

South Croxton Parish Council

Minutes of Full Council Meeting on Monday 11th October at 18.30

in the South Croxton Village Hall

Councillors present: Phil Hawkins (Chair), Mike Baxter, JoAnn Charles, Paul Jackson

Councillors not present: None

In attendance: Kate Yarrow (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr Mike Preston and PC Chris Hayton

Meeting opened at 18.36

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Disclosure of Interests

Cllr Hawkins declared a conflict of interest for Item 7 (iii).

Police report

PC Hayton reported that in the last 30 days no crime has been reported.

PC Hayton reported that he has spoken to the landlord at the Golden Fleece pub. He stated that the landlord is very willing to help with the parking situation and has used a bollard to try to prevent parking at the Kings Lane junction. Unfortunately the bollard keeps getting moved by visitors to the pub. PC Hayton is trying to get a police bollard to use instead.

Cllr Baxter asked PC Hayton about a previous theft in the village. Two trailers that had been stolen in the village a while ago have since been recovered in Cambridgeshire. Cllr Baxter asked if it was known whether any other stolen items from the village, such as the village hall cookers, were also recovered at the same site. PC Hayton couldn't answer this but he would look into it.

3. Matters of interest

Cllr Hawkins announced his resignation as Chair to the Parish Council. He is happy to remain as a councillor in the short term. Cllr Baxter will stand in as Chair until a new one is elected.

Clerk to advertise for two new posts; one vacancy to be filled immediately and one arising.

4. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th August were signed and approved.

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5. Matters arising from previous minutes

a) Traffic mirror

The Clerk contacted LCC Highways Department concerning the erection of a traffic mirror at the Kings Lane junction. Unfortunately, it is not LCC's policy to approve the erection of traffic mirrors within the highway as there are a number of issues associated with their use. They state traffic mirrors can give a distorted view of approaching traffic, there are issues with freezing and misting, issues arising from reflections of headlights and glaring and motorists focus on the mirror only and do not get a good peripheral vision of the surrounding vicinity.

After some discussion it was decided that the Clerk will contact LCC Highways Department to enquire about getting double yellow lines at the junction or a pedestrian crossing.

b) Bridleway

LCC Highways Department has contacted the Clerk to ask the Parish Council to approve a proposal to place an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on the 'Green Lane' that runs from Hungarton to South Croxton. This will effectively downgrade the green lane to a bridleway.

Cllr Hawkins opposed this proposal as it would mean that motorists and bikers would no longer be able to use the lane. Cllr Baxter and Cllr Charles voted in favour of the proposal. A resolution was passed; the Parish Council will approve the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

Cllr Baxter asked the Clerk to check with the Highways Department that this order would cover the whole length of the green lane. If it does then the Parish Council are happy to approve the proposal. Clerk to action.

c) Other matters

Cllr Hawkins raised two issues relating to public footpaths.

- i) One field, owned by Mr Spoke, has had the footpath diverted (D37 footpath, south of the village)
- ii) One field, owned by Mr Black, has had footpath signs removed (D37 footpath, south of the village)

Clerk to write a letter to Mr Spoke on behalf of the Parish Council to ask for the diversion to be removed.

Charnwood Borough Council Report

Cllr Mike Preston gave an update for Charnwood Borough Council (CBC). CBC still awaiting budget cuts, although they are expecting a £½ million - £¾ million cut from a £20 million budget. The council are currently undertaking a senior staff review and looking into outsourcing to save money. However, CBC does have adequate financial reserves.

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6. Financial matters

a) State of Bank Accounts

The Clerk confirmed that the balances were as of 11th October:

Current account: £4293.42

Reserve account: £509.68

The latest precept payment has been paid.

b) Expenditure

The following invoices were approved and paid:

ESPO (Archive boxes) £22.27

ESPO (Football nets) £45.71

c) Other matters

- i) The Clerk stated that the previous Clerk has returned the financial paperwork after months of chasing. The Clerk can now organise the paperwork for audit. The Parish Council approved that the audits can be undertaken and asked the Clerk to contact David Baggett to see if he would be willing to carry out the work.

7. Planning matters

- i) 82A Main Street – a Notice of Extinguishment of highway rights goes to Court on 30th November. Anyone wishing to object will need to be present in Court with advance notice. Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Baxter agreed that they will be present on the day to object. The Clerk will notify the Courts that they will be attending.
- ii) 7 School Lane – an amended proposal has been submitted for a two storey extension to side and rear of dwelling. The Parish Council approved this proposal.
- iii) 82 Main Street – a proposal has been submitted for conversion of outbuildings to two-storey annexe. Cllr Hawkins declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion. Cllr Baxter stated that the plans show that the garage doors open out over the boundary line onto a public footpath. Also the balcony is shown on the plans to overhang over the same boundary line. The Clerk will draft a letter on behalf of the council.

8. Police report

Received earlier in meeting.

9. Correspondence received

Charnwood Borough Council

- i) Email regarding a consultation on litter bin policy
- ii) Letter inviting comments on a consultation regarding conservation and landscape service
- iii) An email regarding a review on polling places and polling districts
- iv) Recycling bag dispensers

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v) Dog fouling posters

Leicestershire County Council

i) Consumer Affairs booklet Oct 10 – Jan 11

ii) Advance notice of a temporary traffic regulation order

iii) Consultation on the draft third local transport plan for Leicestershire

iv) Invitation to house an open museum

Leicestershire Rural Partnership

Annual Report 2010

LRALC

Annual Report of the Executive Committee 2010

Society of Local Council Clerks

Membership Offer

Leicestershire LINK

Newsletter September 2010

South Charnwood Area Forum

Minutes of latest meeting held on 5th July 2010

10. Any other business

i) Leicestershire Parish website

The Clerk has been made an editor of the Leicestershire Parish website and asked the Parish Council for permission to update the details on the site. The council were happy for the Clerk to proceed.

ii) BT phone kiosk

Cllr Hawkins reported to the Clerk that a school bus reversed into the phone kiosk, damaging two window panels. The Clerk has contacted the bus company, Ausden Clark, and has received confirmation that the Parish Council will be refunded for any repair costs. The Clerk will contact BT to get the kiosk repaired.

iii) Village Hall car park post

Cllr Baxter invited the council to suggest where the parking post should be placed on the Village Hall driveway. The Village Hall Committee has had some discussion on whether it should be placed at the bottom of the driveway or in the middle. Cllr Jackson suggested placing the parking post one car length in. Cllr Charles suggested placing it at the bottom of the driveway. Cllr Baxter will report back to the Village Hall Committee.

11. Items for inclusion as future agenda items

i) Recycling bag dispenser

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 8th November, 6.30pm

Monday 6th December, 6.30pm

Meeting closed 20.25

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