

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Dan Fryer, Cllr Jane Daly, Cllr Dave Morris, Borough Cllr Chris O'Neill,

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Members of the Public – 0

### **SC 24/55** Welcome to the meeting

The Chairman, Cllr Morris, welcomed those present.

### **SC 24/56** Apologies for Absence

None

### **SC 24/57** 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 24/58** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

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

### **SC 24/59** Borough Councillors' Report

Cllr O'Neill submitted his report a copy of which is added at the end of these minutes. Items discussed at the meeting included hedge cutting restrictions, Junction improvements, and the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for South Croxton.

### **SC 24/60** Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

SC 24/23(c)

Though the matter is unresolved at the time of writing considerable time has been spent in enquiries to CBC, not easy to contact, and a statement has been received that the payment via standing order was finally submitted for 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We can therefore assume that it will appear on the next bank statement after this meeting.

SC24/47

P/24/0721/2 Aaisha House – Comments were sent on 10<sup>th</sup> June in good time for the latest date for submission, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. A query has been sent to the County and Borough Council to press for action on displaying Councillors comments on the CBC Planning website. We have been placed in this position previously where our comments on an application were lost. Tried phoning planning officer, not available. Borough Councillor to follow up with CBC for a second time.

### **SC 24/61** Planning Matters for meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Travellers site – An Enforcement Notice, E11 Ref No. E/22/0225, Signed 26/05/2023, was served on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 to take effect from 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. A recent planning application (P/23/0617/2) has been withdrawn. 3 large caravans removed from site. No report from Planning since meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

P/22/1640/2 Change of use of land on Kings Lane from Agricultural to Agricultural/Equestrian to include livery, provision of menage, formation of parking/turning area and siting of mobile home. (Resubmission of P/21/1949/2). Classified as REGISTERED on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 – Note potential traffic movements estimated by Tenacity Planning Consultants. NEW – National and Built Environment Team comments dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. New ecology report dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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has been registered – PC comments about housing development in the new document have been responded to by planning as textual copy error. Planning action awaited.

P/22/1211/2 - 1 School Lane - Tree works in conservation area – Classified as REGISTERED on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. No change in status since last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. Local knowledge suggests the tree has now fallen down.

P/22/1703/2 - 85-87 Main Street - Tree works in conservation area – Reclassified as REGISTERED on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. No change since last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

P/23/1117/2 18 School Lane – Tree works – New –now shows as ‘To be confirmed’ no other change since 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

P/24/0824/2 Golden Fleece – Removal of variations of conditions 3, 4, and 5 of P/21/1709/2. Currently invalid – planning letter explains.

E/24/0084 – Golden Fleece, works not in accordance with plans( P/21/1709/2 - Conversion of part of existing restaurant and dwellings and extension of building to form 2 No. 2 storey dwellings and 2 No. flats and associated works). Front door built without permission removed. (see P/24/0824/2 above)

P/24/0203/2 Land 3 Turns Lane - Change of use of land to a livery business with associated equestrian buildings. These include 2 no.field shelters, 2 no.stables and hay store (all retrospective) and the construction of a new building with solar panels on roof slope to provide 1 no. stable, tack room, storage and toilet facility. – Current status INVALID.

Amendment to planning permission P/21/2154/2, granted on 20.05.2022, which comprises the removal of the temporary storage container and tourer caravan from the development and the accommodation provided in the new stable building. Currently marked as INVALID, planning awaiting further information.

P/24/0721/2 Aisha House 20C Main Street, Erection of 2 storey detached dwelling house. Current status Registered – Comments submitted 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – not posted to Planning website, queried.

P/24/0661/2 11 School Lane, Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing side extension) and changes to fenestration. Councillors have no objections to this application.

In this planning list there are a number of applications which are expired or forgotten. It was suggested that they are cleared from the listing thus reducing the outstanding workload.

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#### **SC 24/62 FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

##### Bank Accounts and Reserves

<b>Statement Current Account Balance</b>	<b>£ 5782.23 (Statement to 05/06)</b>
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Estimated Income to year end	£ 6625.84
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Total	£ 12408.07
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Uncleared Cheques from last meeting	£ 1591.05
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Estimated spend to year end	£ 7675.91
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Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end	£ 3141.11
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<b>Statement Reserve Account Balance</b>	<b>£18096.76 (Statement to 05/06)</b>
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##### a) Cheques to be approved at meeting

HMRC (Jun)	£ 67.20	Chq No 1168
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Clerks Wages (Jun)	£ 268.53	Chq No 1169
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Village Hall Rent (Jul)	£ 55.00	Chq No 1170
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*TP Jones & co LLP	£ 56.70	Chq No 1171
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<b>* Total Amount</b>	<b>£ 447.43</b>
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\* Late invoice included for payment at meeting (not included in Revised Accounts until next meeting)

