

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 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

Members of the Public: one

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson

SC 101 22 Welcome

The Chair, Cllr Goodger, appointed by the meeting due to absence of Cllr Morris, welcomed all present.

SC 102 22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Grimley, Cllr Morris, Cllr Seaton. The meeting resolved to accept the Apologies of Cllr Morris sent by email to the Clerk.

SC 103 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.

The blanks in the new Register of Members Interests for 2 Councillors were made good. They will now be sent to the Monitoring Officer with the new code of conduct.

SC 104 22 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 22

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Newby, seconded by Cllr Norton, no objections. The minutes were signed by the Chair, Cllr Goodger. Clerk to add the minutes to the website and file the copy.

SC 105 22 Borough Councillors Report

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

SC 106 22 Matters Arising from minutes on 4th July 22

SC 092 22

The seat which was to be removed at the bottom of the village awaits action.

SC 097 22

Queens Platinum Jubilee seat – discussion about a celebration (late) and provision of a label, e.g.

This seat was purchased with funds from Asda Foundation (July 2022). The meeting considered that a celebration was timed out. Cllr Newby has agreed to provide a label acknowledging the funding help in the purchase of the seat.

SC 107 22 Planning Matters for meeting on 5th September 2022

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

Travellers site – there is an intention on the part of the planning authority to serve a formal planning contravention notice on the owners of the property concerning breach of conditions of planning permission. The height of the soil levels to the rear of the site have still not been reduced.

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Chairman

Date:

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.

The Clerk enquired about the lack of notification of Planning applications from Charnwood – the following text was received in response.

Why is my enquiry/application taking so long so to be processed?

Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing a five-week delay in validating applications. If your application was received less than five weeks ago, we will not respond to chasing emails. You can track progress and find the application reference number via the planning explorer on the Councils website. If the application was submitted over five weeks ago, we will respond in due course. We would like to thank you for your continued patience.

SC 108 22 Financial Matters

a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

Statement Current Account Balance	£	6764.64	05/08
Estimated Income to year end	£	6100.09	
Total	£	12864.73	
Uncleared cheques	£	55.00	
Estimated spend to year end	£	6418.69	
Estimated Current Account Balance at year end	£	6391.04	
Statement Reserve Account Balance	£	17374.51	05/08
Cheques to be approved at meeting:			
HMRC (Jul)	£	58.40	Chq No1038
HMRC (Aug)	£	58.40	Chq.No1039
Clerks Wages (Jul)	£	233.67	Chq No1040
Clerks Wages (Aug)	£	233.67	Chq No1041
E Wilkinson (Grass)	£	100.00	Chq No1042
Village Hall Rent (September)	£	55.00	Chq No1043
ICO Annual payment	£	40.00	Chq No1044
Clerk Expenses - Norton Anti-Virus	£	64.99	Chq No1045
E Wilkinson (Grass)	£	200.00	Chq No1046
Total Amount		£1044.13	

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b) Revised Accounts

REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MEETING ON 5th September 2022 - amended

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	980.48	1822.52	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	400.00	800.00	1200.00	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	270.00	174.04	95.96	270.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTING	544.60	0.00	544.60	544.60	0.00
VH RENT	605.00	220.00	385.00	605.00	0.00
AUDIT FEES	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
HMRC	701.00	245.00	456.00	701.00	0.00
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	500.00	500.00	1000.00	500.00
DEV A/C	945.00	945.00	945.00	1890.00	945.00
ELECTION EXPENDITURE150	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
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RING FENCE RESERVE	2251.00				
ASDA FOUNDATION GRANT	706.00				
TOTALS	12457.00	4526.31	6418.69	10945.00	1445.00
CURRENT ACCT NON-BUDGET ITEMS					
MILLENIUUM SEAT		934.47			
TOTAL		934.47			

<u>BANK BALANCES FOR September 5th meeting</u>	
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	6764.64
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	17374.51
	24139.15
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQ £55.00	55.00
	24084.15

During discussion about grass cutting invoices an issue was raised concerning removal of brambles on the perimeter of the playing field. The Clerk is to obtain a price for the work to be carried out.

c) Proposed reserves Allocation

A proposal was presented to the meeting in the form of a pie chart for discussion. Issues of funding a zip wire, 5 a side pitch, and ensuring risk assessment and insurance cover, were considered as an early day provision prior to the completion of the access path. Clerk to investigate costs. In addition realistic general reserves should be protected.

