

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 6.00 pm

Councillors present: Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman), JoAnn Charles, Cllr E Norton.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 89 20 Welcome

Cllr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

SC 90 20 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Steve Goodger (No zoom facility), Cllr Paul Gant, Borough Cllr Daniel Grimley

SC 91 20 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 92 20 Approve by resolution Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2020

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution - proposed Cllr Charles, seconded by Cllr Morris, no objections. Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy.

SC 93 20 Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Daniel Grimley was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted his report which was added to the website prior to the meeting. The main issues were about the change to Tier 2 - High Risk, on 31st October for Charnwood and the early warnings about the lockdown commencing on 5th November 2020. Also listed were changes to the garden waste and bulky collection services. In addition the announcement of a bid for £32 million to transform Loughborough Town has been submitted to the Government.

Cllrs reported that collection of garden waste is often missed without explanation. Relevant dates are to be provided to the clerk to assist investigation.

Cllrs further requested an update on white lining replenishment on Queniborough Road and Main Street – clerk to action.

Additionally it was noted that water run off from the field at the top of school lane adjacent to the Village Hall is causing puddles on the road further down toward the entrance to the new building site. Historically a drainage system was extant at the exit from the field but was removed during resurfacing. Clerk to investigate replacement on the grounds the road will be impassable in winter due to formation of ice.

SC 94 20 Police Report

The report was added to the website prior to the meeting and follows: There was only one report of crime in the last month for South Croxton. This was a report of suspicious male loitering around a vehicle in the area of South Croxton road on the 14th of October at approximately 09:30. This report has been filed pending any further evidence coming to light.

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SC 95 20 Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 5th October 2020

SC 80 20 Planning – the sighting of a vehicle carrying chippings by a parishioner entering the Travellers site was reported to the Planning Department at Charnwood Borough Council. No response has been received from them.

SC 81 20 Play a Part - Suppliers who were not successful in the bidding process have been informed by letter from the Council. The 2021 funding sources have been circulated by LRALC and LCC. The development fund status will be presented at the November meeting of the PC.

SC 82 20 Clerks Pay Award – The SCP level has been corrected – was SCP 22, now SCP 19.

SC 83 20 No applications have been submitted for PC grants this year.

Other The Parish Council Laptop used by the Clerk has been serviced, software updated and antivirus protection renewed for 12 months.

SC 96 20 Planning Update

There have been no new or updated planning applications for South Croxton this month. Further sightings of hardcore deliveries to the Travellers site have been witnessed and work using heavy machinery continues. It has also been noted that lighting of the area is evident at night. Council will continue to monitor the work and check that appropriate Health and Safety standards are being met. There has been no response to our communications to the Planning department on this issue following a previous statement by them that they were short staffed.

SC 97 20 Financial Matters

Copies of latest Bank Statements, with redacted account details, had been distributed to Cllrs and were confirmed as aligning with the following statement:

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 2nd November 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE @ 2 ND NOVEMBER 2020	12761.14
INCOME TO YR END	<u>4.80</u>
	12766.24
LESS UNCLRD CHQS OCTOBER	<u>467.05</u>
	12299.19
CHQS RO BE PAID NOVEMBER	<u>358.52</u>
	11940.67
ESTIMATED SPEND TO YEAR END	<u>6758.34</u>
	5182.33*

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BALANCE OF RESERVE ACCOUNT**7921.99**

The Revised Layout of the Accounts for the 5TH October meeting is attached to these minutes.
 Cheques approved and signed at this meeting:

Clerks Wages (Oct 2020)	£	159.52
HMRC (Oct 2020)	£	39.80
Clerks Expenses (Oct 2020)	£	159.20
TOTAL	£	358.52

Clerk to provide details to Cllrs of proposed changes to Reserve balance following combination of Development fund and surplus in current account due to lower spend as a result of Covid restraints.

SC 98 20 Play a Part Project – Update

Details of latest funding offers have been circulated to Councillors. It is envisaged that ground works will commence in the Spring. A further meeting will take place to clarify details and costs with the contractor this being followed by application for a grant and a contribution from Parish Council funds.

SC 99 20 Clerks report

The claim for clerks wages at this meeting is based on SCF 19 plus back pay to the date of the award which was April 1st 2020.

The clerk explained the rogue Direct Debit attached to the Current Account. The unauthorised debit has been cancelled by the bank following authorisation by letter from the Council and repayment is being sought.

SC 100 20 Parish Council Grants

The meeting confirmed that the Parish Council grant scheme for 2020 is now closed.

SC 101 20 Drains and Brook Update

Cllrs reported that there is currently no flooding in the brook. However in heavy rainfall the drains on Main Street, previously reported to Highways, are still flooding into the road and have not been cleared of debris.

Post Meeting Note: The drain at the cross roads (Queniborough Rd/Barsby Rd) was again flooding on 3rd November – a picture has been sent to Highways.

SC 102 Correspondence Received

Notice of temporary closure of Ridgemere Road on 12th November for 1 day to allow BT work on telegraph poles.

SC 103 20 Opportunity for Members of the public to speak

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

SC 104 20 Items for inclusion in future agenda

Drains and Brook – Update

Play a Part – update

SC 105 20 Date of Next Meeting

7th December 2020 at 6pm

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

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Notes From the Borough Council.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward

I hope everybody is safe and well.

