

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 23 November 2010 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs A Bradley Councillor K Savidge
Councillor Mrs K Holmes Councillor D Skinner
Councillor J Holmes Councillor B Wright
Councillor E Mansbridge

Also Present: Colin Hampton, Derbys Unemployed Workers Centre
1 member of the public (Frank Rodgers)
Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk
Shelagh Shaw, Administrative Assistant

Before the business of the meeting began, the Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence have been received from the Chair of the Council, Councillor Morley and the Vice Chair of the Council, Councillor M Holmes.
Resolved That: Councillor Wright would Chair this Parish Council meeting.

Public Participation

Councillor Wright introduced Colin Hampton to the meeting and explained that Colin had been invited to attend to speak regarding the DWP Community Task Force. Colin noted the ironic situation of Police involvement with this scheme – the Police are due to make hundreds of positions redundant, mainly civilians. Colin also added in his talk the five principles which are:

- ***Voluntary participation***
- ***Quality training leading to recognised qualifications***
- ***Fair remuneration, including rate for the job for work based training***
- ***Employment Rights in accordance with those on offer to employees***
- ***Full Union involvement to maintain standards in training and to guard against job substitution and exploitation***

Councillor Wright thanked Colin for his presentation and explained we had only received one side of the story so far. Councillor Skinner fully endorsed Colin's comments regarding the five principles and also raised the fact every ten years this scheme is forced upon 'minority' groups such as unemployed people, people claiming sickness benefit and disabled people forced onto 'silly' schemes. It was noted that the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre themselves are also having jobs cut. Councillor Mansbridge echoed the comments of Councillor Skinner and stated that there is already a system in place which people are able to receive full training – would this be the case for this scheme?

Colin stated that the Parish Council could spread the word that Operation Relentless is not as it seems – the young unemployed need help in finding jobs and positive work. Colin confirmed that while on work experience, the people involved receive only £15.38 a week on top of their normal benefit.

Police Matters

No Police present at meeting and no crime figures received to discuss.

County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance

Councillor Wright gave the District Council report. It was stated that the District Council need to make savings of £2 million over the next four years, 10.2% within the first year - concerns were raised as lots of savings have already been made over the last four years.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

953/10 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor M Holmes, Councillor Morley and Councillor Riggott.

954/10 Declaration of Interest

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

955/10 Exclusion of Public

To determine which items, if any, from Part I of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. ***Resolved That: no matters be taken in exclusion.***

956/10 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 on 26 October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair.***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **907/10** regarding the Sustainable Communities Act. Parish Clerk read out an email received from Steve Shaw firstly confirming that on Tuesday 16 November 2010 during a debate in Parliament on this

issue, the Decentralisation Minister, Greg Clark MP stated that all the proposals made under the Act would certainly be dealt with by the end of January 2011 and secondly thanking the Parish Council for its help and efforts in achieving this result.

957/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

958/10 Report from Parish Footpath Inspectors

It was agreed to deal with this Agenda item as part of the Street Scene Working Group meeting report.

959/10 Planning Matters

Councillor J Holmes, Councillor Savidge and Councillor 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 give a declaration that we will be formally reconsidering the matters when we are in receipt of all the information at the District Council Planning Committee.

To receive the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 19 October 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 16 November 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **945/10** regarding a visit to Stretton Hall Farm. Councillor Wright reported that this visit went ahead on Saturday 20 November 2010 and that he personally was very impressed with the condition in which the chickens are being kept.

960/10 Street Scene Matters

At this point, Councillor Savidge declared an interested in this Agenda item as he Chair of Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER.

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 10 November 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution.

Resolved That:

- 1. the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 10 November be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair***
- 2. BNED-LEADER Expression of Interest Form for the Clay Cross Town Centre Wayfinder Project is submitted in the name of Clay Cross Parish Council***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **817/09** regarding Marketing the Markets. Administrative Assistant reported that arrangements are still being made for the Christmas Market on Saturday 11 December 2010 and confirmed that a meeting will be held on Thursday 25 November 2010 with a representative from the District Council to move progress.

Further to minute no **932/10** regarding Operation Relentless – DWP Community Task Force. ***Resolved That: Clay Cross Parish Council endorses the five principles given by the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre regarding this and any other similar scheme.***

961/10 Cemetery Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held on 4 November 2010 and 12 November 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. further to the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 November 2010 regarding the future use of the Cemetery Lodge. Following a vote of 5 in favour and 1 against, advice is sought regarding whether the payment of a bond should be worded rent in advance***
- 2. once advice is sought, the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meetings held 4 November 2010 and 12 November 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **933/10** regarding equipment missing from the Cemetery. Administrative Assistant reported that Clay Cross Police have now interviewed all concerned and they have stated they do not know how or when the items vanished nor can they shed any light on who may have taken the items so no further action can be taken and the crime report is to be filed.

