

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 27 April 2010 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair
Councillor M Holmes Vice Chair

Councillor Mrs K M Holmes	Councillor K Savidge
Councillor J Holmes	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor A Jackson	Councillor B Wright
Councillor E Mansbridge	

Also Present: Richard Booth, Ashover Light Railway Society
Jonathan Green, Ashover Light Railway Society
Helen Beighton, Derbyshire Times
1 member of the public (Varden Jewell)

Public Participation

Councillor Morley introduced Richard and Jonathan to the meeting. Richard handed out copies of 'powerpoint' presentation of the Ashover Light Railway Society proposals to reinstate the track bed in Kenning Park and gave a resume of their plans. The track would be two gauge and run 350 yards across Kenning Park from Holmgate Road with the train running at 5mph. Richard stated that fencing may not be needed but concern was raised by Councillors that children would be running around in the Park. Richard and Jonathan confirmed that ALRS have already got an agreement in principle to use land in the ownership of Mr Grassick but now need agreement of the Parish Council to use Kenning Park. Councillor Skinner raised his concern regarding how the noise from the train would impact on the anglers at Meadow Farm Fishing Pond.

Mr Jewell asked to address the Parish Council with regard to the proposals to fell an ash tree at Vicarage Gardens, Clay Cross protected by TPO 28. Councillor Mansbridge confirmed that following his inspection, the Parish Council did object to the felling of this tree but the application has been granted by the District Council Planning by delegated decision. *At this point Councillor J Holmes and Councillor B Wright declared an interest as members of the District Council Planning Committee.* It was agreed to contact the District Council Planning Officer to reinstate the objections of the Parish Council to the felling of this tree.

Police Matters

Councillor Wright raised that Clay Cross Parish only appears to have one PCSO but believes there should be two. It was agreed to contact Inspector Waterfall requesting he confirm the up to date situation.

Councillor Morley reported that he had been approached by members of the public with names of persons believed to have burnt out a number of wheelie bins on land at Sharley Park.

Councillor Mansbridge and Councillor Skinner reported misuse of Parish footpath 31 by motorbikes and quaid bikes. The Administrative Assistant confirmed that this issue has been reported to Inspector Waterfall.

County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance

Councillor Morley reported that the town centre development is moving apace and the Tesco store is on schedule to be open in February 2011.

Councillor Skinner asked District Council members to confirm rumours that the District Council are planning to close down Sharley Park Leisure Centre. Councillor Morley stated that there are rumours but nothing has been confirmed to date however there are plans to open a new 'fitness suite' in the town centre. Councillor Mansbridge commented that the regeneration should incorporate a leisure facility and not a closure which would be unacceptable. Councillor Wright confirmed that a meeting has been planned but no date or other details known as yet just presuming at the moment that this what the meeting will be about. It was agreed by all that it was imperative that the Parish Council has input in any future plans.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

846/10 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor Mrs A Bradley and Councillor P Riggott.

847/10 Declaration of Interest

Councillor J 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.

848/10 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.**

849/10 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 23 February 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **616/08** regarding Standard for England – Compact Report. Parish Clerk reported that Derbyshire Association of Local Councils have sent a copy of the BMG Research final report and thanks have been expressed to the Parish Council for their participation.

850/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Morley read out a letter from Phil Morris, Chief Executive of North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau. Mr Morris informed the Parish Council that following their audit Citizens Advice are now reviewing the governance of the Bureau in line with new guidelines and as a result they will be working with a Citizens Advice business consultant to produce a governing document. Councillor Skinner noted his disappointment that Mr Morris has again failed to attend or send an alternative representative. **It was agreed that Mr Morris should attend the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 25 May 2010 and a copy of our letter should be sent to the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux**

851/10 Report from Parish Footpath Inspectors

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

852/10 Planning Matters

Councillor J 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 20 April 2010. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 20 April 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.***
- 2. the recommendations of the Planning Working Group be resolved and approved (circulated).***
- 3. Planning Application 10/00354/FL Change of use from shop to living accommodation, removal of shop door and replacement of shop windows with small upvc windows at 57 Flaxpiece Road, Danesmoor for Mr E Hanson is noted***

4. ***Planning Application 10/01029/FL Retention of one additional (obscure glazed and non-opening) window and one rooflight to the side elevation of plots 1 and 2 and alterations to the access off the A61 (revised scheme to 07/01150/FL) at Longdrive, Stretton Road, Clay Cross for T H Stockton Ltd is noted***
5. ***Planning Application 10/00302/FL Change of use of general industrial site to mixed use of general industry (B2 Use Class) and transport yard (Sui Generis Use Class) and erection of 2.5m high palisade fence at Unit 19C Upper Mantle Close, Clay Cross for Conarken Group Ltd is noted***

853/10 Street Scene Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 13 April 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

1. ***the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 13 April 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
2. ***the Clay Cross Regeneration Public Art Project presented by Sue Gould, Community Artist be deferred for consideration again at a later date (minimum six months)***
3. ***the Parish Council make a 25% contribution toward the £1,374 cost of installing additional street lighting at Stephenson Place, Holmgate***
4. ***Parish Footpath 31 is converted to a Greenway (which will link it to the Five Pits Trail)***

At this point Councillor Skinner expressed thanks to Councillor Mansbridge for all the work he has undertaken in the Parish regarding footpaths and trees.

