

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor G Skinner
Councillor A Reader	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor Mrs T Reader	Councillor P Wainwright
Councillor Ms K Rouse	Councillor B Wright

**Also Present:** Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk  
Lisa Spencer, Administrative Assistant  
PCSO Matthew Shaw, Clay Cross Police

## **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

## **Police Consultation**

PCSO Shaw circulated crime figures for the month of December 2015. Crime overall is down but criminal damage and arson offences have increased. Crime overall for the year has shown an increase in violence with injury, sexual offences, theft from vehicle and bicycle theft.

It was reported that the speed gun has been deployed at Sharley Pack Community Primary School and the speed camera van has been parked up on Furnace Hill Road. Councillor Mrs Reader reported email received from a Holmgate resident regarding speeding vehicles; this appears to be a problem from the top of Holmgate Road to just past the dentist where cars do not park.

Councillor G Skinner enquired if the Police were aware of drug related issues in the Danesmoor area. PCSO Shaw confirmed that the Police are aware and are dealing with matters with the assistance of Rykneld Homes.

## **County Council/District Council Matters**

Councillor Wright reported that the County Council will be making further cuts to local services this year of £70 million; the funding the County Council gets from central Government is expected to be more than a third lower in 2020 than it was in 2010. It is proposed to cut the following services:

- Children's Centres
- Support for local bus services
- Community transport
- Countryside services

- Home to school transport for pupils aged 16 with learning difficulties or disabilities, under fives and some eight to 11 year olds
- Aiming High short breaks for disabled children and young people

Other County Council matters reported:

- a phone scam with the elderly being targeted by claims from the caller that they are ringing from the Council
- the residents of Brookfield Park petitioned for a bus service but two local bus companies will not run a service as it is not 'financially viable' - details of the petition etc can be viewed on the County Council website
- Thriving Communities is being piloted in four areas across Derbyshire over a two year period, one of the areas being Danesmoor. The approach is to help communities to realise their aspirations, reduce dependency on public services and create better local services that cost less

## **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

***Members were reminded to declare an interest as appropriate.***

### **1571/16 Apologies for Absence**

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor Morley and Councillor Rodgers.

### **1572/16 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.**

### **1573/16 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 the 24 November 2015 be approved as a correct record.**

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1557/15** regarding Derbyshire Law Centre. Parish Clerk reported that the Parish Council application to become a member of the Law Centre has been accepted and as an organisation member, the Parish Council also has the right to nominate a representative to the Law Centre management committee and the right to vote at the annual general meeting and all other general meetings. **Resolved That: Councillor D Skinner represents Clay Cross Parish Council on the Law Centre management committee and votes at the annual general meeting and all other general meetings.**

### **1574/16 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

### **1575/16 Planning & Environmental Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 11 January 2016 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. a mini bus is arranged for a tour of local parks and to invite members of the Planning & Environment Working Group, interested members of the Parish Council and representative from the Kenning Park Community Group***
- 2. subject to the Kenning Park Community Group setting up a bank account, and the receipt of an official letter from the Group, an initial donation of £500 should be made to the Group from the Parish Council; donation to be taken from the Parish Council Capital Projects account***
- 3. the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 11 January 2016 be received***

### **Work in Progress**

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

### **1576/16 Street Scene Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 13 January 2016 and to receive recommendations for resolution. With regard to the parking issues on Eyre Street outside the take away outlets and shops; causing an obstruction and parking on double yellow lines. Administrative Assistant reported that a meeting had been held today, Tuesday 26 January 2016 with members of the Parish Council, Inspector Paul Corton and representatives from the County Council. A number of issues were raised at the meeting but in the first instance, a letter will be put together jointly from the Police and Parish Council asking shops not to park and to especially avoid parking at the top of Eyre Street; this letter will be hand delivered by the Police. **Resolved That:** ***the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 13 January 2016 be received***

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1480/15** regarding installation of a barrier at the North Street allotment site entrance. Administrative Assistant reported that Niall Clarke, Director of Property Services & Development at Rykneld Homes has confirmed that they will still contribute 50% toward the initial

cost however, North East Derbyshire District Council are awaiting the order to be issued by Rykneld Homes before the barrier etc to be ordered. Administrative Assistant has emailed Niall regarding the order and is awaiting a response.

### **1577/16 Cemetery Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held on the 15 January 2016 and to receive recommendations for resolution. At this point, Councillor Mansbridge declared an interest due to his personal interest in Elite Project Property Solutions. Councillor Mansbridge took no part in the decision making by leaving the meeting.

