

# South Croxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Elizabeth Norton, Cllr Vicki Newbery, Cllr Jane Daly, Cllr Dave Morris, County Councillor Daniel Grimley.

In attendance: Clerk – Mr SC Johnson, Members of the Public – 1

### **SC 24/72** Welcome to the meeting

The Chairman, Cllr Morris, welcomed those present.

### **SC 24/73** Apologies for Absence

Cllr Dan Fryer – delayed in traffic, County Councillor Brenda Seaton & Borough Councillor Chris O’Neill – LCC Meeting.

### **SC 24/74** 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 24/75** Approve by resolution and sign Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

The minutes, circulated before this meeting, were approved by resolution – proposed by Cllr Newbury, 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 24/76** Borough Councillors’ Report

Cllr Daniel Grimley, present at the meeting submitted a report and provided a copy which is added at the end of these minutes. Cllr O’Neill, though absent, submitted his report a copy of which is added at the end of these minutes.

### **SC 24/77** Matters Arising from meeting minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

SC 24/63

The dog bin near the Notice Board has been replaced with a properly constructed device.

SC24/65

Repairs to the gate and path way on the playing field have been replaced.

SC24/69

‘Motor Vehicles prohibited’ sign on Ridgmere Lane has been removed. Clerk to correct the location, it is Beeby Road, as the sign has not been removed.

### **SC 24/78** Planning Matters for meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

5 Results

The Golden Fleece, 77 Main Street, **South Croxton**, Leicestershire, LE7 3RL

Full

Replacement of windows to front, addition of doors...

Application No: P/24/1056/2 | Registered : 03 July 2024

APPLICATION STATUS - REGISTERED

The Golden Fleece, 77 Main Street, **South Croxton**, Leicestershire, LE7 3RL

Full

Section 73 Variation of Conditions 2 (approved pla... [read more](#)

Application No: P/24/0824/2 | Registered : 20 August 2024

APPLICATION STATUS - REGISTERED

Aaisha House 20C Main Street **South Croxton** Leicestershire LE7 3RJ

Full

Erection of detached self-build dwellinghouse with...

Application No: P/24/0721/2 | Decided: 18 July 2024

APPLICATION STATUS - FINAL DECISION

APPLICATION DECISION - REFUSE

11 School Lane **South Croxton** Leicestershire LE7 3RT  
Householder

Erection of single storey rear extension (followin...

Application No: P/24/0661/2 | Decided: 17 June 2024

APPLICATION STATUS - FINAL DECISION  
APPLICATION DECISION - GRANT CONDITIONALLY

Croxton Road Stables **South Croxton Road** Queniborough LE7 3RU  
Full

Extensions and alterations to stable block for use...

Application No: P/23/1760/2 | Decided: 13 November 2023

APPLICATION STATUS - FINAL DECISION  
APPLICATION DECISION - GRANT CONDITIONALLY

Report from local source concerning the status of the Travellers Site whence a water leak on the site had filtered down onto the neighbouring Natural Burial Ground flooding adjacent graves. Severn Trent Water had been encouraged to investigate and found that a bypass of the metered supply had been left open at some time in the evacuation of mobile homes from the site. The supply was sealed. The issue raises concerns that we were not informed by Planning nor had any move been made in the matter of returning the land to its original level by removal of the detritus dumped by the land owner over their earlier occupation of the site. Cllr Grimley informed and will investigate.

P/21/2154/2 Conditions have been met to remove a caravan on the site.

### **SC 24/79 FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR MEETING ON 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

Bank Accounts and Reserves

<b>Statement Current Account Balance</b>	<b>£ 3090.02 (Statement to 05/08)</b>
Estimated Income to year end	£ 6625.84
Total	£ 9715.86
Uncleared Cheques from last meeting	£ 439.00
Estimated (Budgeted) spend to year end	£ 6452.75
Estimated Current Account Balance @ yr/end	£ 2824.11

N.B. A typing error in copying the Current Acct statement value has been corrected and the calculation checked.

