

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020 at 6.00 pm

Councillors present: Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman), JoAnn Charles, Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Paul Gant.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, PC James Johnson.

SC 106 20 Welcome

Cllr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

SC 107 20 Apologies for Absence:

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

SC 108 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 109 20 Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd November 2020

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

SC 110 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 and is attached to these minutes.

SC 111 20 Police Report

PC James Johnson attended the meeting emphasising issues in his report which was added to the website prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

SC 112 20 Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 2nd November 2020

Since the last meeting:

Flooding at the cross roads with Barsby has been reported to LCC Highways with included photo. It has been confirmed that the drain has now been cleared.

A road name sign at the same site, knocked over in an RTC, was also reported to Highways and has been removed presumably for repair before replacement.

Road works to repair the erosion of Kings Lane has been photographed and reported to Highways, repair instruction has been issued but not yet carried out.

A limited bus service is currently in operation, a notice has been placed on the website and notice board.

The work to re instate white lining on Queniborough Road, reported by Cllr Grimley, has been acknowledged by Highways, and the work programmed by LCC Highways.

SC 113 20 Planning Update

There have been three new planning applications for South Croxton this month though the clerk has not received notification from CBC. An enquiry has been sent seeking the reason for the omission.

Further works on the Travellers site have been witnessed by members of the public and work using heavy machinery continues. A representative of the Planning Office has visited

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the site and placed a stop on work on an unauthorised static building on the left hand side nearest the entrance gate. The visit has been confirmed by email. There is concern that the considerable quantity of hardcore off loaded may be part of a landfill project. Clerk to write a letter to Planning reinforcing the concerns of the Parish Council.

SC 114 20 Financial Matters

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

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 7TH DECEMBER 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE @ 7TH December 2020	£ 12020.07
INCOME TO YR END	0.00
	12020.07
LESS UNCLRD CHQS OCTOBER	39.80
	11980.27
CHQS TO BE PAID DECEMBER	470.11
	11510.16
ESTIMATED SPEND TO YEAR END	6402.90
	<u>5107.26</u>
BALANCE OF RESERVE ACCOUNT	7922.05

The Revised Layout of the Accounts for the 7th December meeting is attached to these minutes.

Cheques approved and signed at this meeting:

Clerks Wages (Nov 2020)	£	137.72
HMRC (Nov 2020)	£	34.40
Clerks Expenses (Nov 2020)	£	132.99
<u>Late invoice</u> Village Hall	£	165.00
TOTAL	£	607.83

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. This to be accomplished before the end of the financial year. Precept issues discussed per proposals presented to meeting. Additional items of work in hand to be cleared in the present financial year. Decision needed at next meeting for submission to Charnwood by 15th January 2021.

SC 115 20 Play a Part Project – Update

A progress meeting is to be held on 14th December 2020 with LCC. Historic files concerning the project to date have been supplied to attendees by the Clerk.

SC 116 20 Clerks report

* The Bauer DD issue has been resolved and all monies returned to the Current Account.

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* The swing on the play park awaits repair -do we have a handy man in the village who could effect the repair?

* If we proceed with the Highways and Parish Community Fund it is requested that the heap of grass cuttings from this year be spread out to aid reduction over the winter as part of the work carried out.

* The Clerk looks forward to a response from Cllrs regarding the completion of rationalisation of planning documentation pertaining to the Travellers site – Cllr Morris to assist.

* The 12th edition of the Arnold Baker book, the yellow book, is about to be published – discount may be available from LRALC.

SC 117 20 Parish Council Grants

The meeting confirmed that the Parish Council grant scheme for 2020 is now closed and surplus funds to be considered for Reserves.

SC 118 20 Drains and Brook Update

Automated information sent from LCC Highways has been queried as the same message was sent last month. A query has been forwarded in response requesting information and plans for progress.

SC 119 20 Correspondence Received

Appropriate email messages forwarded to Councillors.

Discussions with LCC regarding a Covid tidying around the village for which a quotation was provided have now been taken on by LCC's contractor. Landowners to be informed.

Cllr Paul Gant submitted his resignation as a Councillor at this meeting due to high employment workload at home. Clerk to inform Charnwood Electoral Services.

