

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 24 November 2009 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair
Councillor M Holmes Vice Chair

Councillor Mrs A Bradley	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor K M Holmes	Councillor P Riggott
Councillor J M Holmes	Councillor B Wright
Councillor A Jackson	

Also Present: Peter Maris, Clay Cross Public Art Project
Andrea Grealy, Clay Cross Public Art Project
PC Adam Bryan, Clay Cross Police
PCSO Gavin Hooton, Clay Cross Police

Public Participation

Peter Maris and Andrea Grealy are the sculptors for public art projects with GMI Rovinian. Peter explained that they work closely with the community, consulting and running community workshops. Once the Clay Cross Town Centre Development is complete Peter will design an appropriate piece of artwork following extensive public consultation. The public are consulted about all aspects from the design to the specific location of the piece of artwork. Local artists may also be utilised in the scheme and the maintenance of the piece will also be considered. Peter explained that they have already consulted with a local school and will continue with that process with all the two schools in the Parish. Meetings have been conducted with Cliff Williams and at Clay Cross Library with another meeting to be held there during the Library's 50 year celebration day on 11 December 2009. Arrangements have already been made to hold a public consultation at Clay Cross Social Centre on Saturday 28 November 2009 as part of the Clay Cross Community Christmas Fair that is taking place. Peter emphasised that they are open to all input and suggestions. They want to run further public consultations before Christmas and then in February 2010. An Arts Council grant is to be considered for the scheme. Councillor D Skinner commented that it was essential that the sculpture represents the REAL community of Clay Cross and reflects the essence of what the town is about.

Police Matters

There was no Parish update available for this meeting but PC Bryan reported that following lots of work out in the community working closely with Rykneld Homes there has been a big reduction in reported drug issues and nuisance behaviour. PC Bryan also reported that on Halloween and Bonfire night there was not one reported incident of nuisance behaviour. Overall violent incidents to October 2009 are down 33%,

burglaries up 19% and reported robberies are up 100% ie from one incident in 3 months to two incidents in 3 months. Vehicle crime is showing the best decrease down from eight in 3 months to one in 3 months. All crime on average is down 32.6% on the same period last year. Councillor J M Holmes asked whether there was any supporting information to validate the benefit of CCTV footage in crime convictions. **PCSO Hootton advised that he did not think this was available but would check and report back.**

Councillor P Riggott commented on the number of Community organisations now working with the Police and the benefits in working together as the Police cannot do it all on their own. Councillor Riggott also acknowledged that there are problems with the CCTV system around the Town Centre which is ageing and needs replacing but this of course raises funding issues.

County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance

Councillor P Riggott reported that the former Biwater site Planning Application for the importation of the colliery spoil and disposal of in the opencast void went through planning at Derbyshire County Council.

Councillor P Riggott reported that a Regeneration document is being put before Cabinet on Wednesday 25 November 2009 regarding a scheme for the regeneration of the existing town centre – it is hoped that there might be a return of the Brighter Business Scheme for the refurbishment of shop fronts.

Councillor P Riggott reported that Sharley Park Community Primary School are organising a free Christmas dinner for 100 elderly resident of the Parish on 16 December 2009; Darby & Joan Club members have been invited.

Councillor D Skinner raised the single status issues that have been causing problems for Local Authority employees. Councillor P Riggott confirmed that the Labour Group at Derbyshire County Council are working closely with the Trade Unions to provide what support they can. Home Helps are one of the sectors affected having received a pay rise but a reduction in hours and this is currently being looked at.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

801/09 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor K G Savidge.

802/09 Declaration of Interest

Councillor J M Holmes 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 Planning Committee.

Councillor P Riggott declared an interest in the letter received from Shirland Higham & Oakerthorpe Against Landfill (S.H.O.A.L) as he is a member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

803/09 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 items be taken in exclusion.***

804/08 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 October 2009 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.***

Work In Progress

There was no Work In Progress.

805/09 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports from Representative on Outside Bodies.

806/09 Report from Parish Footpath Inspectors

Councillor D Skinner thanked Councillor E Mansbridge for the work undertaken on Parish Footpath No 32. North East Derbyshire District Council are undertaking work on Parish Footpath No 31.

807/09 Planning Matters

Councillor J M Holmes 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 Planning Committee.

To receive minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 16 November 2009. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 16 November 2009 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***

2. ***the recommendations of the Planning Working Group be resolved and approved (circulated)***
3. ***the Planning Application 09/00980/FLH First floor extension above existing single storey side extension and 2 storey extension to rear incorporating a balcony at 10 Mill Lane, Clay Cross for Mr M Houghton is noted***
4. ***the Planning Application 09/00977/AD Advertisement Consent for replacement of existing ATM Collar on existing cash point and replacement of existing window display with an AO window poster display unit with illumination located behind shop front glazing at 73 High Street, Clay Cross for Lloyds Banking Group is noted***
5. ***the Planning Application 09/00870/AD Advertisement Consent for installation of free standing metal sign (non-illuminated) (Revised Scheme of 09/00359/AD) (Affecting Setting of Listed Building) at St Bartholomews Church, High Street, Clay Cross for Mr Paul Andrews is noted.***

808/09 Street Scene Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 10 November 2009 and to receive recommendations for resolution.
Resolved That: *the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 10 November 2009 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair*

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **134/04** regarding the Multi Use Games Area on Parish Council owned land at North Street, Holmgate. Parish Clerk reported that Holmgate Tenants & Residents Group have organised a public consultation event which will be held Holmgate Darby & Joan Club on Saturday 28 November 2009, 10am – 12.30pm.

