

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council Annual General Meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 25 May 2010 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley                      Councillor G Morley  
                  Councillor J M Holmes                      Councillor K G Savidge  
                  Councillor Mrs K Holmes                      Councillor D Skinner  
                  Councillor M Holmes                              Councillor B Wright

**Also Present:** Helen Beighton, Derbyshire Times

## **Police Consultation**

There were no Police in attendance and the Parish Clerk reported that no crime figures had been provided.

## **County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance**

Councillor Wright reported that following the rumours currently circulating about the closure of Sharley Park Leisure Centre he had attended a meeting of North East Derbyshire District Council to determine whether there is any truth in these rumours. He commented that there was a frank discussion regarding the poor state of repair of the current Leisure Centre which requires a major refurbishment programme estimated at a cost in the region of £3/4 million. The District Council does not have the funds available to finance this refurbishment programme or any major repairs that might occur in the short term. Surveys have been undertaken on the building and sections may need to be closed down this year as 'not fit for purpose.' Councillor Wright then advised that the land on which the Districts Clay Cross depot was located is free and the possibility of having a new state of the art Leisure Centre on that site could be considered. The existing Sharley Park site could then potentially be sold for residential development and the funds raised used to finance the new Centre. Clay Cross Parish Council will continue to sit at the table during discussions regarding these possibilities to ensure the best deal is achieved for the Parish. The valuation of the Clay Cross depot land on Bridge Street is considered to be in the region of £140,000 while the Sharley Park site, due to its location, is considered to be worth nearer £5/6 million. Councillor Skinner asked why the decision is being taken by the District Council and GMI Rovinian and when will the people of Clay Cross have an opportunity to input into the decision making process. Councillor Wright confirmed that the meeting he attended was only the initial one and reiterated that the Parish Council will be informed and involved at all stages and eventually a full, proper public consultation will take place. Councillor Skinner then stated that as Sharley Park Leisure Centre had been publicly owned and run since it was built in 1972 how was it intended that the new one should be run. Councillor Wright confirmed that that will be left to the Members to decide and a number of options will be considered. Councillor Wright also advised that a visit to a similar Leisure

Centre built by GMI elsewhere was to be arranged for local members. Councillor Skinner then stated that a lot of money had been spent on the new Dronfield Leisure Centre and Clay Cross should have something on parity with this.

## **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **863/10 Election of Chair Person**

***Resolved That: Councillor G Morley be elected Chair of the Council for the coming year.***

### **864/10 Declaration of Chair Person Acceptance of Office**

Councillor G Morley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair of the Council.

### **865/10 Election of Vice Chair**

***Resolved That: Councillor M Holmes be elected Vice Chair of the Council for the coming year.***

### **866/10 Appointment of Chair and Members of Finance Sub-Committee**

***Resolved That: Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor Mrs K M Holmes, Councillor J M Holmes (Chair), Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor G Morley be members of the Finance Sub-Committee.***

### **867/10 Appointment of Chair and Members of Cemetery Working Group**

***Resolved That: Councillor A Jackson, Councillor G Morley and Councillor B Wright (Chair) be members of the Cemetery Working Group.***

### **868/10 Appointment of Chair and Members of Social Centre Working Group**

***Resolved That: Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor J M Holmes (Chair) and Councillor M Holmes be members of the Social Centre Working Group.***

### **869/10 Appointment of Chair and Member of Street Scene Working Group**

***Resolved That: Councillor M Holmes (Chair), Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor A Jackson and Councillor P Riggott be members of the Street Scene Working Group. Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor D Skinner to be invited to meetings as the Parish Council Footpath Inspectors***

**870/10 Appointment of Chair and Members of Planning Working Group**

***Resolved That: Councillor Mrs K M Holmes (Chair), Councillor M Holmes, Councillor A Jackson, and Councillor D Skinner be members of the Planning Working Group. Councillor E Mansbridge to be invited to meetings as and when Tree Preservations Order applications are received.***

