

## **CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 27 July 2010 at 7.00pm.

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

Councillor Mrs A Bradley	Councillor P Riggott
Councillor J Holmes	Councillor K G Savidge
Councillor Mrs K Holmes	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor B Wright

**Also Present:** PCSO Stephen Sweet; PCSO Adam Bryan

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **Police Matters**

PCSO Sweet advised the meeting of the crime figures for June/July. There had been 17 calls in June regarding nuisance behaviour and so far in July there have been 15 similar calls - some of these being multiple calls regarding the same issue but are recorded separately. Crime figures in general are down on previous months. PCSO Sweet was very positive that they are getting to grips with the youths in the area and that they are working to gain public confidence but it was acknowledged that there is still a lot of work to be done. The crime figures for July indicate that there were 42 crimes reported - 12 thefts, 5 burglaries, 11 criminal damage, 2 frauds, 2 drug related crimes and 10 violent crimes. 16 out of the 42 crimes have been dealt with and the remaining 26 are ongoing. The police are targeting a group who they believe to be responsible for fires around Sharley Park and they are making good progress.

Councillor J Holmes questioned whether the drug related crimes were regarding dealers or those under the influence of drugs. PCSO Sweet reported that one was for the cultivation of cannabis and the other was regarding a dealer.

Councillor M Holmes raised the issue that residents from Florence Road have had planters and benches stolen from their properties at night time. It was confirmed that the police are aware of three incidents that have occurred and they know that it is a particular group of youths but they need residents to come forward. Councillor M Holmes has agreed to speak to one resident concerned to ascertain if they will report this officially. Councillor Wright stated that the elderly residents were frightened of recriminations and reprisals. It was acknowledged that the police are aware of this but they do not have enough evidence to pursue this matter any further at this time.

Councillor Morley, Chair raised the issue of the garage site at Guildford Lane where a number of youths go to meet a drug dealer at the site between 1.00am - 3.00am at weekends. It was confirmed that the police are aware of this activity but there has not been any for the last two weeks.

Councillor Skinner questioned what the latest policy on prevention of crime was for example patrolling the streets and making sure that there is a police presence. PCSO Sweet said that the three members of his team are on foot patrol for most of the time. Effectively from the minute they leave the police station they are "on the beat". Their shifts cover from 8.00am until Midnight and the police also patrol in a vehicle - they try and predict where they will be required and are constantly trying to reassure residents of their presence.

Councillor Skinner raised concerns with regard to door-to-door sales representatives who appear to become very aggressive when no interest is shown in what they are selling. The police acknowledged that they have had a number of calls regarding this and that Trading Standards could perhaps be informed. The Administrative Assistant advised that stickers can be obtained from Trading Standards stating that "we do not purchase at the door" thereby discouraging tradesmen from doing so.

Councillor Morley, Chair suggested that if the new Inspector would like to attend our meetings she would be very welcome. The Administrative Assistant advised that she had spoken with the Inspector's Personal Assistant and had informed her of the dates, confirmed that it was an open invitation for all meetings.

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

Councillor P Riggott advised that the new Tesco store is on schedule to be open by 6 December 2010 - a newsletter will be issued shortly advising progress including the process regarding recruitment and how to apply for jobs.

### **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Councillor Morley, Chair introduced Sharon Lane to the meeting and advised that she is the new Administrative Assistant and confirmed that Louise Broughton would be leaving the post on Thursday 29 July 2010.

***Resolved That: in the absence of the Parish Clerk, the Administrative Assistants take the Minutes of this meeting.***

### **910/10 Apologies for Absence**

The Administrative Assistant reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor A Jackson.

### **911/10 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor J Holmes, 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 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.

### **912/10 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.***

### **913/10 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 22 June 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair.***

### **Work In Progress**

The Administrative Assistant reported that there was no Work In Progress.

### **914/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Although Phil Morris, Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau Chief Executive was not in attendance at the meeting he had submitted a letter dated 26 July 2010 prepared by the England Central Nottingham Office of the Citizens Advice Bureau on the activities of North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau for 2009/10. A copy of this letter was circulated to members present. The letter reiterates that the grant provided by Clay Cross Parish Council to the Clay Cross Branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau was invaluable to the ongoing work of the Bureau. The letter also states that there is currently a revision taking place of the Memorandum and Articles and a new recruitment procedure for Trustees. When the review is finalised and the recruitment procedure is in place, the Parish Council will be informed and any representatives the Parish Council wishes to propose will be welcome to apply under that new procedure.

