

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 6.00 pm

Councillors present: Cllr Dave Morris (Chairman), JoAnn Charles, Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Brenda Seaton

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, One Member of the public

### **SC 35 21** Welcome

Cllr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

### **SC 36 21** Apologies for Absence:

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

### **SC 37 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 38 21** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

### **SC 39 21** 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. The main issues raised were Covid Vaccination, Approval of increase to local element of council tax, and warning as Covid 19 cases remain high in Charnwood.

### **SC 40 21** Police Report

No report was received for the meeting. It is noted that another car was burned out on Ridgemere Lane on Sunday evening.

### **SC 41 21** Matters Arising from minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### SC 23 21

No response from Police following our communication on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### SC 24 21

No response from Planning at CBC following our communication on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### SC 25 21

P/21/0045/2

This application is now classed as Registered. Consultation expires on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Note: Contact made with CBC regarding dog training unit on Ridgemere Lane South Croxton.

#### SC 26 21

Clerks Contract now amended following change to working hours.

#### SC 27 21

Further information provided to PAP steering group for grant application.

#### SC 30 21

Letter to Severn Trent Water regarding sewage problems during flooding acknowledged – local team to be notified of issue and will be in contact.

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Notice added to website News regarding Hare Coursing in the area.

#### **SC 42 21** Planning Update

\*P/20/1956/2

Erection of detached building to rear of house 42 School Lane classed as Registered, consultation expired 12/02, Flood Zone issues. Environment Agency advise contact with LLFA (**Lead Local Flood Authority**) regarding any consenting requirements due to proximity of the ordinary water course.

\*P/20/1908/2

3 bay car port 23 Main Street. Planning considering Conservation Area, Listed Building Zone, Footpath, and Ancient Monument – classed as Registered, plans have been resubmitted.

\*P/20/2092/2

Erection of Agricultural Storage to replace lorry body 3 Turns Lane.  
Granted conditionally.

\*P/21/0045/2 Porch to rear of 36 Kings Lane classed as Registered, consultation ends 12/03. The meeting established that no further comments were to be made by the Parish Council on this application.

\*P/20/2276/2 Fell Tree at 26 School Lane currently approved and not designated TPO.

\*Travellers site update awaited (from Planning Department).

\* Dog Training Unit on Ridgemere Lane has been determined to be a Planning issue - The matter is now being dealt with by Helen Robinson.

#### **SC 43 21** Financial Matters

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

##### a) Bank Accounts and Reserves

<b><u>Current Account Balance</u></b>	£	<b>11244.04</b> (to 5 <sup>th</sup> February 21)
Estimated Income to year end	£	0.00
Total	£	11244.04
Estimated spend to year end	£	5361.97 (Before Transfer)
Uncleared Cheques	£	342.12
Balance	£	5539.95

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**Reserve Account Balance** £ **7922.25**  
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##### b) Cheques to be approved at this meeting

Clerks Wages (Feb 2021)	£	229.47
HMRC (Feb 2021)	£	57.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>286.87</b>

The Account balances on the bank statements were confirmed at the meeting as matching those in the above calculations.

The meeting resolved that £8,000 of the end of year balance in the Current Account (due to reduced expenditure during the Covid pandemic) be transferred to the Business Reserve Account prior to the

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financial year end and the remaining amount (c£1623.55) be transferred after the first payment of the Precept is made. A letter to the Bank authorising the transfer of £8000 is to be signed and sent following this meeting.

**SC 44 21 Play a Part Project – Update**

Following the meeting of the Play a Part Group on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 a grant application form will be submitted to Severn Trent Water for the full amount of the project. This must be submitted before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Confirmation that the grant has now been submitted were confirmed by Cllr Seaton at this Parish Council meeting. It is the intention to proceed with ground works later this year subject to the award of the grant in August 2021.

**SC 45 21 Clerks Report**

Nothing to report.

**SC 46 21 Drains and Brook Update**

Councillors to keep a watch on areas of excess water adjacent to Brook, especially in farm areas, one blocked drain has been reported to Highways by Cllr Seaton. Correspondence with Severn Trent Water over sewage escape in flood events ongoing.

