

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st June 2021 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

The meeting was held in the Village hall and proceedings were in compliance with the latest Government 'Safer Working Places' guidance.

Councillors present: Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman), Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Stephen Goodger, Cllr Vicki Newby.

Members of the Public: 2

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 77 21 Welcome

Cllr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

SC 78 21 Apologies for Absence: Borough Cllr Daniel Grimley

SC 79 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 80 21 Co-option of Councillor to fill vacancy

The vacancy was advertised on 24th May 2021 and no election had been requested by 14th June 2021. The Council unanimously duly elected Mr Dan Fryer who signed a Declaration of Office and completed a Register of Interests at the meeting in the presence of the Clerk.

SC 81 21 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2021

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Goodger, no objections. The minutes were signed by the Chair Cllr Morris. Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy. It should be noted that the minutes of the Annual Parishioners meeting were signed by the Chair immediately following the meeting.

SC 82 21 Borough Councillors Report

The report was received, added to the website, circulated to Councillors, and is attached to these minutes.

SC 83 21 Matters Arising from minutes on 6th April and 17th May 2021

MATTERS ARISING FROM Parish Council meeting held on 6th April 2021

SC 58 21 Response awaited from Planning Department on Dog Training Unit.

The use of the Dog Training Unit is being considered by the Planning Department and an email report has updated us on action being taken. There is also a further report that there is camping on the site to which a response is awaited.

Response awaited from Planning Department on Travellers Site following meeting on 14th April 2021.

An update was requested from the Planning Department, though not received, for this meeting. A further request will be made.

SC 59 21 Unable to obtain second quotation for BT kiosk refurbishment.

MATTERS ARISING FOR Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2021

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A 1.5% pay rise effective from April 1st 2021 will be assumed to be included in the earlier offer made by Parish Council decision in February this year.

SC 86 21 Review of Parish Council Policies

This action, delayed due to confined time restraint at the May 2021 meeting, was restricted to the following policies:

Financial Regulations (**MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2019 FOR ENGLAND**)

Standing Orders (**Based on NALC model standing order 2018 (England)**)

Code of Conduct (**NALC Code of Conduct for Parish Councils**)

In particular the Standing Orders relating to the Covid period are now void and the previous 2018 version reinstated until further notice. The Clerk will send/resend current copies of these 3 documents to ensure Councillors have relevant information.

The Clerk will continue work on ensuring other policies and regulations are current.

SC 87 21 Update in Kings Lane Footpath

Following a request for information Leicestershire County Council Safe and sustainable Travel Team advise that they consider the stile installed to be an effective barrier which is not needed. The County Council have made an offer to replace the stile with a Kissing Gate. A response is awaited.

SC 88 21 Play a Part update

The initial bid for a grant for this project was unsuccessful. However an initiative is underway to break down the work in stages commencing with the ground works and pathways as the first part. The possibility of funding from Shire Grants is being explored.

SC 89 21 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported on the current progress of the Annual Audit confirming that the relevant dates for submission of information and posting of details on the Notice Board and Website had been met. The period of Parishioners Rights, opportunity to examine the annual accounts information, is due to end on 23rd July 2021.

The Clerk raised the issue of refurbishment of the Telephone Kiosk. It has not been possible to obtain a second quotation for this tedious and specialist work. The original quotation was therefore considered and unanimously approved by the meeting.

SC 90 21 Correspondence Received

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

SC 91 21 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

No comments made.

However, an announcement was made concerning 'Records of South Croxton Village History', which the originator is no longer able to hold. They have been passed to another resident but should any interested party wish to see them, or even better take on responsibility for keeping them, please contact the Parish Clerk.

On the website in the A to Z section the contact name for the Village Hall has been changed.

SC 92 21 Items for inclusion in future agenda

Review of Policies, Play a Part project, Kings Lane Footpath update, Travellers Site progress

SC 93 21 Date of next meeting

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26th July 2021 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton

Meeting closed at 7pm

Notes From the Borough Council.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward



Welcome to my round up of news from Charnwood.

Despite a short delay to the final stage of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown it's good to see more businesses have opened up including The Golden Fleece locally.

The Covid vaccination program has been going well. I had my second jab and I would urge all residents to take up their vaccinations when they are offered it.

Charnwood Borough Council is following the road map. We are now attending council meetings in person rather being online. This does present a logistical challenge as Charnwood, as the majority of councils in the country do not have big enough meeting rooms to hold their full council meetings whilst operating under social distancing rules. Larger meeting room shave needed to be hired.

Local Elections Thursday 6th May 2021

The Local Elections saw Brenda re-elected as Leicestershire County Councillor for Thurmaston Ridgmere Division. Congratulations to Brenda. I look forward to the continuation of our good working relationship.

May also saw former East Midlands Euro MP, Rupert Matthews, elected at the Police Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland. I have known Rupert since 2003 and I am sure he be an excellent Police and Crime Commissioner. I have already spoken to Rupert regarding improving policing levels in area I cover which includes as Queniborough.

Charnwood 5 Year Housing Supply

The Housing Supply figure from Charnwood has dropped over the last year to 3.34 years. This has been due to the number of new houses being built reducing dramatically in the last 12 months mainly due to Covid restrictions. The figure has also been reduced due to delays in the production of the Charnwood Local Plan (see update below). The housing supply is important as when the figure drops below 5 years supply national government policy overrides the Local Plan put in place by the Local Planning Authority (Charnwood). A Neighbourhood Plan that is less than 2 years old offers some protection from planning applications for housing outside areas allocated that are in the Local Plan.