b) REVISED ACCOUNTS AT 1st July 2024

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE	TOTAL YR END	-USPND
			SPEND TO YR END		OVER SPEND
PAYROLL SERVICE	230.00	56.70	173.30	230.00	0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	200.00	47.49	152.51	200.00	0.00
WEBSITE	372.00	0.00	372.00	372.00	0.00
CLERKS SALARY	3225.00	805.79	2419.21	3225.00	0.00
DEV ACCUMULATOR FUND	945.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	0.00
INSURANCE	435.00	402.92	32.08	435.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD INSP/MAINT	500.00	162.92	337.08	500.00	0.00
PLAYING FIELD MOW/STRIM	1200.00	440.00	760.00	1200.00	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	340.00	317.94	22.06	340.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTING	850.00	965.93	-115.93	850.00	0.00
VH RENT	605.00	165.00	440.00	605.00	0.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
HMRC	810.00	201.40	608.60	810.00	0.00
TRAINING BUDGET	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
ELECTION RESERVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTERNAL AUDITOR	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT TOP UP	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
CLERK HTG/LIGHTING	130.00	0.00	130.00	130.00	0.00
NORTON A/V PRODUCTS	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11242.00</b>	<b>3566.09</b>	<b>7675.91</b>	<b>11242.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
CONTINGENCY	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12742.00</b>	<b>3566.09</b>	<b>9175.91</b>	<b>11242.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

CURRENT ACCT NON BUDGETED ITEMS	
SOUTH CROXTON PCC	750.00
VILLAGE HALL - acv	120.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>870.00</b>

BANK BALANCES 1st July 2024 meeting		
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	5782.23	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	1591.05	
BUDGET TO SPEND TO YEAR END	7675.91	
CURRENT ACCT BAL AT YR END	3141.11	
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	18096.76	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
Includes Interest 31st May 2024	22.26	

C) Delegation arrangements for August

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Due to there being no meeting scheduled for August a resolution was passed to make payments due rather than delaying them to September. Likely payments are: HMRC, Clerks Wages, Grass cutting. Two authorised signatories will meet to approve the payments on the appropriate date.

**SC 24/63 Clerks Report**

Nothing to report but issue raised at meeting concerned the dog bin sited near the Village seat and Notice Board. A request has been made to remove the bin due to odours affecting those sitting on the seat. Councillors resolved to purchase a replacement bin with a sealed lid. Clerk to obtain prices.

**SC 24/64 Police Report**

The Police report states no activity for the month of June 2024. South Melton Report presented as issues bordering the area are include speed checks in Twyford area.

**SC 24/65 Play a Part Update**

Change of email address has been notified to supplier. Repairs to the pathway will be made through local arrangements.

**SC 24/66 Digital Banking**

Forms for opening a digital Banking Account with Barclays Bank are to be submitted.

**SC 24/67 Model Financial Regulations**

Recently issued by NALC, an appropriately adjusted version (small parish council) was circulated to Councillor prior to the meeting. Councillors resolved to adopt this copy which now replaces the earlier version.

**SC 24/68 Motor Vehicles Prohibited Signage**

An issue raised by Highways the sign is part of a green Lane linking with Hungarton Parish. Councillors resolved to keep the sign and request Highways to provide the appropriate paperwork for its existence, A concern is that removal of the sign may encourage the use of the green lane by scramblers and similar traffic. Hungarton to be informed.

**SC 24/69 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes per person)**

No members of the public present at meeting

**SC 24/70 Correspondence received**

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

**SC 24/71 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

This meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

**Items for inclusion in future agenda**

Play a Part project/Digital Banking.

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**ALL MINUTES ARE DEEMED DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED**

**Charnwood Councillor Report to South Croxton P.C. July 2024**

The level of activity around the council is generally low as we approach the summer holiday period. Unfortunately I was not able to not attend the last full meeting of the council on 17<sup>th</sup> June as my wife and I went to support our oldest son who had a medical emergency.

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## Road Transport

The large number of houses that have been built in the Wreake and Soar Valley areas has led to a significant increase in the level of motor traffic in the area. For this reason the County Council intends to set a levy for all new house building projects to provide money for Transport Improvement in the area. This money will be used mainly to improve road transport by widening roads and improving junctions. Hopefully the needs of pedestrians and cyclists will also be considered.

## Planning

The plans committee had a double session in June to try and stay on top of the large number of planning applications being made at the moment. Although Charnwood has achieved a 5 year land supply some of its older policies are now out of date and so the 'Tilted Balance' is still in operation.

## Flooding

Early in the month I accepted an invitation to walk along the length of Syston Brook and discuss the issues around the topic of flooding that many residents in Syston are concerned about. The main point to arise for me was the need for land owners to be aware of their riparian responsibilities to keep the waterways clear. The Environment Agency appeared to accept the fact that climate change would lead to more rain, but stressed the need for residents to be more prepared / resilient for flooding .

## Community Heroes

Charnwood Community Heroes is returning for 2024 to celebrate the work of residents across the borough. Charnwood are asking for nominations of people who could be described as community heroes. There are six categories to nominate your heroes ;

- **Young Hero** – sponsored by Serco
- **Inspiring Others** – sponsored by idverde
- **Green Hero** – sponsored by Serco
- **Beyond the Call of Duty**
- **Brilliant Board/Trustee Member** – sponsored by 1284
- **Outstanding Contribution** to mark 50 years of Charnwood

People can nominate their Charnwood Community Heroes now by visiting the Charnwood Community Heroes webpage. <https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/heroes>

( 26/06/2024 ) Cllr. Chris.O'Neill@Charnwood.gov.uk

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