Councillor Riggott reported that he had attended the District & Parish Liaison Group meeting held at Council House, Saltergate on Wednesday 21 July 2010. A presentation was given by Clare Gerrard of the District Council print section regarding the services they can offer. Local policing issues were raised as to why there appeared to be insufficient officers on the beat. A presentation was also given by Libby Marsh on counter terrorism and a number of issues were raised particularly the connection regarding ethnic groups which Councillor Riggott found disturbing and prejudiced. Councillor Riggott also reported that a planning update was

given by Adrian Kirkham and a presentation was given by David Wood regarding the support given to Parish Council's.

### **915/10 Report from Parish Footpath Inspectors**

Councillor Skinner stated that he had received a call from Richard Felton, Footpath Inspector for Ashover Parish Council regarding a bench that needed replacing situated between Newmarket Lane and Deerleap Road. Councillor P Riggott stated that the Parish Council still have some seats available.

Councillor Mansbridge stated that Footpaths 1 and 14 require clearing but the ability to get under the barrier on Fishers Lane was going to be required. **It was agreed that Councillor Mansbridge assess this and bring any information back to the next meeting of the Street Scene Working Group.** Councillor Mansbridge also reported that the brook at Stoneholes Drive, Danesmoor has had some debris taken out but more has appeared however, it may be appropriate to enlist the support of Community Safety in this respect and a meeting has been arranged to discuss this on Thursday 5 August 2010.

### **916/10 Supply of School Milk Scheme**

The Administrative Assistant read out the numbers of children from Sharley Park Community Primary School and Holmgate Primary School. To supply milk to all children would cost in the region of £10,000 per year but the Parish Council have a budget this year of just £1,050. ***Resolved That: the Parish Council want the money to be spent on milk but this was a matter for the Finance Sub-Committee to discuss and report at the next full Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 28 September 2010.***

### **917/10 Planning Matters**

Councillor J Holmes, Councillor Savidge and Councillor 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 the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 20 July 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 20 July 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair.***

Councillor Mrs Holmes confirmed that the Princes Restaurant Planning Appeal regarding conversion to an 11 bedroom care home has been allowed and planning permission granted. It was reported that the Planning Committee were not happy with this decision but nothing further could be done.

### **Work In Progress**

Administrative Assistant reported that there was no Work In Progress.

### **918/10 Street Scene Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 14 July 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 14 July 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair***

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **458/99** regarding Bevan Road Play Area. The Administrative Assistant reported that work had not yet started. **It was agreed that the Administrative Assistant would chase this as it has passed the anticipated start date.**

Further to minute no **736/09** regarding the sale of the sub-station site on Clay Lane, Clay Cross. The Administrative Assistant reported that the sale Transfer deed has been received and that it would be sealed, signed and returned to Bilton Hammond Solicitors once the Parish Clerk returned to work.

Further to minute no **842/10** regarding the refurbishment of the War Memorial at Danesmoor. The Administrative Assistant reported that the full BNED LEADER grant application would be submitted shortly and certainly by the stipulated submission date of 7 September 2010.

### **919/10 Cemetery Matters**

Councillor Wright stated that there had not been a Cemetery Working Group meeting in July but work on certain issues such as unsafe headstones was still progressing. Stonemasons, Hoult's Memorials and Mounsey Memorials have been commissioned to review all headstones and quotations for any work required is awaited. There are still contractors in managing the Cemetery and they are managing it satisfactorily.

### **920/10 Social Centre Matters**

To receive the minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 7 July 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 7 July 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair***
- 2. following a vote of 7 in favour and 0 against, £100 be spent on modern artwork and local heritage photographs for the lounge area***

**Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **796/09** regarding the refurbishment of the Rykneld Homes Housing office. Councillor J Holmes reported that the third and fourth phases of the work are due to start on Wednesday 28 July 2010 and the work is currently running to schedule.

**921/10 Finance Matters**

Councillor J Holmes reported that there had been no Finance Sub-Committee meeting this month due to the absence of the Parish Clerk.

**Work In Progress**

Administrative Assistant reported that there was no Work In Progress.

**922/10 Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and Information**

Administrative Assistant reported that there was no Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and Information this month.

**923/10 Date of Next Meeting**

***Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting is held Tuesday 28 September 2010 at 7pm in the Parish Council office.***