**871/10 Clay Cross Gala Group**

***Resolved That: A Gala will be held in 2011, appointment of the Chair and Members to be deferred and agreed at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 22 June 2010.***

**872/10 Appointment of Parish Footpaths Inspector(s)**

***Resolved That: Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor D Skinner be appointed Parish Footpaths Inspectors.***

**873/10 Appointment of an Appointment Committee**

***Resolved That: Councillor M Holmes, Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor G Morley and Councillor K G Savidge be members of the Appointments Committee.***

**874/10 Appointment of Grievance Committee**

***Resolved That: Councillor Mrs K M Holmes, Councillor P Riggott and Councillor B Wright be members on the Grievance Committee.***

**875/10 Appointment of Appeals Committee**

***Resolved That: Councillor M Holmes, Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor D Skinner be members on the Appeals Committee.***

**876/10 Appointment of Disciplinary Committee**

***Resolved That: Councillor Mrs K M Holmes, Councillor G Morley, Councillor K G Savidge and Councillor B Wright be members on the Disciplinary Committee.***

**877/10 Appointment of School Governors**

It was noted that the Parish Council has no powers to appoint School Governors.

***Resolved That: the following be made available to sit on the Governing Body at the request of the School(s):***

***Holmgate Primary School:***

***Mrs A Lowe***

***Sharley Park Community Primary School: it was requested that Councillor Riggott discuss this matter with School Governing Body for their consideration.***

**878/10 Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Age Concern:** Councillor K G Savidge. **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** Councillor K G Savidge. **Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club:** Councillor J M Holmes and Councillor M Holmes. **Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley and Councillor A Jackson. **Holmgate Darby & Joan Club:** Councillor D Skinner. **Holmgate Community Association:** Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor P Riggott and Councillor K G Savidge. **Clay Cross Angling Association:** Councillor M Holmes and Councillor J M Holmes. **Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau:** Councillor M Holmes and Councillor D Skinner. **Arthur Briery Charity:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor K G Savidge. **William Udall Trust:** Councillor J M Holmes and Councillor A Jackson. **Stevenson Charity:** Councillor M Holmes and Councillor K G Savidge.

**879/10 Authorisation to sign Clay Cross Parish Council cheques**

***Resolved That: Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor M Holmes, Councillor A Jackson and Councillor K G Savidge to sign Clay Cross Parish Council cheques.***

**880/10 To Agree a Calendar of Meetings for 2010/11**

***Finance Sub-Committee Meetings (Wednesday):*** 16.6.10, 21.7.10, 22.9.10, 20.10.10, 17.11.10, 8.12.10, 19.1.11, 16.2.11, 20.4.10.

***Parish Council Meetings (Tuesday):*** 22.6.10, 27.7.10, 28.9.10, 26.10.10, 23.11.10, 14.12.10, 25.1.11, 22.2.11, 26.4.11.

**881/10 Apologies for Absence**

Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor A Jackson, Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor P Riggott.

**882/10 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor K G Savidge and Councillor B Wright made the following declaration regarding their dual role on Planning matters. During this Parish Council meeting on Planning matters, we shall not be expressing a conclusive view on the applications and we give a declaration that we will be formally reconsidering the matters when we are in receipt of all the information at the District Council's Planning Committee.

### **883/10 Exclusion of Public**

To determine which items, if any, from Part I of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. ***Resolved That: Cemetery Working Group matters to be discussed in Confidential Matters due to the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.***

### **884/10 Minutes of Last Meeting**

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to approve the Minutes of the meeting as a correct record. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 27 April 2010 and 11 May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.***

### **Work In Progress**

Parish Clerk reported that there was no Work In Progress.

### **885/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The Administrative Assistant reported that a letter had been received from the England Central office of the Citizens Advice Bureau. This was in response to the Parish Councils letter of 29 April 2010 regarding non-attendance at the recent Parish Council meetings of the local CAB Branch Manager Phil Morris in spite of a number of invitations to do so from the Parish Council. The letter confirmed that the England Central Area Director of the CAB would be discussing the issue with the local Manager with the expectation that he will make contact with the Parish Council to agree to meet to discuss the funding from Clay Cross Parish Council.