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **839/10** regarding Ashover Light Railway Society request to reinstate the old track bed across Kenning Park. Following the presentation at the start of the meeting a number of Councillors were concerned about the adverse impact the proposed project would have on the green space of Kenning Park and Meadow Farm Fishing Pond. **Resolved That: following a vote of 7 in favour the Parish Council are unable to support the proposals to reinstate the track bed across Kenning Park.**

854/10 Cemetery Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 9 April 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 9 April 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. a further two moveable pots be allowed on a grave. The pots to be of a robust fabric to minimise breakages but in no circumstances will glass be allowed for Health & Safety reasons***
- 3. the Cemetery Rules be amended to accommodate the aforementioned change and during the grass cutting season the Cemetery staff must as a first duty make safe any pots and after cutting the grass replace the pots***

Work In Progress

There was no Work In Progress.

855/10 Social Centre Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 14 April 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 14 April 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.***
- 2. following advise from the Licensing Manager at North East Derbyshire District Council the Bingo admission charge is withdrawn as this charge is illegal***
- 3. following advise from the Licensing Manager at North East Derbyshire District Council only a sufficient amount to be deducted from the Bingo income to cover Parish Council expenses***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **841/10** regarding the Senior Citizens Parties held on Tuesday 9 March 2010 and Wednesday 10 March 2010. The Parish Clerk reported that the Parties had been a success and the total raffle money raised over the two nights was £320; £80 was donated to Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club, Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club, Holmgate Darby & Joan Club and Friends of Clay Cross Hospital. It was further reported that cards/letter had been received from Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club,

Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club and Friends of Clay Cross Hospital thanking the Parish Council for their donation. At this point Councillor Morley expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to the Parish Clerk, Councillor Mrs Bradley and all who help at the Parties.

Further to minute no **827/10** regarding the running of the Social Centre bar. **It was agreed that the Social Centre Working Group interview the Manager of Parkhouse Hotel with a view to running the bar on a permanent basis following the withdrawal of a second interested party (confirmed by email sent Saturday 24 April 2010).**

856/10 Finance Matters

Councillor J Holmes, Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee gave a resume of details discussed at the meeting held 27 April 2010. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. the monthly statements for the months of February 2010 and March 2010 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. the expenditure and income against budget reports for the months of February 2010 and March 2010 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 3. the donation of £500 to Clay Cross Angling Association to assist with the cost of repair of the banks at Meadow Farm Fishing Pond is approved in retrospect***
- 4. the supply of school milk scheme continues in a way to help provide a healthy/nutritious snacks for all pupils in the two Parish School's (contact to be made with the Parish School's to discuss the best way forward)***
- 5. a Junior Apprentice is recruited via Chesterfield Connexions Centre at a cost of £95 per week during the period of the apprenticeship which can last between six months to two years and after that, the national minimum wage will be payable***
- 6. the under mentioned payments be authorised:***

Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 1 - 3)	£4,297.30
Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI and Tax Payment for March)	£1,340.19
DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for March)	£1,442.49
Derbyshire County Council (cost to install bus shelter at Thanet Street)	£1,798.57
Tupton Hall School (Holiday Activity Programme contribution 2010/11)	£1,000.00
Alpha Maintenance & Property Ltd (Annual Service/Maintenance of	

Social Centre boilers and cookers)	£739.00
Npower (Gas for Social Centre 28.2.10 – 31.3.10)	£761.00
Social Centre Damage Bonds (4 @ £50)	£200.00
NEDDC (Cost to remove Social Centre Waste 29.3.10 – 28.6.10)	£182.99
Clay Cross DIY (Supplies for Social Centre and Cemetery Feb – March)	£168.67
CNG Ltd (Gas for Cemetery for March 2010)	£135.62
I Wright (Dances for April)	£175.00
50Plus (Social Centre Adverts in Spring Edition)	£117.00
Brobot Petroleum (Derv for Parish Van)	£60.65
Environment Agency (Water Abstraction Licence for Pond 2010/11)	£25.00
Chesterfield Borough Council (Clay Cross Market Consent Fee 2010/11)	£10.00
e.on (Hill Street Lighting 1.1.10 – 31.3.10)	£5.38
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£1.00
TOTAL:	£12,459.86

7. the following income is noted:

NEDDC (1 st Precept Payment)	£107,000.00
Clay Cross Cemetery	£2,578.00
Clay Cross Social Centre Hire	£847.00
Parish Allotment Rents	£425.00
Clay Cross Angling Association (Yearly Rent for Meadow Farm Fishing Pond)	£470.00
The Parkhouse (Bar Takings Share 1.4.10, 3.4.10, 8.4.10, 9.4.10, 10.4.10)	£257.19
Market Rent 3.4.10, 10.4.10	£140.25
Lunch Club 13.4.10, 20.4.10	£403.20
Bingo 31.3.10, 7.4.10, 14.4.10	£132.35
Dance 1.4.10, 8.4.10, 15.4.10	£245.90
Sale of Refreshments 17.4.10	£10.00
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£00.18
TOTAL:	£112,509.07

Work In Progress

There was no Work In Progress.

857/10 Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and Information

1. **BCN Consultancy Building Control:** postal address for new flats at High Street, Clay Cross
2. **BCN Consultancy Building Control:** postal address for new property at Brassington Street, Clay Cross

3. **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Council's Evening – comments and questions from meeting held 15 September 2009
4. **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** Minutes of DALC Executive Meeting held 27 February 2010
5. **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** Parish Charter for North East Derbyshire

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

858/10 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting is held Tuesday 25 May 2010 at 7pm in the Parish Council office.