### **Statement Reserve Account Balance £18140.64 (Statement to 05/08)**

a) a) Cheques to be approved at this meeting \* (approved by delegation at last meeting)

Cuttlefish (Website)	£ 372.00 Chg No 1172 *
E Wilkinson (Grass Jun)	£ 220.00 Chq No 1173 *
E Wilkinson (Grass Jul)	£ 220.00 Chq No 1174 *
HMRC (Jul)	£ 67.00 Chq No 1175 *
Clerks Wages (Jul)	£ 268.73 Chq No 1176 *
Village Hall Rent (Sept)	£ 55.00 Chq No 1177
HMRC (Aug)	£ 67.20 Chq No 1178
M Underwood (Maintenance)	£ 173.99 Chq No 1180
Glasdon (Dog Bin)	£ 399.90 Chq No 1181
ICO	£ 40.00 Chq No 1182
Clerks Exp. (Use of home Office)	£ 130.00 Chq No 1183
E Wilkinson (Grass August)	£ 110.00 Chq No 1184
Clerk (Anti Virus update)	£ 104.98 Chq No 1185

**Total Amount £ 2497.33**

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b) Revised Accounts at 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

CATEGORIES	PRECEPT	SPEND TO DATE	ESTIMATE	TOTAL YR END	-USPND OVER SPEND
			SPEND TO YR END		
PAYROLL SERVICE	230.00	113.40	116.60	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	1343.05	1881.95	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	880.00	320.00	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	220.00	385.00	605.00	0.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
HMRC	810.00	335.60	474.40	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>5161.25</b>	<b>6452.75</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>5161.25</b>	<b>7952.75</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>

<b>BANK BALANCES 2nd September 2024 meeting</b>		
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	3090.02	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
LESS UNPRESENTED CHQS	439.00	
BUDGET TO SPEND TO YEAR END	6452.75	
ESTIMATED INCOME TO YEAR END	6625.84	
CURRENT ACCT BAL AT YR END	2824.11	
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	18140.64	SUPPORTED BY BANK STATEMENT
INTEREST	23.75	
	31ST July 2024	

The application to register for digital banking has been delayed by Barclays Bank due to changes being made to their requirements. This also suits the parish councils activities in making payments for the Play a Part project. The issue has been diarised to recommence on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Issues of poor verge cutting, build up of soil at road edge, and blocked drains were raised by Councillors. These matters are to be conveyed to the relevant departments by the County Councillor.

The state of road signs in the Parish was again raised. The work is not currently carried out by Highways. A suggestion was made that a working party may be the answer.

The repaired seat at the top of the new path on the playing field has been in use but the view is marred by an overgrown hedge. Clerk to request the grass cutting team to trim back the hedge and restore the view.

#### **SC 24/80 Police Report**

The Police report states no activity for the month of August 2024.

#### **SC 24/81 Play a Part Update**

Change of email address has been notified to supplier. Repairs to the pathway have been made through local arrangements due to the original contractor having failed to act. The order acknowledgement has been checked against the original quotation and a query raised about the supply of steel feet. The query has been answered satisfactorily. A price increase has been applied from the original quotation date of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to the order acknowledgement dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024 amounting to c£5000.00. Additional funding for this amount has been sourced. We now have dates for the pre installation meeting and for the installation start date.

#### **SC 24/82 Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak (Limited to 3 minutes per person)**

Two issues were raised. The first concerns the water leak on Main Street. It has received attention from Highways though the cause has not been established. Concerns were expressed about the condition in winter months for traffic including the school bus movements. Conversation is ongoing as to which authority is responsible for and capable of establishing the cause.

The second issue is about verge cutting. The map showing responsibility is to be sourced and the area to be addressed is to be supplied to the Clerk for further action.

#### **SC 24/83 Correspondence received**

Email information has been distributed as appropriate since the last meeting. A letter to the Chairman opened at the meeting conveyed that the Clerk intended to retire from post on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 after undertaking completion of the Play a Part project and the annual Audit for 2025.

#### **SC 24/84 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6pm in the Village Hall at South Croxton.

This meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

#### **Items for inclusion in future agenda**

Play a Part project, Parish Clerk post advertising.

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Charnwood Councillor Report to South Croxton P.C. September 2024.

Apologies for not being present at the Parish Council meeting. It coincides with a meeting of the full Council at Loughborough Town Hall.

The main issue at Charnwood Borough Council at the moment is the decision by the cabinet to increase parking charges in council run car parks. This is to raise council revenue. Charges have not risen in council run carparks for several years but concern has been raised by the proposal to increase charges for parking in the evening and at weekends. It is argued that this will have a negative impact on the shops in the town. The council's scrutiny committee are due to review the decision on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The Local Plan has finished its consultation process and is now with the inspector who is expected to make a judgement before Christmas . The plan will then be discussed by Charnwood Borough Council.

The new government intends to slightly lower the target for the number of new homes built in Charnwood (currently 1115 per year) to 1012 a reduction of 103 properties. Melton BC has been set a target of 370 new homes, up from 192.

Asia House application ( P/24/0721/2). This has been refused . The application was outside the area of settlement . Also some differences between planners and the applicant could not be resolved.