COVID Restrictions

Charnwood entered Tier 2 High Risk on 31st October 2020. The main change to the Tier 2 restrictions is the restrictions of households mixing indoors. However, on 31st October a national lockdown has been announced to start from 5th November 2020 and run for at least 4 weeks.

When more details of local grant aid to residents and community groups is available I will post on South Croxton Online.

The latest figures is that in Charnwood there had been 648 positives results throughout the borough in the seven days prior to 31st October through the whole borough.

Changes to garden waste service and bulky collections

We are having to pause the Council's garden waste collection service for two weeks due to staff shortages.

We have also had to cancel bulky waste item collections for today (Monday, October 26).

We apologise for any inconvenience.

The services are operated by the Council's waste partner Serco and a small number of staff have tested positive for Covid-19 and a number of employees are also having to isolate. This has impacted the service. Resources are being diverted to ensure the refuse and recycling services can continue. Cancelling the garden waste service for two weeks will allow time for crews to return.

Garden waste

If your garden waste is due to be collected this week or next week (October 26-November 6) please DO NOT put your garden waste bin out.

If you cannot wait until your next collection, you can dispose of garden waste at a tip. Book an appointment by visiting the Leicestershire County Council website

How we are informing customers

An ambitious £32 million bid to transform Loughborough has been submitted to Government.

The Loughborough Town Deal is an exciting, once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring significant social and economic improvements for residents, communities and local businesses.

A Town Investment Plan outlining a range of projects has been drawn up that will seek to improve skills and boost job prospects, redefine the town centre to ensure it remains well-used and vibrant, improve the local environment and showcase the town's heritage.

The government invited Loughborough to submit a bid under the Town Deal scheme and a board was formed to lead the project.

The board involves a range of organisations, including Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough University, Loughborough College, Love Loughborough, Leicestershire County Council, the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, Charnwood Together Economy and Skills Group, local businesses and Loughborough MP Jane Hunt.

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The Loughborough Town Deal investment plan proposes a range of projects which will:

- improve skills levels to boost job prospects
- redefine the town centre to ensure it is well-used and vibrant for the future
- improve links between the east and west sides of town, from the railway station through to the town centre through to the university and science and enterprise park
- improve flood defences for the town
- reduce carbon emissions by encouraging use of electric vehicles
- unlock areas prime for development for housing, leisure and commercial use
- build on Loughborough University's reputation as a centre for innovation, research and sport
- showcase the town's unique heritage to attract more visitors to the area by supporting Taylor's Bell Foundry, Great Central Railway and improving the canal environment
- improve job and life skills for 5,000 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds

The investment plan seeks to capitalise on Loughborough University's global reputation for sport and innovation and with the high-performing Loughborough College, weave these centres of learning more closely into the social and economic fabric of the town.

The Loughborough College Skills and Enterprise Hub in the town centre will be the first step in that direction and already the Towns Fund has awarded Loughborough Town Deal £750,000 to kickstart the joint-project with Charnwood Borough Council.

The Council has purchased the former Crawshaws Butchers building in Market Place where the hub will be located. The hub will offer guidance and support to people who want to boost their careers or get in to work. Loughborough University will also be involved by providing advice and mentoring to people wanting to start up their own businesses.

For more information on the bid, including the projects and some frequently asked questions, please visit www.loughboroughtowndeal.co.uk.

The Bid has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in October 2020. It will be assessed before a decision is made, which is expected to be in 2021.

You can follow me on Twitter @dangrimley, email cllr.daniel.grimley@charnwood.gov.uk, facebook: Cllr Daniel Grimley or tel. 01162600899. Post c/o Member Services, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields, Loughborough, Leicester, LE11 2TX. Once current restrictions are lifted I will resume face to face contact.

Cllr. Daniel Grimley

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

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REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2nd November Meeting

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT/INCOM E	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMAT E SPEND TO YR END
PAYROLL SERVICE	216.00	108.00	108.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	350.00	168.99	181.01
SOLR FEES	650.00	0.00	650.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00	0.00
CLERKS SALARY	1787.00	804.42	982.58
INSURANCE	331.00	333.58	0.00
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	350.00	53.34	296.66
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	720.00	480.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	250.00	247.19	2.81
STREET LIGHTING	868.00	519.14	348.86
VH RENT	550.00	0.00	550.00
CCF	2615.00	0.00	2615.00
AUDIT FEES	170.00	0.00	170.00
HMRC	447.00	201.00	246.00
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	20.00	130.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	500.00	0.00
DEV A/C	945.00	945.00	0.00
	11751.00	4992.66	6760.92

CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGET ITEMS

TRXFER FROM RESERVE	1495.00	
NOTICE BOARD	-2940.00	
BALANCE YR END 2019/2020	4065.14	
RECEIPTS 2020/2021	1384.32	VAT TO 30.06.20
TOTAL	4004.46	

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TOTAL YR END	OVER/UNDER SPEND
216.00	0.00
350.00	0.00
650.00	0.00
372.00	0.00
1787.00	0.00
333.58	2.58
350.00	0.00
1200.00	0.00
250.00	0.00
868.00	0.00
550.00	0.00
2615.00	0.00
170.00	0.00
447.00	0.00
150.00	0.00
500.00	0.00
945.00	0.00
11753.58	2.58

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