Council to consider Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37

Charnwood Borough Council's vision for future growth, environment and healthy communities is set to go before Council on 21st June 2021.

Cabinet members gave their approval to plan on Thursday, June 10.

The document provides a detailed strategy for the location and quantity of development required to support the growth of the borough up to 2037.

It also provides a robust framework for delivery of some of the Council's top strategic priorities in creating a thriving economy with healthy communities and environmental safeguards.

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The plan also sets out how the borough will meet increased Government targets for new homes, as well as providing employment land and critical infrastructure such as schools and health facilities.

The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37:

Identifies 154 hectares of employment land to support the creation of 8,900 jobs in the borough and lead its pandemic recovery

Meets the borough’s housing need - the target figure set by Government - by allocating land for the development of 1,111 new sustainable and well- designed homes each year up to 2037

Focuses development towards intensifying and extending existing urban and suburban areas and larger villages, thereby creating accessible community hubs while protecting nearly 279 square kilometres of open countryside

Plans for the critical mass of development needed to secure infrastructure - including five new schools at Loughborough, Shepshed, Barrow, Anstey and Syston - as well as health services, roads and public transport networks

Will bring in an estimated £200 million in Section 106 money to pay for other improvements to facilities and amenities

The Local Plan will be considered by Council on Monday, June 21. If approved at that stage, there will then be a six-week public consultation in July and August.

Details of the public consultation will be published once the Local Plan has been agreed by Council. Representations will be collected by the council but will be heard by the Planning Inspectorate. The Council will support residents and other interested parties during the public consultation with the information required to provide the Planning Inspectorate with representations which meet the Government’s evidential standard.

I have strong concerns about the extent of housing proposed in Queniborough and Syston and the negative effects on the area. . However I do recognise the need for the plan to go forward for further consultation.

Council proposal to bestow highest honour on Leicester City FC

Charnwood Borough Council is proposing to grant FA Cup-winning Leicester City FC the Freedom of the Borough.

The honour, the highest the Council can bestow, would recognise the club’s incredible success in recent years and its connection to Charnwood.

The 2016 Premier League champions opened a £100 million training facility in the borough in 2020 at Seagrave and title-winning Leicester City Women FC are also based locally, playing home matches in Quorn.

The proposal will be considered by councillors on June 21 and if approved, an extraordinary meeting of the Council will be held in September.

As a lifelong Leicester City fan and in recognition of their recent FA Cup and league successes I welcome the proposal for this to be put forward to full council.

The Local Government Act 1972 allows the Council to confer the title of Honorary Freeman on “persons who have, in the opinion of the Council have rendered eminent services to the Borough”.

The Council, on rare occasions, may choose to confer the Freedom of the Borough on organisations or objects where they are organisations linked to the borough which have rendered eminent services to the Borough.

There must be a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose of granting the Freedom of the Borough.

Decisions to agree nominations will be made at a specially convened Full Council meeting for this purpose by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting

Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour which will only be awarded in exceptional circumstances where the prospective recipient is an individual or organisation of distinction that has rendered eminent services to the borough.

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They will have demonstrated outstanding achievements in the borough and/or on the international stage which have brought pride and satisfaction to the borough.

You can follow me on Twitter @dangrimley, email cll.daniel.grimley@charnwood.gov.uk, facebook: Cllr Daniel Grimley or tel.07710878436. Post c/o Member Services, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields, Loughborough, Leicester, LE11 2TX.
Cllr. Daniel Grimley

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

Revised Accounts for 21st June 2021

REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 21st June 2021 Meeting

| CATEGORIES | PRECEPT | SPEND TO DATE | ESTIMATE SPEND TO YR END | TOTAL YR END | -USPND OVER SPEND |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| PAYROLL SERVICE | 216.00 | 54.00 | 162.00 | 216.00 | 0.00 |
| OFFICE EXPENSES | 375.00 | 0.00 | 375.00 | 375.00 | 0.00 |
| SOLR FEES | 808.00 | 0.00 | 808.00 | 808.00 | 0.00 |
| WEBSITE | 375.00 | 0.00 | 375.00 | 375.00 | 0.00 |
| CLERKS SALARY | 1787.00 | 459.14 | 1327.86 | 1787.00 | 0.00 |
| INSURANCE | 338.00 | 335.84 | 0.00 | 335.84 | -2.16 |
| PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT | 350.00 | 0.00 | 350.00 | 350.00 | 0.00 |
| PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM | 1200.00 | 160.00 | 1040.00 | 1200.00 | 0.00 |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS | 265.00 | 163.17 | 101.83 | 265.00 | 0.00 |
| STREET LIGHTING | 650.00 | 544.60 | 105.40 | 650.00 | 0.00 |
| VH RENT | 550.00 | 0.00 | 550.00 | 550.00 | 0.00 |
| CCF | 2615.00 | 0.00 | 2615.00 | 2615.00 | 0.00 |
| AUDIT FEES | 180.00 | 0.00 | 180.00 | 180.00 | 0.00 |
| HMRC | 447.00 | 114.60 | 332.40 | 447.00 | 0.00 |
| TRAINING BUDGET | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 |
| RESERVE A/C | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| DEV A/C | 945.00 | 0.00 | 945.00 | 945.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | 11751.00 | 1831.35 | 9917.49 | 11748.84 | -2.16 |

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