**SC 47 21 Correspondence Received**

Appropriate email messages forwarded to Councillors. Cllr Seaton commented on her experiences as a Womble and is supporting this effort by Parish Councils as worthwhile. Delivery of equipment to enable teams to commence the work in South Croxton is awaited.

**SC 48 21 Opportunity for Members of the public to speak**

The issues raised by Parish Councillors concerning a perceived hedge removal at the top of Kings Lane were clarified, proof of land ownership established (copy of Land Registry to be sent to Parish Council), and definition of land boundaries confirmed.

**SC 49 21 Items for inclusion in future agenda**

Drains and Brook – Update

**SC 50 21 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 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.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February I had my first covid vaccination dose at Melton Sports Village.

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volunteers and medical team were very helpful and friendly and all wore face coverings. The centre itself was very clean and open with doors open letting in fresh air and lots of space being maintained. In the waiting areas. Upon arrival my details were checked against the records and I was a few basic questions about my wellbeing. The seating in the centre was well spaced apart and the seats were being cleaned after every use. I was given my jab by a doctor who made me feel very at ease and the jab itself was painless and over very quickly. After the jab we were asked to sit in the centre for 15 minutes and were monitored before leaving the centre. The experience was over quickly and the team were working efficiently but I did not at any stage feel I was being rushed.

I have received the jab because I have a medical condition that makes me more vulnerable to the effects of the virus than other people of my age. I will continue to social distance and follow the rules as it is important for everyone that we do our bit to halt the spread of the spread of the virus.

I would like to thank all the medical staff, volunteers, and everybody involved all around the country who are doing such a fantastic job with the vaccination program. There is now light at the end of the tunnel but it is still important that we to stick to the rules and take up the vaccination when offered.

#### **Increase to local element of council tax approved**

Charnwood Borough Council agreed to raise its share of council tax by less than 9p a week for a Band D property.

The increase was agreed at full Council on Monday February 22. At the meeting 36 councillors were in favour of the increase, 14 were against and there were two abstentions.

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The increase will see the annual charge for an average Band D property rise by £4.56 (3.60 per cent) to £131.08 from April 1, 2021.

The Loughborough Special Rate, the equivalent of a parish precept in villages and paid by residents of the town will increase to £77.98 (1.99 per cent)

Charnwood Borough Council currently has the 23rd lowest council tax charge out of 188 district councils in the country.

Council tax pays for a range of services provided Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue and the parish council where you live (or Charnwood Borough Council for people in Loughborough).

The Charnwood element accounts for less than 10 per cent of the total bill.

I voted for the Council Tax Rise. I like to see the rise kept as low as possible but with a lot of extra spending over the last 12 months the authority needs to balance its books. All Borough Councillors also voted to freeze their allowances for the coming 12 months in recognition of the need to keep costs down.

#### **Warning as Covid-19 cases remain high in Charnwood**

The county council's director of public health says residents of Charnwood need to remain vigilant as latest figures show a high number of COVID cases across the district.

Figures released today for Charnwood show that coronavirus infections rose above 200 per 100,000 population. The areas where the rates are particularly high include Loughborough and Thurmaston.

Mike Sandys, Director of Public Health for Leicestershire County Council, said: "The national focus this week has been on a roadmap pointing the way to recovery, but the rate rise in Charnwood is another indicator that there's no room for complacency.

"What's not entirely clear at this stage is what is driving the higher rate so we're looking at the detail to establish any factors behind the rise in cases.

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"One of the approaches we're taking is to target the hot-spot areas and people will receive a leaflet through their door asking them to stay alert.

"I would urge all Charnwood residents to stay vigilant, remembering the watchwords around 'hands, face, space' and to stay at home unless you have to go out for an essential reason."

People are also being encouraged to:

Take up the offer of a vaccine when it's offered to you.  
People aged 64 or over, those who have received a letter saying they are at high risk from coronavirus and eligible front-line health and social care workers can book an appointment via [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

If you have symptoms such as a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell, get a test to check if you have coronavirus

Get a rapid COVID test if you can't work from home, even if you don't have symptoms

Take extra care on public transport or in supermarkets

Avoid car sharing, if you can, or take extra safety precautions

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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 Thurmaston)

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