

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 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 Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Dan Fry, Cllr Vicky Newby, Cllr Steve Goodger, Cllr Dave Morris, County Cllr Seaton, Borough Cllr Grimley

Members of the Public: None

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 117 22 Welcome

The Chairman, Cllr Morris, welcomed all present.

SC 118 22 Apologies for Absence

None

SC 119 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 120 22 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 22

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 and Clerk will add to the website and file a copy.

SC 121 22 Borough Councillors Report

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

SC 122 22 Matters Arising from minutes on 5th September 22

SC 104 22 Registers of Members Interests signed at the September meeting have been forwarded to Charnwood. They will eventually be placed on the CBC website and linked to the Parish website.

SC 106 22

Re SC 092 22 The seat to be removed awaits attention.

Re SC 097 22 Provision of a label acknowledging the Asda Foundation contribution to the Platinum Jubilee seat is outstanding.

SC 107 22 The weekly notification of Planning Applications has now resumed.

SC 108 22(b) The revised Accounts presentation for the September meeting has been amended to show totals in all columns.

SC 108 22(d) The payment of Precept 2 was invoiced on 1st September but is not yet shown on the bank statement to 5th September.

SC 113 22 Highways - School Lane re surfacing – the property owner has indicated that HGV traffic associated with the building work will end on 31st November 22. Highways have acknowledged receipt of this information.

SC 123 22 Planning Matters Update

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 REGISTERED

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Travellers site –

The height of the soil levels to the rear of the site have still not been reduced. An email from Planning Department to the Parish council, dated 30th September 2022, informs that a recommendation to take formal action over the breaches in planning permission will be sent to the legal department of Charnwood Borough Council imminently. Councillors consider that the planning department has, over the past year, not taken any action to resolve the breaches of planning permission and the current situation is now in a mess. In addition to planning issues caravans are currently rented out to families whose status is unknown. The evidence for this is that rental advertisements for the vans was posted on FaceBook. One tenant has since asked for information on house rentals from the Clerk. The meeting also expressed concern about conditions under which the rentals are authorised. The Clerk has been asked to draft a letter to the Head of Planning Department, for approval by Councillors, and copied to the Rt Hon Edward Argar MP, to request prompt and effective action to bring order to the situation. Cllr Grimley will also be writing to the Planning Department and the Clerks letter is to be copied to him. It is noted that the permission to use the site expires on the 27th December 2022.

P/22/0708/2 Mowdales Twyford Road Construction of Equine Menage 25m x 50m to South East of site. This application is classified as REGISTERED.

P/22/1211/2 - 1 School Lane - Tree works in conservation area – Classified as REGISTERED.

P/22/1703/2 - 85-87 Main Street - Tree works in conservation area – Classified as REGISTERED

P/22/1640/2 - Change of use of land from agricultural to agricultural/equestrian to include livery, provision of menage, formation of parking and turning area and siting of mobile home (Re-submission of P/21/1949/2) – The meeting resolved to object as previous application, the Clerk to take appropriate action. Classified as REGISTERED 3/10/22

SC 124 22 Financial Matters

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 3rd OCTOBER 2022

The balances were checked against the bank statement and confirmed as correct by Cllr Newby.

Bank Accounts and Reserves

a) Statement Current Account Balance	£	6923.40	05/09
Estimated Income to year end	£	5875.50	
Total	£	12798.90	
Uncleared cheques	£	1044.13	
Estimated spend to year end	£	5374.56	
Estimated Current Account Balance at year end	£	6380.21	
Statement Reserve Account Balance	£	17376.08	05/09
b) Cheques to be approved at meeting:			
HMRC (Sept)	£	58.40	Chq No1047
Clerks Wages (Sept)	£	233.67	Chq No1048
E Wilkinson (Grass)	£	200.00	Chq No1049
Village Hall Rent (October)	£	55.00	Chq No1050
Clerk Expenses - Norton Utilities	£	31.96	Chq No1051
TP Jones (Payroll)	£	56.70	Chq No1052
Total Amount	£	635.73	

c) Revised Accounts

REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MEETING ON 3rd October 2022

