

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 24 January 2012 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor G Morley ..... Chair  
Councillor M Holmes ..... Vice Chair

Councillor A Jackson	Councillor F Rodgers
Councillor Mrs T Reader	Councillor K Savidge
Councillor A Reader	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor P Riggott	Councillor B Wright

**Also Present:** Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk  
Shelagh Shaw, Administrative Assistant  
Andrew Fellows, Community of Christ  
PCSO S Sweet, Clay Cross Police  
PCSO A Cocking, Clay Cross Police  
1 Member of the Public (Mr W Wilson)

## **Public Participation**

Mr Wilson a resident of High Street, Clay Cross gave a resume of problems regarding the new roundabout on the A61 and the new Tesco petrol station which he believes is affecting his and his wife's quality of life. Mr Wilson also explained he has attended several meetings with representatives from Tesco, the County Council and the District Council but to no avail - the District Council have advised Mr Wilson to now take this matter to the Ombudsman. **It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the various partners in the Clay Cross development with the request that they open a dialogue with Mr Wilson so that the problems he is experiencing can be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.**

Andrew Fellows gave a resume of the Foodbank project. There are 159 Foodbanks across the country which help people/families in crisis. It is hoped to launch the Clay Cross project in March/April; they have at present 20-25 volunteers. Foodbank venues in Clay Cross have been agreed but the project is looking for a building to use as a storage 'hub' and Andrew asked the Councillors if they know of any suitable premises that may be available at a subsidised rent. Following consultation it is believed that there are up to 10,000 families in this area need support through the Foodbank project.

## **Police Matters**

PCSO Cocking gave a report on crime and anti-social behaviour for the month of December and circulated crime figures. It was reported that the police are working with the Guildford Lane allotment tenants following a spate of shed break ins - it is hoped to organise a crime prevention event and hand out shed alarms.

It was further reported that Sergeant Sally Blaiklock has left her role as Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant to take up a role as Detective Sergeant in CID. The new Sergeant, Aidan Stones is very experienced and looks forward to continuing to decrease crime and anti-social behaviour in Clay Cross.

Councillor Riggott raised the non-cashing of a cheque for the amount of £100 to help with the cost to provide free indoor football coaching during the winter months as a diversionary activity for 11-17 year olds. PCSO Sweet reported that Inspector Shooter and Sergeant Stones are in the process of carrying out an audit trail to locate this cheque.

Councillor Riggott also raised issues over groups of juveniles causing a nuisance at night at the Bevan Road play area and asked if it would benefit the police if a sign was put up with specific closing times for the play area. PCSO Sweet agreed that this would help.

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

With regard to the County Council. Councillor Riggott reported details of a County Council consultation that is to take place on 30 January 2012 regarding proposals to change the way they deliver the youth service in Derbyshire. The ten week consultation went live on Monday 9 January 2012 and the closing date is Sunday 18 March 2012.

With regard to the District Council. Councillor Morley, Chair reported that the District Council through its strategic alliance with Bolsover were now looking at the second tier officer structure to make savings. Councillor Skinner reported that he will be going on to the North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau Board as a District Council representative.

## **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **1102/12 Apologies for Absence**

Parish Clerk reported that no Apologies for Absence had been received.

### **1103/12 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Mrs Reader, Councillor Savidge and Councillor 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 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.

### **1104/12 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.**

### **1105/12 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 22 November 2011 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair.***

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1101/11** regarding the Foodbank project for Clay Cross. Following a lengthy discussion a vote took place - 1 Councillor was against and 8 Councillors were in favour of supporting this project and to assist in helping to find a suitable storage 'hub'.

### **1106/12 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Parish Clerk reported that a Parish Council representative has been invited to attend the next Clay Cross Town Centre Group meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 February 2012 at Batemans Mill. **It was agreed that Councillor Riggott attend this meeting.**

### **1107/12 Planning & Environmental Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 16 January 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 16 January 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair.***

### **Work In Progress**

Administrative Assistant and Parish Clerk reported that there was no Work In Progress.

### **1108/12 Street Scene Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 10 January 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 10 January 2012 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair***

### **Work In Progress**

Administrative Assistant and Parish Clerk reported that there was no Work In Progress.

### **1109/12 Cemetery Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held on the 10 January 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution.

**Resolved That: the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held on the 10 January 2012 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair**

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1098/11** regarding work to replace the fire in the lounge at the Cemetery Lodge. Parish Clerk and Councillor Wright reported that following completion of a smoke test it was discovered that the chimney stack integrity is compromised. **It was agreed that as Landlords, the Parish Council meet the cost to partially re-build the chimney stack and supply/fit a liner to suit the fire being installed by the Tenant.**

### **1110/12 Social Centre & Events Matters**

Administrative Assistant reported no Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting took place in January 2012.

### **Work In Progress**

Administrative Assistant and Parish Clerk reported that there was no Work In Progress.

