

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council Meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 28 June 2011 at 7.00pm.

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

Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor F Rodgers
Councillor Mrs T Reader	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor A Reader	Councillor B Wright
Councillor P Riggott	

Also Present: PC Adam Bryan, Clay Cross Police
Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk
Shelagh Shaw, Administrative Assistant

Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Police Consultation

PC Adam Bryan went through crime figures for the period 28 May 2011 to 27 June 2011. The offences were:

- 12 Thefts
- 7 Burglaries
- 2 Drug Offences including the issue of 1 Warrant
- 8 Violence Offences (not including Domestic Violence)
- 23 Anti Social Behaviour Offences
- 6 Criminal Damage
- 2 Vehicle Crime

Scrap thefts are a problem but the police are targeting scrap men by stop searching them and checking vehicle documents. Seizing vehicles and making arrests where appropriate. The police are also spot checking scrap yards regularly and target offenders.

Drugs are also still a big problem in the Clay Cross area. Drug suppliers are targeted daily with high visibility and covert observations occurring. Warrants are carried out regularly in the area as well as stop searches on known nominals with recent intelligence linking them to use or supply of drugs. Two local drug dealers have been put under pressure and recently a warrant was executed in Danesmoor where amphetamines with a value in the region of £1,000 were recovered – charges for this and various other offences are now being pursued.

There is an ongoing issue of anti-social behaviour near to the Tesco rear entrance onto Market Street. Groups loitering are intimidating customers,

drinking and doing graffiti tags. This area has been highlighted as a problem and the main issue is a small sheltered area that has been created by the way the store has been built and this has attracted anti-social behaviour. The area is patrolled regularly to try to tackle the problem and is an ongoing priority profile.

There are also anti-social behaviour problems at Sharley Park. Due to the good weather the area is attracting youths who are congregating and leaving litter as well as causing a nuisance. This is a new priority profile and is being proactively policed.

PC Bryan went on to report alcohol related crime and disorder at weekends in the town centre and confirmed that Operation Olton is still continuing. Pubs are walked through to check they are selling within their licence, that there is no under age people in the pub with alcohol or any signs of drug use. Offenders are proactively dealt with and also civilly banned by the PubWatch scheme when members of the committee deems it to be appropriate.

A team of local target offenders have been caught for a spate of burglaries and drug offences across the District and Borough. One has been recalled to prison with others on bail pending final enquiries being made.

Clay Cross Police priority profiles are anti-social behaviour at Sharley Park and scrap theft including the illegal carriage of scap.

PC Bryan finally reported that Clay Cross Police were runners up in the Derbyshire Police 'Beat Team of the Year' awards held in May. They were the only team present representing the whole of C Division which stretches from Belper to Sheffield. The award was won by a team from Derby.

At this point PC Bryan was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance

There were no County Council/District Council matters to report at this meeting.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1042/11 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor K Savidge.

1043/11 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs Reader and Councillor Wright made the following declaration regarding their 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.

1044/11 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.**

1045/11 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 18 May 2011 approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.**

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **1014/11** regarding subscription/membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC). Parish Clerk reported details of letter received from the DALC Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Wood. Parish Clerk then read out a draft reply letter to Brian Wood. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the letter received from the DALC Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Wood is noted***
- 2. the Parish Clerk sends her reply letter to Brian Wood and a copy of this letter to be sent to all members of the Parish Council and the Society of Local Council Clerks Chief Executive, Nick Randle OBE***

1046/11 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports from Representative on Outside Bodies.

1047/11 Report from Parish Footpath Inspectors

Resolved That: this item is removed from the Agenda as it will now be included in the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meetings.

1048/11 Planning and Environmental Matters

Councillor Mrs Reader and Councillor Wright restated the following declaration regarding their 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.

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to approve the Minutes of the meeting as a correct record.

At this point, Councillor Mansbridge reported that he has now completed a new Parish footpaths survey which now have a 90% pass rate – the survey is available to view in the Parish Council office along with a map of all the Parish footpaths.

