

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair

Councillor A Jackson	Councillor P Riggott
Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor K Savidge
Councillor Mrs T Reader	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor A Reader	Councillor B Wright

Also Present: Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk
Shelagh Shaw, Administrative Assistant
PCSO A Cocking, Clay Cross Police
3 members of the public

Public Participation

Three members of the public present requested information regarding the proposed surface coal extraction at Hill Top Farm, Old Tupton.

Councillor Riggott declared an interest as a member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

It was reported that as part of the consultation process representatives from Provectus have discussed their proposals with members of the Parish Council and also with members of the County Council Planning Committee. It was further reported that no formal planning application has been submitted to date and at this stage, the Parish Council cannot give a conclusive view until they are in receipt of all the information.

Police Matters

PCSO Cocking gave a report on crime and anti-social behaviour for the months of February and March and circulated crime figures.

Three successful drug warrants have been executed in the area; offenders have been dealt with positively and/or are currently on bail.

Several operations are being successfully run, these include:

- Operation Safedrive – operation to deter/prevent speeding and other traffic offenders
- Operation Fleckman – patrol hot spots and pro-actively target prolific offenders
- Operation Calanthia – target scrap metal carriers and also working closely with scrap metal merchants
- Operation Rhubard – targeting nuisance and anti-social behaviour hotspots and dealing with offenders positively

The KICX project a youth diversionary football activity on Monday evenings is still proving very successful and popular with local youths in the area - coaching sessions are now being run at Holmgate Primary School.

'Shop-Drop' surgeries will be re-introduced shortly and dates have been set for the next calendar year.

Crime prevention days around the allotments in Clay Cross are being planned with the Community Safety Partnership.

County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance

With regard to the County Council. Councillor Riggott reported that campaigns are still ongoing to keep youth clubs open in the area.

Councillor Riggott further reported that the north/south boundaries of the Parish will be split in readiness of the 2013 County elections following recommendations from the Boundary Commission. **It was agreed that the Parish Clerk and Councillor Riggott discuss these changes further with the Boundary Commission.**

With regard to the District Council. Councillor Skinner raised complaints he had received from members of the public and his own concerns regarding the service provided to tenants and residents paying their rent and Council tax at the Rykneld Homes Clay Cross Area Housing office. **It was agreed that the Parish Clerk writes to the Managing Director of Rykneld Homes and the Chief Executive of North East Derbyshire District Council.**

Parish Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the District Council confirming that John Newby, their Assistant Director – Governance and Monitoring Officer retired from the Authority on 31 March 2012.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1126/12 Apologies for Absence

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

1127/12 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.

Councillor Riggott re-stated his interest on planning matters as a member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

1128/12 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.***

1129/12 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 28 February 2012 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley.***

Work In Progress

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

1130/12 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports from Representative on Outside Bodies.

1131/12 Planning & Environmental Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 16 April 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. Councillor Mansbridge be given delegated authority to purchase a brushcutter for use on Parish footpaths at a cost of £207.50 plus vat***
- 2. the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 16 April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Morley.***

Work In Progress

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

1132/12 Street Scene Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meetings held on the 16 February 2012 and the 3 April 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. on behalf of the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Reader signs the Licence to site Road Grit Bins at Various sites within Clay Cross***

2. ***BWB Neighbourhood Watch be allowed to use Bevan Road play area for their Jubilee Sports Day on Saturday 2 June 2012 and their Fun Day on Saturday 1 September 2012***
3. ***the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meetings held on the 16 February 2012 and the 3 April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Morley***

Work In Progress

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

1133/12 Cemetery Matters

Councillor Wright reported that due to the poor weather conditions there had been no meeting of the Cemetery Working Group this month. It was confirmed that a Cemetery Working Group meeting will be arranged for next month.

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **1098/11** regarding work to replace the fire in the lounge at the Cemetery Lodge. Councillor Wright reported that the total cost to partially re-build the chimney stack and supply/fit a liner to suit the fire being installed by the Tenants was £2,788 plus vat.

Further to minute no **1098/11** regarding the supply and installation of an LED dusk til dawn floodlight. Councillor Wright reported that the cost of this work was quoted at £160 however the District Council have in fact invoiced the Parish Council for £238 – at the same time as this floodlight was fitted, work was carried out to repair a light above the Chapel door.

1134/12 Social Centre & Events Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 10 April 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That:***

1. ***a carpet washer is purchased to a maximum cost of £200***
2. ***Clay Cross Social Centre becomes a member of the Clay Cross Town Centre Group at a cost of £5 for the year***
3. ***the Minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 10 April 2012 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **1122/12** regarding the Senior Citizens Parties. Parish Clerk reported that at the Parties held on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 March 2012, the raffles held on both evenings raised a total of £291.60 with £72.90 being donated to Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club, Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club, Holmgate Darby & Joan Club and the District Council Chairs Charity Appeal, Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young Adults.