Further to minute no **947/10** regarding the re-decoration of the Cemetery Lodge. Parish Clerk reported that this work has now been completed at a cost of £2,000 no vat.

Further to minute no **947/10** regarding the ground maintenance equipment. Parish Clerk reported that NJ Briddon Forestry & Nursery submitted the highest offer of £2,200 inc vat and items were removed from the Cemetery on the 1 November 2010.

962/10 Social Centre Matters

To receive the minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 8 November 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group***

meeting held 8 November 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair.

Work In Progress

Administrative Assistant reported there was no Work In Progress.

963/10 Finance Matters

To receive the report and recommendations for resolution from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held 17 November 2010. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the monthly statement for October 2010 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair**
- 2. the expenditure and income against budget report for the month of October 2010 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair**
- 3. a donation of £4.75 per child be made to Holmgate Primary School and Sharley Park Community Primary School to help with the cost of their Christmas festivities; this money is only to be used for this purpose**
- 4. the under mentioned payments be authorised:**

Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 31-33)	£2,558.96
Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI and Tax Payment for Oct)	£1,016.81
DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for October)	£1,036.64
Donations to Local Organisations	£3,500.00
NEDDC (Social Centre Rates for Nov)	£953.00
NEDDC (Cemetery Rates for Nov)	£210.00
NEDDC (Public Convenience Rates For Nov)	£166.00
NEDDC (School Milk for Summer Term 2009/10)	£322.40
Booker Cash & Carry (Lunch Club Provisions for October)	£447.19
Croft Farm Meats (Lunch Club Provisions for October)	£267.64
I Wright (Dance's for November)	£140.00
Post Office Ltd (Stamps)	£114.00
Severn Trent Water (for Clay Lane Allotment site: 29.4.10 – 19.10.10)	£103.18
Severn Trent Water (for Social Centre: 28.4.10 – 18.10.10)	£498.61
TV Licence Refunds (18 @ £25)	£450.00
Payne & Pike (Bingo Tickets)	£259.90
Npower (Gas for Social Centre)	£305.95
E.ON Energy Ltd (Gas/Electricity for	

Cemetery Lodge	£130.00
Strawberry Basket (Lunch Club Provisions for October)	£33.75
Royal British Legion (Wreaths for Remembrance Day 14.11.10)	£35.50
Social Centre Damage Bond Refund	£50.00
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£2.00
TOTAL:	£12,601.53

5. the following income is noted:

HMRC (2nd Qtr 2010/11 VAT Refund)	£9,621.34
NJ Briddon Forestry & Nurseries (Sale of Cemetery Equipment)	£2,200.00
Clay Cross Social Centre Hire (inc Bar Takings Share)	£440.98
Market Rent 23.10.10,30.10.10 6.11.10, 13.11.10	£189.50
Lunch Club 9.11.10	£154.00
Bingo 27.10.10, 3.11.10, 10.11.10	£134.55
Dance 28.10.10, 4.11.10, 11.11.10	£238.80
E.ON Energy Ltd (Gas/Electricity Refund for Cemetery Lodge)	£45.00
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£00.22
Total:	£13,024.39

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **134/04** regarding the Holmgate Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) project and minute no **769/09** regarding the Holmgate Youth Shelter project. Parish Clerk reported that Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group have confirmed that they have agreed not to go ahead with the youth shelter project due to problems with drug dealers and users on the estate – the Group feel that a youth shelter will encourage this problem. The Group have now requested that the £3,000 the Parish Council agreed to donate to the youth shelter project is instead donated to the MUGA project. **Resolved That: the Parish Council donate £3,000 to the MUGA project; money to be made available only when a written request is received from Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group.**

Further to minute **916/10** regarding the Supply of School Milk Scheme. Parish Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Sharley Park Community Primary School thanking the Parish Council for its financial contribution to this Scheme.

Further to minute no **935/10** regarding donations to local organisations. Parish Clerk reported that letters, cards and emails have been received from St Barnabas Pre-School, Golden Days Social Club, Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club, Autumn Days Keep Fit Club, Church On The Bus, Home-Start, Lower Clay Lane Neighbourhood Watch, Coalboard Estate NHW, Holmgate Darby & Joan Club, Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group, Relate

Chesterfield, Friends of Clay Cross Hospital, Parkhouse Football Club, Clay Cross & District Handi-Cap Club and Sharley Park Mens Bowling Club thanking the Parish Council for their donation and the presentation evening. Councillor Wright reported that he had attended the evening and from the feed back he had received from the organisations that also attended, the evening had been a huge success.

964/10 Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and Information

Parish Clerk reported that there was no Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Discussion and Information.

965/10 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that: the meeting to agree the Parish Council 2011/12 Precept requirements will be held on Thursday 16 December 2010 at 7pm in the Parish Council office and the next Parish Council meeting is held Tuesday 25 January 2011 at 7pm in the Parish Council office.