

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on 17 December 2008 at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair

Councillor Mrs A Bradley
Councillor Mrs K M Holmes
Councillor J M Holmes
Councillor A Jackson

Councillor P J Riggott
Councillor K G Savidge
Councillor D Skinner
Councillor B Wright

666/08 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor M Holmes and Councillor E Mansbridge.

667/08 Declaration of Interest

No Declaration of Interest were made.

668/08 Precept 2009/10

The following report was discussed in detail. A number of items were queried and clarified satisfactorily by the Parish Clerk.

ADMINISTRATION: PAGE 2

Wages: an increase of 2.75% from 1 April 2009 has been allowed along with a 22.6% increase in Employers Pension Contribution again from 1 April 2009.

Heating/Lighting/Water: this budget has been increased based on this years current spend.

Purchase of Cleaning Materials: this budget has been based on this years current spend plus £520 for the purchase of a new floor maintenance machine.

Watersafe Management Contract: this budget has been based on a cost of £183 per quarter plus an additional £500 for any remedial work that may be required during the year.

Rates: an increase of 3.9% has been allowed for next year.

Building Maintenance: this budget will be broken this year due to the new stage curtains, smoking shelter and the purchase of a further 25 upholstered chairs. Next year this budget has been based on £2,500 for general maintenance plus an extra £1,000 to purchase more upholstered chairs.

Purchase Maintenance of Equipment: this budget has been retained for next year with the additional cost of £265 to purchase a colour laser jet printer for the Parish Council office.

Subs & Fees: this budget has been based on a increase in the DALC (Derbys Association of Local Councils) subscription of £813 for the year plus the organisations the Parish Council already subscribe to namely, National Society of

Allotment & Leisure Gardeners, Campaign to Protect Rural England and the Open Spaces Society.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE: PAGE 3

Purchase of Lunch Club Provision: this budget has been increased based on this years current spend.

Purchase of Refreshments: this budget has been increased based on this years current spend.

SECTION 137: PAGE 4

For 2009/10 the legal Section 137 spend is £44,059: 7,164 electors at £6.15 per elector.

Grants & Donations: payments made in the year so far total £4,050 so this budget has been increased for next year to accommodate donations to existing groups and any request that come in from new groups.

OAP TV Licence Refunds: the total payments made in the year ended 31.3.07 was £7,216 and based on payments made so far this budget can be retained for 2009/10.

School Christmas Parties: this years spend will be exactly £2,240 - 521 pupils @ £4.30 per child. With the opening of the new School, next years budget has been based on 570 pupils @ £4.60 per child.

COMMUNITY EXPENDITURE: PAGE 4

Remembrance Day: this years payments will be a total of £536. As requested, contact has been made with the Royal British Legion who have confirmed that the cost of a band next year will be £300. Contact has also been made with Dronfield Band who attend the Danesmoor service and, they have confirmed their cost will be £330 next year.

Hanging Baskets: this budget is based on our existing Market Street, High Street, Valley Road and Pilsley Road scheme plus extending the scheme further into the Parish on to Ashover Road. This budget can be reduced if required.

Christmas Lights: this budget has been increased to include the extension of the High Street scheme.

CEMETERY EXPENDITURE: PAGE 5

Wages: an increase of 2.75% from 1 April 2009 has been allowed along with a 22.6% increase in Employers Pension Contributions again from 1 April 2009.

Rates: an increase of 3.9% has been allowed for next year.

Grave Digging: this budget has been based on an average of £210 per month, three graves per month @ £70 per grave.

Petrol/Oil: this budget has been increased based on this years current spend.

Skip Maintenance: we have under budgeted this so this budget has been based on 10 visit per year @ £150 per visit.

Buildings/Ground Maintenance: this budget has been increased based on this years current spend.

Machine Purchase/Maintenance: this budget has been retained for next year as the increase in budget this year is for the one off purchase of back pack blower and hedge cutter.

Purchase of Cleaning Materials: this budget has been increased based on this years current spend.

CEMETERY INCOME: PAGE 5

Purchase Plots etc: this budget has been based on an increase in fees of 3% from 1 April 2009.

Cemetery Lodge Rent: this budget has been based on the current equivalent Rykneld Homes rent with a 7% increase from 1 April 2009 with December remaining rent free.

MARKET STREET TOILETS: PAGE 6

Wages: an increase of 2.75% from 1 April 2009 has been allowed.

Rates: an increase of 3.9% has been allowed for next year.

Building Maintenance/Cleaning Materials: this budget has been increased to allow the block to be improved by providing dispensers for toilet paper, hand towels, soap, sanitary towels etc.

