

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on 16 December 2009 at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair
Councillor M Holmes Vice Chair

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

815/09 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that there were no Apologies for Absence.

816/09 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

817/09 Marketing The Markets Project

Councillor E Mansbridge attended the Marketing the Markets Project presentation at North East Derbyshire District Council on Wednesday 11 November 2009. A summary of the details of the Project had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and Councillor E Mansbridge detailed what is now required if Clay Cross Parish Council wish to participate in this Project. Following a vote of 6 in favour and 3 against, **Resolved That:**

1. Clay Cross Parish Council would commit to the Project

2. Councillor E Mansbridge would be the Project Champion

818/09 Precept 2010/11

Councillor J M Holmes gave a resume of what was discussed at the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9 December 2009. The following report was discussed in detail. A number of items were queried and clarified satisfactorily by the Parish Clerk and the Administrative Assistant.

Purchase/Maintenance of Equipment: increased by £500 on 2009/10 budget to £2,000 to allow for the new maintenance contract with Alpha Heating amounting to £739 for the servicing and maintenance of the three heating boilers and the two kitchen gas cookers.

Clay Cross Parish Council Newsletters and Annual Report: budget reduced from £4,000 to £2,500. It was agreed to approach Operation Relentless to distribute next years Annual Report.

Citizens Advice Bureau: Councillor D Skinner spoke against the proposed reduction in the payment to the Citizens Advice Bureau from £7,923 to £4,000. Councillor J Holmes confirmed that North East Derbyshire District Council were also proposing to reduce their payment.

DCC Footpath Maintenance: zero budgeted from £2,000. Councillor Skinner spoke against the decision to reduce this budget to zero. **The Parish Clerk explained that although the budget was being reduced to zero for Precept purposes, money could be taken out of balances if required.**

Cenotaph Cleaning/Maintenance: to remain the same at £250. **The Administrative Assistant explained that the proposed refurbishment programme of the Cenotaph at Danesmoor is to be the subject of a grant application funded to 50% with the match funding to come from existing balances.**

OAP TV Licences: reduced from £8,000 to £5,500. It was felt that this would be sufficient based on 2009/10 expenditure to date. The possibility of extending the scheme from 1 April 2010 to all Parish residents aged 60 on application was discussed.

Hanging Baskets: budgeted at £8,539 in line with the recently received quote from Plantscape. This is no increase on the 2009/10 scheme plus free planting of Market Street as agreed due to the problems with this years arrangements.

Christmas Lights: increased to £13,894 to mirror this years scheme. In view of the need to reduce expenditure to achieve a reasonable Precept for 2010/11 it was decided not to implement the Creative Kids competition in 2010.

Cemetery Expenditure: all budgets as proposed by the Finance Sub-Committee discussed and agreed. **It was agreed that the Cemetery Superintendent would be provided with a copy of the new Cemetery budgets for the start of the new financial year.**

Cemetery Lodge Rent: to be left at £3,068 until Rykneld Homes increase is known.

Market Street Toilets: all budgets as proposed by the Finance Sub-Committee discussed and agreed.

Playing Fields General Maintenance: reduced from 2009/10 budget of £2,000 to £500 in view of the amount of work carried out to date.

Meadow Farm Fishing Pond General Maintenance: reduced from 2009/10 budget of £1,500 to £500 to reflect 2009/10 current spend.

Allotment Rent: the proposal to increase the allotment rents to £15 per plot with the exception of the Valley Road allotments was discussed. Valley Road allotment site to remain at £12 per plot as there is no water costs as they use water from the brook. Councillor D Skinner spoke against this proposed increase.

Clay Cross Gala: the possibility of seeking sponsorship for the Gala from Maximus/GMI Rovinian was discussed.

Resolved That:

- 1. as from 1 April 2010 new maintenance contract effective with Alpha Heating amounting to £739 for the servicing and maintenance of the three heating boilers and the two kitchen gas cookers***

2. ***following a vote of 6 in favour and 3 against the contribution to the Citizens Advice Bureau is retained at £7,923. Parish Clerk/Administrative Assistant to write to the Branch Manager Phil Morris requesting his attendance at the January meeting of the Parish Council to discuss representation on the Management Committee***
3. ***from 1 April 2010 the OAP TV Licence Refund is available to all Parish residents aged 60 on application***
4. ***following a vote of 9 in favour and 1 against the allotment rents with the exception of the Valley Road allotment site will be increased from £12 per plot to £15 per plot from 1 April 2010***
5. ***Parish Clerk/Administrative Assistant to write to Maximus/GMI Rovinian seeking sponsorship/donation towards Clay Cross Gala***
6. ***all other budgets and expenditure contained therein and recommendations be approved and accepted***
7. ***the Clay Cross Parish Council Precept 2010/11 is set at £214,000 an increase of 4.4%***