polling places are locations where polling stations are located and a polling station is the actual room people vote in (there can be more than one polling station in a polling place).

Proposed changes include the creation of some new polling districts, places and stations and the removal of others. Some larger polling districts are being proposed to be split into two to comply with Electoral Commission recommendations.

Among the proposed new polling stations are the Students' Union at Loughborough University, Barrow Scout Hut, Brush Bowls Club in Loughborough, St Peter's Centre in Loughborough and the Shepshed Word of Life Church.

Overall, the number of polling districts, places and stations will broadly be the same.

Polling districts are reviewed for various reasons including to ensure all electors have reasonable facilities for voting, they are accessible for people with disabilities and so ideally there should be no more than 2,500 electors voting in person at the polling station, in line with the recommendations of the Electoral Commission.

People can find out more by reading the Council's Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review 2022 document on the website. Visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/pollingdistrictreview](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pollingdistrictreview).

The website also gives information on how to give your views. The deadline to submit representations is Monday, October 3, 2022.

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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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