1135/12 Finance Matters

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

- 1. 700 no. Queens Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Mugs are purchased from Clerks & Councils Direct at a cost of £3,150 plus vat, P&P and insurance**
- 2. Blachere Illuminations continue to provide the Christmas lighting scheme for Clay Cross town centre**
- 3. the monthly statements for February 2012 and March 2012 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley**
- 4. the expenditure and income against budget report for February 2012 and March 2012 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley**
- 5. the following accounts for payment are approved:**

<i>Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Month 12)</i>	£3,535.34
<i>TV Licence Refunds (23 @ £25)</i>	£575.00
<i>Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI and Tax Payment for March)</i>	£1,059.56
<i>DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for March)</i>	£367.87
<i>P Stringfellow (Dance's for April)</i>	£140.00
<i>PRS for Music (Music Licence for year to 5.4.13)</i>	£697.92
<i>Alpha Maintenance & Property Ltd (Social Centre central heating care plan for year)</i>	£748.00
<i>Npower (Gas for Social Centre)</i>	£759.17
<i>NEDDC (Social Centre Waste Collection Charge 26.3.12 to 25.6.12)</i>	£191.49
<i>Chesterfield Borough Council (Consent to operate Clay Cross market for the year)</i>	£10.00
<i>Mr Jeeves (Social Centre Laundry)</i>	£39.00
<i>E.ON (Hill Street Lighting)</i>	£5.43
<i>Co-op Bank (Charges)</i>	£31.00
TOTAL:	£8,159.78

- 6. the following income is noted:**

<i>NEDDC (1st 2012/13 Precept Payment)</i>	£109,500.00
<i>NEDDC (2012/13 Social Centre Grant)</i>	£14,867.18
<i>Clay Cross Parish Allotment Rents</i>	£432.00

<i>Clay Cross Social Centre Hire (inc share of bar takings)</i>	<i>£303.04</i>
<i>Lunch Club 3.4.12, 17.4.12</i>	<i>£361.20</i>
<i>Dance 5.4.12, 12.4.12</i>	<i>£206.90</i>
<i>Market Rent 3.3.12, 10.3.12, 17.3.12, 24.3.12, 31.3.12</i>	<i>£138.75</i>
<i>Bingo 11.4.12</i>	<i>£43.75</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Interest)</i>	<i>£0.22</i>
TOTAL:	£125,853.04

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **1123/12** regarding the purchase of two public/community notice boards for the Parish. Parish Clerk reported that she had reminded the Administrative Assistant to raise this issue at the next Street Scene Working Group meeting to discuss and agree locations, then progress this through the Planning & Environmental Working Group as planning permission may be required.

Further to minute no **1111/12** regarding the work to the Cemetery Chapel. Parish Clerk reported that the Administrative Assistant did contact Mark Stafford Stonemasonry & Conversation Ltd who confirmed that it is now safe to remove the protective 'grills' from the Chapel windows. **It was agreed that the Cemetery Working Group should now discuss the removal of the 'grills' at their next meeting.**

Further to minute no **1111/12** regarding the work to the former 'dumper' shed at the Cemetery. Parish Clerk reminded members present that at the Parish Council meeting held on the 24 January 2012 it was agreed that Richmond Building & Roofing Services carry out this work. It was reported that the District Council have agreed to pay 50% of the total cost of the alteration work and a payment of £2,039.40 was received on the 4 April 2012 – we are now waiting for Richmond Building & Roofing Services to confirm a start date.

1136/12 Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision & Information:

1. **North East Derbyshire District Council:** invitation to attend the next District & Parish Liaison meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 July 2012 in the Council Chamber, Council House, Saltergate
2. **North East Derbyshire District Council:** invitation to comment on the draft House to House Collections Policy – any comments to be submitted by Friday 25 May 2012

Resolved That:

1. **Councillor Mrs Reader and Councillor A Reader represent the Parish Council at the District & Parish Liaison meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 July 2012**
2. **the District Council House to House Collections Policy be received**

1137/12 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting is held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 22 May 2012.

At this point Councillor Morley thanked Councillor Wright for his efforts as the Chair of the District Council over the last year and congratulated Councillor Savidge, who will be taking over this role from Monday 14 May 2012.

Councillor Wright reported that to date over £9,000 has been raised for his Charity Appeal in aid of Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young People. Councillor Savidge confirmed that his Charity Appeal will be in aid of the Derbyshire Air Ambulance.