### **1111/12 Finance Matters**

To receive the report and recommendations for resolution from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 18 January 2012. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Parish Clerk attends the Society of Local Council Clerks Practitioners Conference at Daventry on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 February 2012 at a cost of £199 plus vat and expenses**
- 2. Richmond Building & Roofing Services carry out work to the former 'dumper shed' at the Cemetery at a cost of £3,399 plus vat – it was agreed that the District Council be approached with the request to make a contribution toward the cost of this work**
- 3. Mark Stafford Stonemasonry & Conservation Ltd carry out work to the Cemetery Chapel at a cost of £1,650 plus vat**
- 4. the monthly statements for November 2011 and December 2011 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair**
- 5. the expenditure and income against budget reports for November 2011 and December 2011 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair**

6. **the budgets are approved and the Clay Cross Parish Council Precept for the year 2012/13 is set at £219,000 an increase of 0.92%**

7. **the following accounts for payment are approved:**

<i>NEDDC (Management/Maintenance of Cemetery and Parish Street Cleaning: July 2011 – Sept 2011)</i>	<b>£16,179.91</b>
<i>Blachere Illuminations (Cost to design and make up 8 no. Creative Kids designs)</i>	<b>£5,953.84</b>
<i>Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Month 10)</i>	<b>£3,227.78</b>
<i>NEDDC (Social Centre Rates for December and January)</i>	<b>£1,864.00</b>
<i>NEDDC (Cemetery &amp; Premises Rates for December and January)</i>	<b>£468.00</b>
<i>TV Licence Refunds (31 @ £25)</i>	<b>£775.00</b>
<i>Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue)</i>	
<i>NI and Tax Payment for November</i>	<b>£454.68</b>
<i>DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for November)</i>	<b>£386.23</b>
<i>Croft Farm Meats (Lunch Club Supplies)</i>	<b>£308.99</b>
<i>P Stringfellow (Dance's for December and January)</i>	<b>£385.00</b>
<i>Johnston Publishing (Halloween Night and Social Centre adverts in Derbys Times)</i>	<b>£448.02</b>
<i>Designs Direct (Cleaning materials for Social Centre)</i>	<b>£450.49</b>
<i>Plantscape ('Welcome to Clay Cross' window box displays/maintenance)</i>	<b>£426.00</b>
<i>Severn Trent Water (Social Centre supply: 20.5.11 – 24.11.11)</i>	<b>£454.51</b>
<i>Severn Trent Water (Tranmere Ave Allotments supply: 24.5.11 – 23.11.11)</i>	<b>£299.30</b>
<i>Konica Minolta (Hire of copier/printer and cost of copies: 17.8.11 – 9.2.12)</i>	<b>£330.45</b>
<i>Social Center Damage Bond Refunds (3 @ £50)</i>	<b>£150.00</b>
<i>Ultimate Signs (Cost to provide Christmas Craft Fair/MTM Banner for 17.12.11)</i>	<b>£144.00</b>
<i>Strawberry Basket (Lunch Club supplies)</i>	<b>£83.47</b>
<i>Mr Jeeves (Social Centre Laundry)</i>	<b>£13.00</b>
<i>Co-op Bank (Charges)</i>	<b>£32.00</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£32,834.67</b>

8. **the following income is noted:**

<i>Clay Cross Social Centre Hire (inc bar takings)</i>	<b>£900.53</b>
<i>NEDDC (Market Street Public Convenience Non-Domestic Business Rates Refund)</i>	<b>£162.44</b>
<i>Dance 15.12.11, 22.12.11, 24.12.11, 29.12.11, 5.1.12, 12.1.12,</i>	<b>£567.80</b>
<i>Lunch Club 10.1.12, 17.1.12</i>	<b>£352.80</b>
<i>Market Rent 3.12.11, 10.12.11, 17.12.11, 24.12.11, 31.12.11</i>	<b>£125.00</b>
<i>Bingo 14.12.11, 21.12.11, 28.12.11, 4.1.12, 11.1.12</i>	<b>£228.35</b>
<i>Cemetery Lodge Rent</i>	<b>£140.00</b>
<i>Sale of Refreshments 13.12.11, 17.12.11, 24.12.11, 10.1.12</i>	<b>£51.30</b>
<i>Co-op Bank (Interest)</i>	<b>£0.22</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£2,528.44</b>

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1076/11** and **1100/11** regarding donations to local organisations. Parish Clerk reported that a card, emails and letters had been received from Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club, Holmgate Friendly Club, Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group, Holmgate Primary School, Sharley Park Community Primary School and St John Ambulance Parkhouse Division thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

### **1112/12 Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision & Information:**

There is no Parish Clerks Report/Items for Decision & Information this month

### **1113/12 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That: *the next Parish Council meeting is held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 28 February 2012.***