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d) Transfer Funds

e) As the second precept allocation was notified as being paid into the current account late on Monday it is not now necessary to transfer funds to cover the payment of the MVAS device.

SC 109 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 insurance cover required by Highways is needed as our insurers are unable to quantify the precise risk in this respect and thus agree cover.

SC 110 22 Play a Part Update

A meeting was held on 18th July with County Councillor, Parish Councillor, VCS representative from LCC, and a member of the Steering group. A wide-ranging discussion resulted in a vision for a longer-term objective to replace the existing children's play equipment with apparatus for play, exercise, and social purposes and to build a community space which includes use of the Village Hall facility. Alongside the work on a specification for the pathway coffee mornings/afternoons are planned to start as soon as possible.

SC 111 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 have assured that Parish Council will be kept informed of the progress confirming that the Parish Council's objection to the change.

Also raised with this item was the removal of a hedge during works carried out on the land for which a pre removal photograph had been provided and sent to Planning Enforcement. They have undertaken to visit the site with their ecologist and report back.

SC 112 22 Police Report

No report was received from the police for the Parish area. However it was noted that there have been vehicle thefts in the wider rural area.

SC 113 22 Clerks Report

* SBA (Government Auditor) have acknowledged receipt of the exempt status for this year's audit and have indicated that no further action is needed unless they receive any correspondence from electors during the period for the exercise of electors rights – this period ended on 22nd July 2022.

* The Clerk needs to spend c£30 on an additional computer health package from Norton Antivirus to rectify register anomalies. The software should speed up the computer functions. This was agreed by resolution – proposed Cllr Newby, seconded by Cllr Goodger.

* LCC Highways – following an email sent in July condemning their response to 3 times requested action since March 2022 an apology was made with a promise to take appropriate action. I subsequently learned that School Lane will not be repaired until completion of building works at number 39 due to HGV traffic using the road. The property owner has undertaken to advise us of the date as soon as possible.

* Recording of Councillors non-attendance at meetings must be by resolution – advised by LRALC. This was implemented for this meeting.

SC 114 22 Correspondence Received

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

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SC 115 22 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes)

Two issues were raised. The first issue was to ascertain the build specification of the Play a Part project currently in progress. The second related to being aware of the need for adequate reserves considering the current increases in energy and other costs.

SC 116 22 Date of next meeting

3rd October 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Items for inclusion in future agenda

Play a Part project, Kings Lane Footpath, Travellers Site, MVAS

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Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Notes From the Borough Council.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward



Welcome to my latest round up of news from Charnwood.

On a personal note I would like to pass my congratulations to local MP Ed Agar and his partner Liatitia (Tish) who were married on Saturday 03rd September. Ed has been a friend of Queniborough and continues to live in the Charnwood Constituency.

South Croxton Traveller’s Site

Update from Helen Robinson, Team Leader, Charnwood Enforcement dated 18th August 2022

Dear all,

I can confirm the action was taken however we have had no response to the Planning Contravention Notice. I have chased the matter since but to date nothing has been received. I am recommending formal action is taken to resolve the breaches of planning control. As soon as we have taken further action, I will update you on the matter.

Kind regards, Helen.

Planning Application at Queniborough Lodge for construction of 125 net dwellings

Application Ref P/22/1224/2

A Planning Application has been submitted to Charnwood as follows:

Demolition of the existing industrial buildings at 1448 Melton Road (former Shield Engineering), 1444 Melton Road (lodge cottage) and the northern-most 20th Century wing of 1446 Melton Road (Queniborough Lodge); conversion of Queniborough Lodge and associated outbuildings to form 8 no. dwellings and the construction of 119 no. new dwellings (125 net dwellings in total); new vehicular access onto Melton Road; open space including play provision and allotments and associated infrastructure, SuDS, landscaping and ground remodelling.