### **886/10 Report from Parish Footpath Inspectors**

Councillor Skinner reported the current situation regarding Parish Footpath 31 and the request by Clay Cross Parish Council that this Footpath should be converted to a Greenway.

### **887/10 Planning Matters**

Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor K G Savidge and Councillor B Wright restated the following declaration regarding their dual role on Planning matters. During this Parish Council meeting on Planning matters, we shall not be expressing a conclusive view on the applications and we give a declaration that we will be formally reconsidering the matters when we are in receipt of all the information at the District Council's Planning Committee.

To receive the minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held on 18 May 2010. ***Resolved That:***

1. ***the minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 18 May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
2. ***the recommendations of the Planning Working Group be resolved and approved (circulated)***
3. ***Planning Application 10/00266/FL Application for a change of use of land from recreational to domestic garden associated with number 50 Guildford Lane (additional information) 50 Guildford Lane, Danesmoor, Chesterfield for Derbyshire County Council is noted***
4. ***Planning Application 10/00435/FLH Construction of a single-storey front extension and a single-storey rear extension 82 Ashover Road, Old Tupton, Chesterfield for Mr T Owen is noted***
5. ***Planning Application 10/00426/FL Erection of an outdoor play canopy, a play ship, a wooden storage shed and a dovecote Ash House, Tower Business park, High Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield for Mr P Delaney is noted***

### **Work in Progress**

Councillor Skinner reported his disappointment that the Planning Application to fell ash tree covered by TPO 28 and planting of replacement tree at The Vicarage, Stretton Road, Clay Cross has been granted in spite of the objections submitted from Councillor Mansbridge and the Parish Council.

### **888/10 Street Scene Matters**

To approve the Minutes of Street Scene Working Group meeting held 10 May 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved**  
**That:**

1. ***the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 10 May 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
2. ***the offer by the Community of Christ Church to help in the local community be supported in principle dependant upon clarification of the Insurance implications***
3. ***the offer from Central Networks to purchase the freehold of the substation site on Parish Council owned land at Clay Lane, Clay Cross for £5,000 is accepted. Access and cable easement rights will be required from the substation site to the road and the substation would be positioned at the side of the existing access into the Parish Council owned allotment site. Central Networks to pay all legal fees***

### **Work In Progress**

Parish Clerk reported that there was no Work In Progress.

### **889/10 Social Centre Matters**

To approve the Minutes of Social Centre Working Group meeting held 13 May 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved**  
**That:**

- 1. the Minutes of Social Centre Working Group meeting held 6 May 2009 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. the Parkhouse Hotel continue to run the Social Centre bar for a further 12 month period***
- 3. the Parkhouse Hotel be allowed to upgrade the bar area to include Sam Smiths beers at their cost subject to the Parkhouse Hotel undertaking that should they vacate the position as agreement holders for the Social Centre bar they will leave the bar intact and in a workable state of operation as per its position at the outset of the agreement***
- 4. the Parkhouse Hotel be allowed to install an ice machine in the cellar area at their cost***
- 5. the Parkhouse Hotel may be included in the list of available caterers advised to potential hirers of the Social Centre***
- 6. the Parkhouse Hotel may, for an initial period of 12 months only, hire the Social Centre and kitchen, if available, for the usual hall hire fee of £15 per hour plus 10% commission on the bar and food takings - an agreement will be drawn up for this arrangement separate to the existing bar agreement***

### **Work In Progress**

Parish Clerk reported that there was no Work in Progress.