#### **Other Issues.**

Travellers site. Following a visit to the site I made at the beginning of August I believe the site has now been vacated by all travellers.

Tree issue. I have contacted the plans department concerning this issue and understand that it has been resolved.

Also a reminder that Charnwood BC grants for up to £750 are available for community based groups such as Scouts/Guides , Play groups or 'Mug and Mingle' groups. Applications via Charnwood Borough Council.

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#### **Notes From the Leicestershire County Council. September 2024**

#### **County Councillor Daniel Grimley**

Welcome to the latest round up of news from Leicestershire County Council.

Thurmaston Ridgemere County Councillor, Brenda Seaton, is unable to make the Parish Council Meeting as she is having to attend Full Council at Charnwood.

I would like to congratulate Edward Argar for being elected as the MP for the New Melton and Syston Constituency.

#### **Applications open for next year's school places**

Parents and carers with children due to start primary or secondary school for the first time in Leicestershire next year (autumn 2025) can apply for their places from September 1.

Applications for children moving from primary to secondary need to be made by October 31, while first-time primary applications and applications for transfers between infant and junior schools need to be in by January 15.

Applications for 2025/26 can be made at [leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions](http://leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions) where there is also information about county schools and hints and tips on applying.

The county council has produced a 'Hints and tips' guide to applying for a school place:

Select at least three schools, including one in your catchment area. You can select a maximum of five schools

Choosing just one school will not increase your child's chances of securing a place there. If you're not offered a place at your chosen school, and don't have other preferences on your list, you could be offered a school some distance away.

Make sure you're happy with your order of preference

If you're applying for an education, health, and care plan (EHCP) and you think your child might attend a specialist school, it is still important to fill out an application for a mainstream school place. This will ensure they will have a school place in the autumn

Parents and carers are also being urged to make sure they know whether they live in a school's catchment area by checking their website or phoning the school. This is often a key factor in getting a place.

For further advice on preferred schools and information around open days, please contact individual schools directly.

Allocated school places will be announced on national offer days – March 1 2025 (secondary) and April 16 2025 (primary).

Applying online is the quickest and most secure way to apply for a school place. Anyone unable to apply online can call 0116 305 6684 and ask for a form to be sent out.

### **Free play sessions offered during Autumn months for families**

Free sessions including messy play, language workshops and sensory fun are being held around Leicestershire's Family hub centres.

Parents and carers of 0-2 year-olds are being welcomed with their little ones, and their pre-school age siblings, to the events which will take place between 2 September -18 December across the county.

The bookable sessions have been organised as part of Leicestershire County council's Family Hubs Start for Life Initiative, which helps to give parents and carers a deeper understanding of how they can aid their child's development through simple and fun activities.

'Let's Get Messy' - a creative session providing fun for children and parents alike whilst also sharing tips on how messy play can encourage a child's development

'Tip Top Talkers' - offers a unique workshop for parents/carers and children to come together and learn some tips on how to improve language and communication skills

'Little Senses' sessions provide fun activities for you and your child to explore their senses and encourage all round brain development

Booking is open now for the free sessions, taking place at family hubs across Leicestershire, find out more and book a place at a family hub visit the Family Hub website <https://www.familyhubsleicestershire.org.uk/>

### **Pupils and communities to benefit from supercharged rural broadband**

Over 40 locations ready for gigabit-capable connection

Gigahubs have well and truly landed in Leicestershire – with all 43 now live and bringing lightning-fast, reliable broadband to rural public sector buildings.

Leicestershire County Council has teamed up with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) to boost the connectivity of schools, libraries, recycling centres and other public sector buildings in hard-to-reach areas which wouldn't have received an upgrade commercially due to their rural location.

Completed in March, the pioneering £1.5m programme aims to open up digital resources for pupils and enable libraries to offer more activities, as well as make the area more attractive for potential future investment from commercial broadband suppliers.

Gigabit-capable broadband will be available at all sites over the next few months as new contracts are taken-up include the following sites:

Somerby Primary School

Old Dalby C Of E Primary School

Great Dalby School

Harby C Of E Primary School

Long Clawson C Of E Primary School  
School

Sileby Library

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) GigaHubs programme is part of Project Gigabit, the Government's £5 billion programme to deliver lightning-fast, reliable broadband in hard-to-reach areas of the UK. The scheme is set to connect thousands of rural public sector buildings including schools, libraries and other public buildings.

For more information, please visit the Digital Leicestershire website. <https://digital-leicestershire.org.uk/>

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