#### **Resolved That:**

- 1. due to the urgency of the work required and to prevent further deterioration to the Chapel, Elite Project Property Solutions carry out work to clean the rainwater hopper and repair the lead work that runs into it also secure metal meshing to all four elevations of the upper Chapel tower at a cost of £1,230 no vat***
- 2. the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held on the 15 January 2016 be received***

At this point, Councillor Mansbridge returned to the meeting.

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1481/15** regarding the creation of a new cremated remains section. Administrative Assistant reported that the Diocesan Registry require two Councillors to sign the consecrated ground petition.

**Resolved That: Councillor Morley and Councillor Wright sign the consecrated ground petition.**

### **1578/16 Social Centre & Events Matters**

To receive the minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 11 January 2016 and to receive recommendations for resolution. At this point, Parish Clerk reported that thanks to raffles held at two Social Centre events and two private donations, a total of £777 has been raised and this amount has been divided between Ashgate Hospice and Prostate Cancer UK; a letter thanking the Parish Council for their donation has been received from Prostate Cancer UK. **Resolved That: the Minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 11 January 2016 be received**

### **Work in Progress**

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

## **1579/16 Finance Matters**

To receive the report and recommendations for resolution from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 20 January 2016. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the report of Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 20 January 2016 be received**
- 2. the monthly statements for November 2015 and December 2015 be accepted**
- 3. the expenditure and income against budget report for November 2015 and December 2015 is accepted**
- 4. donation requests received from Sunflowers Nursery (Holmgate) CIC, Smithybrook View Tenants Association and St Barnabas Centre are deferred until September's meeting when all other donation requests are considered**

<b>5. the following Accounts for Payment are approved:</b>	
<b>PARISH COUNCIL STAFF WAGES (TAX MTH 9/TAX WKS 36 AND 40)</b>	<b>£8,031.39</b>
<b>NEDDC (MANAGEMENT/MAINTENACE OF CEMETERY: 1.10.15 TO 31.12.15)</b>	<b>£10,016.78</b>
<b>NEDDC (ANCILLARY PARISH STREET CLEANING: 1.10.15 TO 31.12.15)</b>	<b>£6,903.43</b>
<b>BLACHERE ILLUMINATIONS (INSTALLATION ETC OF FESTIVE LIGHTS 2015)</b>	<b>£6,450.67</b>
<b>PARISH TV LICENCE REFUNDS (29 @ £25)</b>	<b>£725.00</b>
<b>NATHAN WINTER (FOR ORGANISING/EDITING CXPC UPDATE WINTER 2015 EDITION)</b>	<b>£650.00</b>
<b>POST OFFICE LTD (NI &amp; TAX FOR DECEMBER 2015)</b>	<b>£1,104.56</b>
<b>DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PENSION FOR DECEMBER 2015)</b>	<b>£410.96</b>
<b>SEVERN TRENT WATER (BUS STATION TOILET BLOCK SUPPLY: 12.5.15 TO 20.11.15)</b>	<b>£195.36</b>
<b>NEDDC (COST TO REPLACE UNSAFE SEAT AT ROCK CRESCENT PLAY AREA SITE)</b>	<b>£564.18</b>
<b>BOOKER CASH &amp; CARRY (LUNCH CLUB &amp; REFRESHMENT SUPPLIES FOR DECEMBER)</b>	<b>£352.80</b>
<b>PAULINE STRINGFELLOW (DANCES FOR JANUARY )</b>	<b>£140.00</b>
<b>CHESTERFIELD GAS CO/AGARS (BAR SUPPLIES FOR DECEMBER)</b>	<b>£239.68</b>
<b>ABEL ALARM CO (CALL OUT FEE ON 30.12.15 FOLLOWING LOSS OF MAINS POWER)</b>	<b>£207.60</b>
<b>NOTTS &amp; DERBY CASH REGISTERS (DISHWASHER MAINTENACE FOR YEAR)</b>	<b>£258.00</b>
<b>D HIGGINBOTTOM (PARISH BUS SHELTER &amp; WINDOW CLEANER)</b>	<b>£176.00</b>
<b>NEDDC (BUS STATION TOILET BLOCK RATES)</b>	<b>£156.00</b>
<b>SOCIAL CENTRE DAMAGE BOND REFUND (2 @ £50)</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>CO-OP BANK CHARGES</b>	<b>£30.00</b>