SC 120 20 Opportunity for Members of the public to speak

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. At this point in the meeting Cllr Paul Gant offered his resignation from the Parish Council. Clerk to act with Charnwood Borough Council.

SC 121 20 Items for inclusion in future agenda

Precept decision and signing

Drains and Brook – Update

Play a Part – update

SC 122 20 Date of Next Meeting

11th January 2021 at 6pm

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

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Notes From the Borough Council.**Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward**

Can I firstly wish all residents of South Croxton a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a very difficult year for all. My condolences go to those who have lost family and friends during the pandemic. Here's to a better year next year for everyone.

At the time of the national lockdown restrictions have ended and the country has moved back into a tier system of restrictions in England. Charnwood has entered Tier 3, the highest level of restrictions. I understand that this will be regularly reviewed. For up to date announcements on the tiers and details of the restrictions go to <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The government has also announced an easing of restrictions nationally between 23rd and 27th December for Christmas. Full details are available via government website above. I hope villagers can enjoy Christmas as best they can under the circumstances.

It has been a tough year and a lot of people have been working hard to help others throughout the pandemic. Special thanks go to those in the NHS and other keyworkers, but not forgetting the local volunteers and those local businesses that have been providing goods and services in the village throughout. During the festive period it is essential that we support local shops, pubs and other businesses wherever possible. Not forgetting those who need support.

Over the last few weeks I had taken time out for a long walk around the village which is always enjoyable and pictures are posted on the FaceBook page South Croxton Online.

Traveller's Site South Croxton

Local residents had reported a new structure being erected on the site that does not form part of the approved planning consent. Charnwood Planning Enforcement have spoken with the agent and explained that work needs to stop. Should work continue then a formal stop notice will be issued. I understand that works have currently ceased. Discussions with the agent are taking place and the applicant has the option of formally applying for planning consent for the structure, taking the structure down or facing further enforcement action which could lead to the structure being removed. Any planning application will be looked at objectively and a decision could be to refuse or grant permission with conditions. As borough councillor I would object to any intensification to the site beyond which was granted on appeal. Charnwood Borough Council had originally refused the planning applications here but these decisions were overridden by the national Planning Inspectors. I will occasionally visit the site to see if work has restarted and if any resident sees any work on this structure then they can report this to me. Any reports can be made to me in confidence if a resident wished to remain anonymous.

Opening of Covid Testing Lighthouse Lab in Charnwood

The UK's newest Lighthouse Lab opened on 30th November at Charnwood Campus in Loughborough. The lab is not only a boost for the country's Covid-19 testing capacity and the battle against the pandemic but also the local economy thanks to the jobs created there.

Created and managed by PerkinElmer, the advanced lab is now up and running and its 400-strong team will be testing up to 50,000 samples daily by early 2021.

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Charnwood is the second Lighthouse Lab to be brought online by PerkinElmer on behalf of the DHSC. In October the diagnostics specialist opened the first of its Covid-19 testing operations in Newport, South Wales, which processes up to 20,000 test samples per day.

Charnwood Borough Council Offices to be used as Covid-19 vaccination centre

There has been agreement between the NHS and Charnwood Borough Council to use a proportion of the Southfields Office Building as a Covid-19 vaccination centre. Refurbishment works are being carried out in preparation for the vaccination roll out. With the majority of council employees working at home as well as councillor meetings being carried out virtually the empty areas of the offices will put to good use.

A46 Expressway.

The new Leicester A46 Expressway bypass would have run from the Hobby Horse roundabout at Syston in an arc around the city before crossing the M1 and joining the M69 near Hinckley.

The latest news from Midlands Connect is that a road of “expressway” standard is not needed around the south and east of Leicester. The report notes a lower standard of road is still required to support new housing and economic development.

Businesses urged to apply for Covid-19 grants

Businesses in the village affected by the Covid-19 restrictions are able to apply for support grants. As I am writing this the grants available are changing. I will post updates on social media. Details will also be available at www.charnwood.gov.uk/bsu

Supporting Charnwood businesses and their employees in getting to work

Are your employees having to travel differently to get to work? Check out the Choose How You Move website and contact the Choose How You Move team who will be able to support your business and employees in adopting active modes of travel to get to and from work including their free E-bike loan scheme.