### **890/10 Finance Matters**

Councillor J M Holmes, Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee gave a resume of details discussed at meeting held 19 May 2010. **Resolved**  
**That:**

- 1. the monthly statement for the month of April (circulated) be accepted and signed by the Councillor G Morley, Chair***

2. **the expenditure and income against budget report for the month of April (circulated) be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair**
3. **the Parish Council property will be registered with the Land Registry at a minimum cost of £40**
4. **the under mentioned payments be authorised:**

<b>CXPC Staff Wages (Tax Wks 5-7)</b>	<b>£4,323.12</b>
<b>Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI and Tax for April)</b>	<b>£1,205.43</b>
<b>DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for April)</b>	<b>£1,459.03</b>
<b>NEDDC (May Social Centre Rates)</b>	<b>£953.00</b>
<b>NEDDC (May Cemetery Rates)</b>	<b>£210.00</b>
<b>NEDDC (May Public Toilets Rates)</b>	<b>£166.00</b>
<b>I Wright (Dance's for May)</b>	<b>£140.00</b>
<b>Severn Trent Water (for Clay Lane, North Street, Tranmere Avenue Allotments)</b>	<b>£407.84</b>
<b>Severn Trent Water (for Market Street Public Conveniences)</b>	<b>£387.51</b>
<b>Npower (Gas for Social Centre)</b>	<b>£353.49</b>
<b>Overton Electrical Services (Social Centre Emergency Lighting test and Portable Appliance Testing)</b>	<b>£303.33</b>
<b>G W Wright (Grave Digging/Labourer for Cemetery)</b>	<b>£770.80</b>
<b>NEDDC (School Milk Contribution Jan - March)</b>	<b>£297.60</b>
<b>TV Licence Refunds (13 @ £25)</b>	<b>£325.00</b>
<b>Brobot Petroleum (for Parish van and mowers/strimmers)</b>	<b>£164.32</b>
<b>Social Centre Damage Bond Refunds (2 @ £50)</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Contract Natural Gas (for Cemetery)</b>	<b>£88.76</b>
<b>Johnston Publishing (advert to Manage/run Social Centre bar)</b>	<b>£73.33</b>
<b>Co-op Bank (Charges)</b>	<b>£32.00</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£11,760.56</b>

5. **to note the following income:**

<b>Social Centre Hire including share bar takings</b>	<b>£605.25</b>
<b>Market Rent 17.4.10, 24.4.10, 1.5.10, 8.5.10, 15.5.10</b>	<b>£351.75</b>
<b>Bingo 28.4.10, 5.5.10, 12.5.10</b>	<b>£134.80</b>
<b>Lunch Club 11.5.10</b>	<b>£179.20</b>
<b>Dance 29.4.10, 6.5.10, 13.5.10</b>	<b>£236.30</b>
<b>Parish Allotment Rent</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Co-op Bank (Interest)</b>	<b>£00.23</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,522.53</b>



### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **856/10** regarding the repairs to the banks at Meadow Farm Fishing Pond. The Parish Clerk reported the letter received from Clay Cross Angling Association thanking the Parish Council for the donation of £500.

### **891/10 Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and for Information**

1. **Derbyshire County Council:** Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Core Strategy – Key Issues and Options Consultation
2. **Derbyshire County Council:** notice of temporary closure of Cemetery Road, Danesmoor from 17 May 2010 to approx 30 July 2010 for gas main renewal works
3. **Derbyshire County Council:** notice of temporary closure of Bridge Street, Clay Cross from 17 May 2010 to approx 30 November 2010 for carriageway reconstruction
4. **North East Derbyshire District Council:** invitation to attend the Clay Cross Community Partnership meeting on Thursday 27 May 2010 at Sharley Park Community Primary School, Danesmoor
5. **North East Derbyshire District Council:** invitation to attend District and Parish Liaison Group meeting to be held Wednesday 21 July 2010 at Council House, Saltergate
6. **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** invitation to attend Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils' Evening on Tuesday 12 October 2010 at Police Headquarters, Ripley.

### **Resolved That:**

1. ***with regard to the temporary closure of Cemetery Road, Danesmoor an email should be sent to Stagecoach regarding the re-routing of bus route no 51***
2. ***Councillor D Skinner attend the District and Parish Liaison Group Meeting on Wednesday 21 July 2010.***
2. ***Councillors G Morley and M Holmes attend the Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils' Evening on Tuesday 12 October 2010.***

### **892/10 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That: *the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 22 June 2010.***