Resolved That:

- 1. *the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held 7 June 2011 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. *the Terms of Reference for the Planning & Environmental Working Group be approved and adopted***

Work in Progress

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

1049/11 Street Scene Matters

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to approve the Minutes of the meeting as a correct record. **Resolved That:**

- 1. *the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 6 June 2011 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. *the Terms of Reference for the Street Scene Working Group be approved and adopted***
- 3. *BWB Neighbourhood Watch be allowed to use Bevan Road play area for their fun day on Saturday 3 September 2011***
- 4. *with regard to the Clay Cross town centre car parking, the views of the Parish & District Councillors are for an extension of half an hour on all town centre car parks covered by the parking restrictions scheme and Eldon Street car park to be used as a town centre business permit holders car park. The Parish & District Councillors are of the view that the permit holders scheme should be self funding***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **946/10** regarding the new town centre public toilet block and the bus station. Administrative Assistant reported that the lease for the toilet block and the licence for the bus station have been received back from our Solicitors, Bilton Hammond to agree a response (circulated). **It was agreed that the lease for the toilet block and**

the licence for the bus station be referred to the Street Scene Working Group for discussion at their next meeting and any recommendations to be brought back to the full Parish Council meeting.

1050/11 Cemetery Matters

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to approve the Minutes of the meeting as a correct record. **Resolved That:**

- 1. *the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 10 June 2011 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. *the Terms of Reference for the Cemetery Working Group be approved and adopted***

Work in Progress

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

1051/11 Social Centre Matters

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to approve the Minutes of the meeting as a correct record. **Resolved That:**

- 1. *the Minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held 6 June 2011 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. *the Terms of Reference for the Social Centre Working Group be approved and adopted***
- 3. *the Lone Worker Policy for the Parish Council office staff be approved and adopted***

Work In Progress

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

1052/11 Finance Matters

To receive the report and recommendations for resolution from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held 22 June 2011. **Resolved That:**

- 1. *the monthly statement for April 2011 and May 2011 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair***

2. **the expenditure and income against budget report for the month of April 2011 and May 2011 be accepted and signed by Councillor Morley, Chair**

3. **the under mentioned payments be authorised:**

Blachere Illiminations (third year hire of town centre Christmas lighting scheme)	£5,502.08
Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 10-12)	£2,279.44
Severn Trent Water (for Social Centre and Allotment sites at Clay Lane, Tranmere Avenue, North Street)	£777.76
Post Office Ltd (NI and Tax Payment for May)	£585.22
DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for May)	£395.75
Konica Minolta (copies and rent of Parish Council Office copier)	£358.50
TV Licence Refunds (18 @ £25)	£450.00
Npower (Gas for Social Centre)	£434.37
NEDDC (Social Centre Rates for June)	£932.00
NEDDC (Cemtery & Premises Rates for June)	£234.00
NEDDC (Market Street Public Toilets Rates for June)	£173.00
Overton Electrical Services Ltd (Social Centre yearly PAT testing)	£126.48
SBK Computers Ltd (maintenance of Parish Council office computers)	£165.60
Booker Cash & Carry (Lunch Club and Social Centre Refresment supplies)	£219.22
Croft Farm Meats (Lunch Club supplies)	£121.48
Society of Local Council Clerks (subscription for year)	£163.00
Heron Publications (Social Centre & Dance Advertisement)	£120.00
P Stringfellow (Dance's for June)	£175.00
Social Centre Damage Bond Refund	£150.00
D Higginbottom (window and Parish bus shelter cleaner)	£158.25
Johnston Publishing (Social Centre adverts in Derbyshire Times)	£156.00
Zenith Engineering (maintenance of Social Centre fire alarm system)	£62.40
Strawberry Basket (Lunch Club supplies)	£56.02
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£1.00
TOTAL:	£13,796.57

4. **the following income is noted:**

Clay Cross Social Centre Hire (inc share of bar takings)	£1,110.97
Cemetery Lodge Rent	£140.00
Bingo 25.5.11, 1.6.11, 8.6.11, 15.6.11	£174.75
Dance 26.5.11, 2.6.11, 9.6.11, 16.6.11	£369.30
Lunch Club 24.5.11, 7.6.11	£285.60
Market Rent 14.5.11, 21.5.11, 28.5.11	£47.50

Marketing The Markets event 28.5.11 (stalls and sale of refreshments)	£17.50
Sale of Refreshments 24.5.11, 7.6.11, 14.6.11	£10.00
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£0.20
TOTAL:	£2,155.82

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **1009/11** regarding the Creative Kids Design a Christmas Light Competition. Parish Clerk reported that the two Parish schools have agreed to take part in this competition and the closing date for entries is Friday 8 July 2011. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Parish Clerk arranges for Councillors to go into the schools to judge the winners at a mutually convenient day/time during week commencing 11 July 2011***
- 2. the Parish Clerk be given delegated authority to purchase prizes for the winning entries to the value of £100***

1053/11 Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and for Information

There is no Parish Clerks Report/Items for decision and for information this month.

1054/11 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 26 July 2011.