<https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/businesses/leicestershire-businesses/>

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)

Police Report – December 7th 2020

Dear Residents,

I have looked through crime figures for the last 31 days in the area of South Croxton and I am pleased to report there is nothing of note to update you on.

We continue to be living in strange times with the ongoing pandemic and as people adjust to ever changing guidelines we are all facing different challenges within our families and places of work.

On the whole the residents across our Beat have made every effort to accommodate these changes.

Those people who have not adhered to the rules have been dealt with in an appropriate manner, a few resulting in fines.

Theft from motor vehicle

We have had several reports from other nearby areas within Charnwood of theft from motor vehicles.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind residents of the following advice:

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- Leave it on show then expect it to go – Always remove valuables from your vehicle
- Remove satellite navigation systems including the cradle and cables and wipe the windscreen where the cradle sits. Many people leave their satnav under the seat or in the glove compartment, and an empty cradle is still an invite to break into a vehicle.
- Don't leave tools in a van overnight
- Please make sure that doors and windows are closed and keys removed when you leave your vehicle even if it's for only a moment.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit spot that is visible to others or covered by CCTV.
- If you have a garage, lock your vehicle inside it and lock the garage.

Speed Checks

Speeding has also been raised as a concern by local residents at several locations across Charnwood East. We will be carrying out further speed checks in the near future to try and tackle these issues. If you have any locations you feel we should focus on please email them to the beat team.

Crime Prevention

It is darker earlier in the evening now and we would like to remind residents to ensure their homes look occupied during the darker nights.

The force traditionally sees a seasonal rise in burglaries around the time the clocks go back, with offences often rising through December and January.

The winter months can make it easier for burglars to go unnoticed and also makes unoccupied homes easier to spot. The force is encouraging residents to review their home security and take a few simple and inexpensive precautions to protect their homes.

One of the easiest things you can do is to leave a light on when you go out, you can use an automatic light timer to switch lamps on in your home when you go out for the evening or when you go away to give the appearance you are home.

There are lots of other things you can do to make your home more secure including:

Keep doors and windows locked at all times and remove keys from the lock

Keep valuables, bags, cash and keys out of sight and keep them in a safe place. Don't keep large quantities of cash and jewellery in your home

- Avoid leaving packaging from expensive items outside your house – take it to be recycled or put it in the bin
- If you have a house alarm make sure you remember to set it before leaving the house
- Check your outdoor security lighting is in full working order
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home with locked gates and fencing
- If you're going away, don't advertise this on social media
- Ask a neighbour or relative to collect post and open and close curtains while you're away

For more information on how to protect your home, please visit

<https://www.leics.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/>

Thank you for reading we wish you all have a lovely Christmas and as always please stay safe, remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity on 101.

PC's 1651 Jason Stowell, 1909 Ady McCaffrey, 4290 James Johnson, 4144 Carly Pritchard
PCSO's 6868 Fiona Lacey and 6098 Lesley Richards and Ps 1865 Chris Wharton.
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REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 7th December Meeting

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT/INCOME	SPEND TO DATE
PAYROLL SERVICE	216.00	108.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	350.00	328.19
SOLR FEES	650.00	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	372.00
CLERKS SALARY	1787.00	963.44
INSURANCE	331.00	333.58
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	350.00	53.34
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	720.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	250.00	247.19
STREET LIGHTING	868.00	519.14
VH RENT	550.00	0.00
CCF	2615.00	0.00
AUDIT FEES	170.00	0.00
HMRC	447.00	240.80
TRAINING BUDGET	150.00	20.00
RESERVE A/C	500.00	500.00
DEV A/C	945.00	945.00
TOTALS	11751.00	5350.68
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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ESTIMATE	TOTAL	OVER/UNDE
SPEND TO	YR	R
YR END	END	SPEND
108.00	216.00	0.00
21.81	350.00	0.00
650.00	650.00	0.00
0.00	372.00	0.00
823.56	1787.00	0.00
0.00	333.58	2.58
296.66	350.00	0.00
480.00	1200.00	0.00
2.81	250.00	0.00
348.86	868.00	0.00
550.00	550.00	0.00
2615.0		
0	2615.00	0.00
170.00	170.00	0.00
206.20	447.00	0.00
130.00	150.00	0.00
0.00	500.00	0.00
0.00	945.00	0.00
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