PLAYING FIELDS/PLAY AREAS: PAGE 6

General Maintenance: this budget has been based on £2,000 in line with current spend plus £5,000 to develop the Community Garden area at Bevan Road.

Ground Maintenance to NEDDC: this budget has been increased in line with the graduated withdrawal of District Council subsidy.

MEADOW FARM FISHING POND: PAGE 6

General Maintenance: this budget has been increased as this years budget will be broken.

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE/PROJECTS: PAGE 7

Parish Clerk reported details of quotations received for the removal/replacement of the outside wooden Social Centre link corridor:

	<u>in white upvc frames</u>	<u>in woodgrain on white upvc frames</u>
Peak Home Improvements	£17,306 plus vat	£20,046 plus vat
Polar Windows	£11,945 plus vat	£12,950 plus vat
Roof Right	£10,940 plus vat	£12,540 plus vat

INCOME: PAGE 8

Lunch Club: we have over budgeted this year as attendance has ebbed and flowed so far during the year. This budget has been based on an average attendance of 60 people per week @ £2.80 per head = £168 per week x 44 weeks = £7,392 for the year.

Bingo: the average attendance on Monday is 19 with an average income of £33 per week whilst the average attendance on Wednesday is 57 with an average income of £104 per week. This budget has been based on £33 per week x 47 weeks = £1,551 for the year and £104 per week x 52 weeks = £5,408 for the year, giving a total income of £6,959 for the year.

Dance: as last year, attendance has ebbed and flowed during the year so we have based this budget on an average of £59 per week x 52 weeks = £3,068 for the year.

Allotment Rents: this budget has been based on the current rent of £12 per plot plus £50 received from Harry Pettit for lease of land at the rear of the allotments on North Street. Any decision to increase rents should be a Parish Council one.

Bank Interest: this budget has been retained as interest received is based on current balances.

Resolved That:

- 1. a virement of £520 be debited from the Insurance budget and credited to the Purchase of Cleaning Materials budget to purchase a new floor maintenance machine this year; Purchase of Cleaning Materials budget reduced to £1,150**
- 2. a new colour laser jet printer for the Parish Council office is purchased this year at a cost of £265; Purchase/Maintenance of Equipment budget reduced to £1,500**
- 3. the contribution to the Citizens Advice Bureau is retained at £7,923. Parish Clerk to write to the branch Manager, Phil Morris requesting facts/figures report is submitted on a quarterly basis of the work of the Clay Cross branch only**
- 4. the Street Lighting Purchase/Maintenance budget is reduced to zero**
- 5. as from 1 April 2009 the OAP TV Licence refund is increased from £22 to £25 per applicant**
- 5. lamp post baskets are erected on Ashover Road in addition to our existing scheme on Valley Road, Pilsley Road, High Street and Market Street. Plantscape to maintain Ashover Road, Valley Road, Pilsley Road and High Street whilst Parish Council staff continue to maintain the Market Street scheme; budget reduced to £10,549**
- 6. the Cemetery Petrol/Oil budget is reduced to £1,000**
- 7. the Cemetery Skip Maintenance budget is reduced to £1,000**

8. *the electrical installation inside and outside the Cemetery Cabin and Chapel are removed and replaced at a cost of £4,480 by YK Electrical as following inspection, it was found that the electrical installation at both properties does not comply with BS 7671:2008*
9. *the purchase of plots etc at Clay Cross Cemetery is increased by 3% as from 1 April 2009*
10. *the Cemetery Lodge rent is increased to £278.93 per month as from 1 April 2009, December to remain rent free*
11. *the Playing Fields General Maintenance budget is reduced to £2,000 as Rykneld Homes have been successful in securing £5,000 in funding toward the Bevan Road project*
12. *the outside wooden Social Centre link corridor is removed and replaced in upvc, white on the inside and woodgrain on the outside. Social Centre Working Group to make recommendation to Parish Council on which firm will carry out the work from the three quotations received*
13. *the Monday night bingo is cancelled as from 5 January 2009*
14. *all other budgets, expenditure contained therein and recommendations be approved and accepted*
15. *the Clay Cross Parish Council Precept 2009/10 is set at £205,000*

669/08 Closure of Clay Cross Infant School and Clay Cross Junior School

Parish Clerk read out details of letter received from Clay Cross Infant School and email received from Clay Cross Junior School requested funding to help with their planning activities for the children when their Schools close prior to Easter 2009. Following advice from Derbyshire Association of Local Councils, it was confirmed that Section 137 expenditure cannot be used as one statutory body cannot give to another statutory body, Chairs allowance is the only option that can be considered. **Resolved That: £100 is donated from the Chair/Cllrs Expenses budget to Clay Cross Infant School and Clay Cross Junior School to help with cost of their closure celebrations.**