<b><i>E.ON HILL STREET LIGHTING (1.10.15 TO 31.12.15)</i></b>	<b><i>£8.24</i></b>
<b><i>TOTAL:</i></b>	<b><i>£36,720.65</i></b>
<b><i>6. the following Income is noted:</i></b>	
<b><i>RYKNELD HOMES (CXAHO SERVICE CHARGE: OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2015)</i></b>	<b><i>£2,500.00</i></b>
<b><i>CLAY CROSS SOCIAL CENTRE HIRE</i></b>	<b><i>£935.25</i></b>
<b><i>SOCIAL CENTRE BAR TAKINGS: 17.12.15, 24.12.15, 2.1.16, 7.1.16, 9.1.16, 14.1.16, 16.1.16</i></b>	<b><i>£1,751.18</i></b>
<b><i>LUNCH CLUB: 5.1.16, 12.1.16, 19.1.16</i></b>	<b><i>£380.80</i></b>
<b><i>BINGO: 23.12.15, 6.1.16, 13.1.16</i></b>	<b><i>£144.00</i></b>
<b><i>DANCE: 24.12.15, 7.1.16, 14.1.16</i></b>	<b><i>£309.40</i></b>
<b><i>SALE OF REFRESHMENTS</i></b>	<b><i>£84.50</i></b>
<b><i>CEMETERY LODGE RENT</i></b>	<b><i>£75.38</i></b>
<b><i>TOTAL:</i></b>	<b><i>£6,180.51</i></b>

### **Work in Progress**

Further to minute no **1437/14** regarding the Bus Station Toilet Block and the payment plan set up with Severn Trent Water. Parish Clerk reported that an invoice for the amount of £195.36 has been received from Severn Trent Water for the period 12 May 2015 to 20 November 2015 (192 days) but we have received no information regarding our application for a Meter Accuracy test to be carried out. **It was agreed that the Parish Clerk contact Severn Trent Water and their contractors, Amey for an update.**

Further to minute no **1502/15** regarding changing over from The Co-operative Bank to the Unity Trust Bank. Parish Clerk reported that Account application details request projected expenditure and income for the next 12 months. **It was agreed that the application is completed once the 2016/17 budgets/funding have been agreed so that a current account and a Capital Projects account can be opened ready for the new financial year commencing April 2016.**

Further to minute no **1546/15** regarding the closure of the Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club. Parish Clerk reported details of meeting held on Thursday 7 January 2016 with members of the Parish Council and Bryan Mason, the Executive Director Operations at the District Council. Bryan confirmed that the keys and the building have been returned to the District Council and that the Club have discharged all its obligations; the District Council will be happy to give the building back to a community group to re-open for a 'peppercorn' rent (£1 a year). It was acknowledged by all present that the closure had not been dealt with in a proper manner and that a 'wind up' meeting should have been held with members of the Club along with representatives from the Parish Council and District Council in attendance. Bryan reported that whilst they were calling themselves Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club, they appeared not to be using the national Darby & Joan constitution and were effectively running

the equivalent of a private members Club. The meeting closed with the agreement that a meeting is arranged to ascertain if the building can be re-opened and that Bryan Mason draft a letter for the Parish Clerk to send to Christine Morgan, the daughter of the late Edna Hicks asking her to confirm that the Club has ceased and how the Club's funds have been distributed. **It was agreed that Councillor D Skinner chase up Bryan Mason, as the Parish Clerk reported that the draft letter has not been received to date.**

Further to minute no **1546/15** regarding donations to local organisations. Parish Clerk reported that letters have been received from Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group, Breathe Easy Danesmoor Group and Danesmoor & Clay Cross Tenants & Residents Association thanking the Parish Council for their donations.

Further to minute no **1568/15** regarding Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at Danesmoor. Parish Clerk reported details of meeting held on Thursday 14 January 2016 with members of the Parish Council and Rev Richard Law. Rev Law reported that he has gone back to Dronfield Band discharging their services and stating that the Church has no money available to pay their invoices from 2013 and 2014 however, the 2015 invoice has been paid. It was stated that it appeared the £450 fee paid to Dronfield Band is historical but when the Band perform concerts at the St Barnabas Centre their fee is based on a 50/50 split of ticket sales. It was suggested that to help with costs, a service is held on Armistice Day at Danesmoor and this suggestion was agreed by all present; Rev Law stated that he would take this forward for this year. Councillor Mansbridge stated that an article regarding the changes could be included in the next edition of the Parish Council 'Update' magazine so residents are aware of the plans for 2016.

#### **1580/16 Items for Decision & Information**

**North East Derbyshire District Council/HM Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire:** notice that the Lieutenant and Derby Cathedral will host a Civic Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 12 June 2016 to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of HM The Queen. **It was agreed that the Items for Decision & Information are noted.**

#### **1581/16 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Wednesday 3 February 2016 (Precept) then Tuesday 23 February 2016**