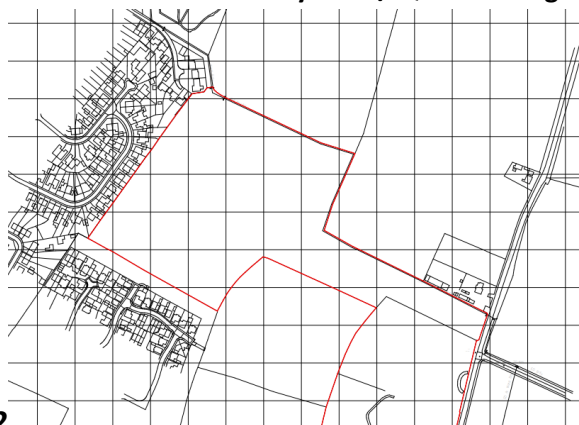
This site was allocated in the Queniborough Neighbourhood Plan as an allocated site for housing and well as being included in the Charnwood Draft Local Plan. The development for housing was previously approved by Charnwood Borough Council but the permission has now lapsed. Recognising that it will be very difficult to oppose the principal

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of housing on this former brownfield site objections should focus on the effect of the development on local infrastructure such as doctors, roads, and schools.

Full details of the application can be found on Charnwood's Planning Explorer at https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/viewing_or_commenting_on_planning_applications
Objections can be submitted via Charnwood Planning Explorer or by email to development.control@charnwood.gov.uk quoting the reference number.

Full Planning Application for Residential development for erection of 251 dwellings with associated access works, landscaping, open space and infrastructure Land at Barkby Road/ Queniborough Road Syston Leicestershire LE7



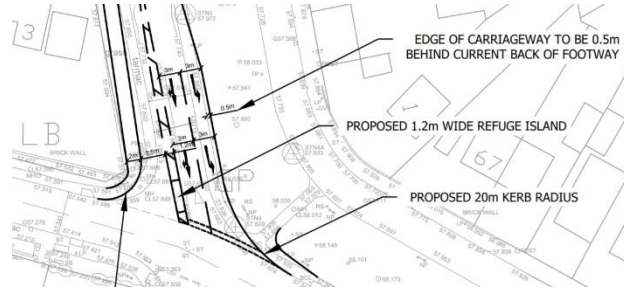
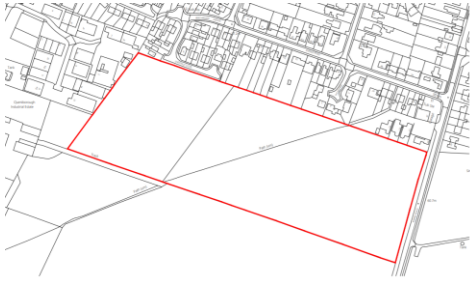
Application Number P/22/0354/2



Since my last update myself and County Councillor, James Poland, were invited to a meeting held by residents in Syston to listen to/assist with their reasons for objection. The meeting was held in a local residents garden and there was a good turnout. The application is mainly in East Syston Ward but crosses over and affects Queniborough Ward. Full details of the application can be found on Charnwood's Planning Explorer at https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/viewing_or_commenting_on_planning_applications
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Outline application Barkby Road, Queniborough for up to 150 dwellings, together with new open space, landscaping and drainage infrastructure, with all matters reserved except for access (as amended to include proposed junction improvement works at Queniborough Crossroads). Application Ref. P/20/2380/2

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Amended plans have been submitted to Charnwood Borough Council realising to the proposed 150 new houses on important greenspace on Barkby Road behind Avenue Road. The plans also include work to the crossroads at Rearsby Road and Queniborough Road.

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Charnwood Local Plan Hearings to resume in October

The inspectors conducting the examination of Charnwood Draft Local Plan have provided a further update. The hearings were paused in July as the inspectors wanted interested parties to have an opportunity to comment on the evidence which underpins the apportionment of Leicester’s unmet housing need. This consultation, which is a focussed piece of work and aimed at those involved in the examination process, is now underway.

The inspectors have now confirmed examination hearings will resume in October and sessions will take place on October 25 and 26 to consider housing and employment needs.

The inspectors say there will then be a ‘reflective pause’ to enable them to reach a finding about the apportionment of the unmet need for both housing and employment, for the Council to respond as necessary and to enable any implications for the Plan to be properly considered.

Dates for future hearings after the October sessions have yet to be confirmed by the inspectors.

I was the only Charnwood Borough Councillor to oppose the Draft Local Plan going forward to the Planning Inspector as I felt too much housing development was focused this side of Charnwood.

For more information on the Local Plan, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan.

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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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