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CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE SPEND TO YR END	TOTAL YR END	-USPND OVER SPEND
PAYROLL SERVICE	226.80	110.70	116.10	226.80	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00	0.00	372.00	0.00
CLERKS SALARY	2803.00	1447.82	1355.18	2803.00	0.00
INSURANCE	350.00	338.17	11.83	350.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	482.60	240.92	241.68	482.60	0.00
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	700.00	500.00	1200.00	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	270.00	214.04	55.96	270.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTING	544.60	0.00	544.60	544.60	0.00
VH RENT	605.00	275.00	330.00	605.00	0.00
AUDIT FEES	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
HMRC	701.00	361.80	339.20	701.00	0.00
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
DEV A/C	945.00	945.00	0.00	945.00	0.00
ELECTION EXPENDITURE	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
TOTALS	9500.00	5505.45	3994.55	9500.00	0.00
RING FENCE RESERVE	2251.00	0.00	2251.00	2251.00	0.00
ASDA FOUNDATION GRANT	706.00	934.47	0.00	934.47	228.47
TOTALS	12457.00	6439.92	6245.55	12685.47	228.47
CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGET ITEMS					
MILLENIUM SEAT		934.47			
ANTI VIRUS RENEWAL		64.99			
TOTAL		999.46			
<u>BANK BALANCES FOR 3RD OCTOBER meeting</u>					
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE		6923.40			
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		17376.08			
		24299.48			
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS		1044.13			
		23255.35			

The Clerk has obtained a price for the work of clearing brambles on the playing field to be carried out. However the work has been partly carried out by someone else. Completion of the work will be effected by the original contact at a reduced cost and within budget.

d) Proposed Reserves Allocation

A proposal was presented to the September meeting in the form of a pie chart for discussion purposes.

Further work on the Play a Part project and costs will enable clarification of the reserves.

SC 125 22 MVAS

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. Clarification of the public liability insurance cover is to be

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confirmed by our insurers. The Members Highways Grant for the device has been approved with confirmation paperwork returned to LCC.

SC 126 22 Play a Part Update

A further meeting of the Steering Group is to be held to determine an amended route for the path up to the main part of the play area. Clerk to action.

SC 127 22 Kings Lane – Update

The current status of the application to alter footpath D53 was conveyed to the meeting from a communication provided by the Safe and Sustainable Travel Team at LCC. The latter will keep Parish Council informed of the progress whilst confirming the Parish Council’s objection to the change. However the County Councillor informed the meeting that she had now signed off the application to move the footpath. Some Parish Councillors were unhappy about the County Councillors decision in the light of the Parish Councils objection in the matter.

A letter from the Democratic Services Officer, dated 9th September 2022, informs the Parish Council that the removed hedge in the area is to be replaced by planting between November 2022 and March 2023. Parish Council to notify Charnwood Enforcement if the planting has not been effected by February 2023. In addition Tree Preservation Order 2022 has been made on a provisional basis wef 9th September 2022 and will continue in force for 6 months or until the order is confirmed by Charnwood Council. In the area defined 10% of the woodland has been clear felled. The remaining trees make a significant contribution to the visual amenity and biodiversity of the area and it is considered appropriate to ensure they are properly protected and retained in a satisfactory manner by means of this tree preservation Order.

There is one Oak tree in this area, in the garden of number 36 Kings Road which Councillor feel is also at risk and may not be covered by the Tree Protection Order. Clerk to contact enforcement to request inclusion of the tree in the TPO.

SC 128 22 Police Report

No crimes were reported by the police for this Parish area.

SC 129 22 Clerks Report

All relevant issues have been included in other items of the agenda.

SC 130 22 Correspondence Received

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

SC 131 22 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

No Members of the public present at the meeting.

SC 132 22 Date of next meeting

7th November 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project, Kings Lane, Travellers Site, MVAS, Reserves allocation.

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