Further to minute no **458/99** regarding the Bevan Road Play Area. Councillor Mick Holmes requested that the Parish Clerk or the Administrative Assistant contact Lovells to clarify when they will be proceeding with the installation of the play equipment at this site.

809/09 Cemetery Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group held 20 November 2009 and to receive recommendations for resolution.

Resolved That:

1. ***the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 20 November 2009 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***

2. ***the recommendations of the Cemetery Working Group be resolved and approved (circulated)***
3. ***the Terms of Reference for the Cemetery Working Group be approved and adopted.***

Work In Progress

Further to minutes no **795/09** regarding the letter received from Mr D Gambetta alleging damage to grave ornament. Parish Clerk reported that to date no reply had been received to the Parish Councils letter of 28 October 2009.

810/09 Social Centre Matters

The Administrative Assistant reported that there were no Social Centre Matters as the Social Centre Working Group did not meet this month.

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **754/09** regarding the sofas in the lounge area of the Social Centre. Parish Clerk reported that these have now been delivered and are in situ in the lounge. They are a good quality. ***It was agreed that a sign be placed in the lounge area requesting that parents do not allow their children to jump on the sofas.***

811/09 Finance Matters

Councillor J M Holmes, Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee gave a resume of details discussed at meeting held 18 November 2009.

Resolved That:

1. ***the monthly statement for the month of October 2009 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
2. ***the expenditure and income against budget report for the month of October 2009 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
3. ***the purchase of new computer for Administrative Assistant and Members to be delegated to Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor M Holmes and Councillor G Morley***
4. ***a donation of £100 be made to Clay Lane Neighbourhood Watch toward the cost of a community notice board***
5. ***a donation of £100 be made to Friends of Clay Cross Hospital***
6. ***a donation of £4.60 per child be made to Holmgate Primary School and Sharley Park Community Primary School to help with the cost of their Christmas festivities; the money is only to be used for this purpose.***

7. the under mentioned payments be authorised:

Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 31-33)	£4,315.98
Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI and Tax Payment for October)	£1,365.51
DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for October)	£1,843.55
NEDDC (Social Centre Rates for Nov)	£1,006.00
NEDDC (Cemetery Rates for Nov)	£201.00
NEDDC (Public Convenience Rates for Nov)	£162.00
Social Centre Damage Bonds (3 @ £50)	£150.00
Post Office Ltd (Stamps)	£138.00
T Nutt & Sons Ltd (Carpet in Social Centre link corridor)	£434.70
Prestige Street Furniture (emergency repairs to bus shelter at Cemetery Rd)	£437.00
Plantscape Ltd (2 x Dog Doo Bins)	£483.00
Severn Trent Water (for Tranmere Ave, Clay Lane and North Street allotments)	£293.09
I Wright (Dance's for November)	£140.00
TV Licence Refunds (26 @ £25)	£650.00
SWALEC (Electricity for Social Centre)	£823.69
NEDDC (Cost to empty Parish Dog Fouling bins April – June 2009)	£919.87
Booker Cash & Carry (L/Club and Refreshments for resale supplies)	£288.16
Npower (Gas for Social Centre)	£324.76
Brobot Petroleum Ltd (derv for Parish/Cemetery van)	£74.00
Open Spaces Society (Annual Subscription for year)	£40.00
Hoult's Memorials (work to war memorial in Danesmoor)	£34.50
Contract Natural Gas (for Cemetery Chapel Sept - Oct)	£79.05
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£01.00
Tiscali Billing (Broadband Fee)	£15.65
TOTAL:	£14,220.51

8. the following income is noted:

Rykneld Homes (Quarterly Service Charge Payment for CXAHO)	£2,500.00
Clay Cross Cemetery	£1,112.00
Clay Cross Social Centre Hire	£342.50
Market Rent 31.10.09, 7.11.09	£158.50
Bingo 28.10.09, 4.11.09, 11.11.09	£258.90
Dance 29.10.09, 5.11.09, 12.11.09	£202.60
Lunch Club 27.10.09, 10.11.09	£299.60
Clay Cross & Danesmoor Miners Welfare (Interim Bar Takings Payment)	£100.00
Sale of Refreshments 31.10.09	£53.70
Parkhouse F.C (Photocopies)	£30.00

Co-op Bank (Interest)	£00.22
TOTAL:	£5,058.02

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **783/09** regarding donations to local organisations. Parish Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Holmgate Friendly Club thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

812/09 Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and Information

Councillor P Riggott restated his interest in the letter received from Shirland Higham & Oakerthorpe Against Landfill (S.H.O.A.L) as he is a member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

1. **Shirland Higham & Oakerthorpe Against Landfill (S.H.O.A.L):** letter regarding the proposal to create a landfill site at Shirland Golf Club
2. **Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area:** Invitation to attend their Annual General Meeting on Monday 30 November 2009
3. **Home-Start Bolsover District & Clay Cross Area:** Annual Report and Accounts for 2008/09

Resolved That: the Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and Information are noted

813/09 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: the Precept meeting is held Wednesday 16 December 2009 at 6pm and the next Parish Council meeting is held Tuesday 26 January 2010 at 7pm; both meetings to be held in the Parish Council office.