

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 23 February 2010 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair
Councillor M Holmes Vice Chair

Councillor Mrs A Bradley	Councillor P Riggott
Councillor A Jackson	Councillor K Savidge
Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor D Skinner

Also Present: Inspector Adam Waterfall, Clay Cross Police
Faye Green, Community Safety, NEDDC
Helen Beighton, Derbyshire Times

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Police Matters

Faye Green and Inspector Waterfall attended the meeting in response to the Councillors comments at the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 about the unacceptable level of Anti Social Behaviour in Danesmoor. Faye Green emphasized that with regard to Anti Social Behaviour, Danesmoor had recently been a priority area with Community Safety working in partnership with Inspector Waterfall and his team at Clay Cross. Faye advised that in a recent operation eight of the most named youngsters by local residents had met together with their parents - five Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) had been agreed and warnings issued to the others. The youngsters varied in age between 11 – 16 years old. Faye explained that an ABC is voluntary between the individual, the parents and North East Derbyshire District Council and identifies areas of behaviour which the individual must refrain from. The contract is effective for six months with a review after one month. If the individual has no further behavioural problems within the six month term then the ABC lapses. Further sanctions are imposed if the ABC is not adhered to. Curfews are also an option.

Councillor M Holmes raised the recent issue of waste bins being burnt out and left near the Miners Welfare. Councillor Riggott commented that where this occurs the resident or tenant is responsible for the cost of the replacement of the bin. Inspector Waterfall confirmed that the Fire Service had advised him that three bins had been destroyed.

Inspector Waterfall then commented that in spite of some of the difficulties in Danesmoor, North East Derbyshire is one of the strongest performing areas on Anti Social Behaviour with the strongest reduction and detection rates and is a good safe area in which to live compared to

the rest of the country. With regard to current crime statistics for Clay Cross, all crime figures year on year are down 17%. Burglaries have reduced 40%, vehicle crime reduced by 67% and Anti Social Behaviour reduced by 9.1%. Violent crime has not changed but is low per head of population and although robberies are up 100% this is from a figure of nil last year to 1 this year.

Inspector Waterfall emphasized that he will send Officers out into the community but does need credible evidence and encourages residents to report all incidents. He does scrutinise all service calls on a weekly basis to ensure where necessary action is taken. He also stressed the importance of trying to help and support youngsters involved in anti social behaviour before automatically throwing them into the criminal justice system as this will impact adversely on their future careers. Many minor situations can quickly and easily be resolved with the input of the youngsters parents and the Police working in co-operation. However if initial remedial action does not work then, if necessary, arrests will be made and have been made in extreme cases. Inspector Waterfall extended an offer to all Councillors to work alongside one of his Officers on a shift to enable them to witness the scope of duties undertaken during an average shift, with everything from law enforcement to social work being a part of an average shift.

Councillor Skinner commented that residents calls need to be taken seriously and in spite of Inspector Waterfalls comments there are problems that still have to be resolved. Faye Green agreed that support for youngsters needs to continue in the home and there is scope for North East Derbyshire District Council to do more work with parents but this will take time.

Councillor Morley commented that he felt from the reports provided by the Police and Community Safety Manager that giant steps forward have been made and the involvement of parents is excellent.

Councillor M Holmes reported that youngsters on motorbikes were racing around the field behind North Street. Inspector Waterfall advised that he had received no calls about this but would now look into it further.

Councillor Mansbridge reported that he had nearly been knocked down by a motorbike on Footpath 31. Inspector Waterfall stated that Section 59 notices are given out if riders of bikes are stopped.

County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance

Councillor Riggott reported that the Derbyshire County Council Rates increase will be 1.5% and North East Derbyshire District Council 2.9%. The latter will also be implementing a rent increase of 2.65%.

Councillor Riggott also reported that a number of items previously agreed by the County Council have now been voted against by the new Council, namely, further development of the Apprenticeship Scheme, an increase in the Community Leadership Fund and repairs to roads and potholes.

Examples of projects funded through the Community Leadership Fund include £500 to Holmgate Darby & Joan, £500 to Positive Play, £500 to Sharley Park Community Primary School and £500 to the baby & toddler group in Danesmoor.

Councillor M Holmes commented on the benefits of being more proactive as a Parish Council in encouraging local youngsters to participate in Community activities.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

832/10 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor J Holmes, Councillor Mrs K M Holmes and Councillor B Wright.

833/10 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

834/10 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.**

835/10 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 26 January 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.**

Work In Progress

There was no Work In Progress.

836/10 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 he will be attending a further meeting regarding the membership of the Trustee Board and when the outcome of that meeting is known it would then be appropriate to report that to Clay Cross Parish Council. It was therefore agreed that Mr Morris should attend the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 27 April 2010.

Councillor Skinner commented that he was pleased that further representation was being made regarding membership of the Trustee Board.

837/10 Report from Parish Footpath Inspectors

Councillor Mansbridge reported that he would be undertaking a new Survey of all the Parish Footpaths in the Spring and is hopeful of achieving a 75% pass rate this year.

The Administrative Assistant reported that Footpath 26 has been passed on to Operation Relentless and is waiting to hear back on this and other referrals.

838/10 Planning Matters

To receive minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 17 February 2010. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting held 17 February 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 10/00109/FLH Construction of single storey detached garage to rear 7 Coniston Drive, Clay Cross for Mr G Reynolds is noted.***
- 4. Planning Application 10/00058/FL Conversion of existing building to form three dwellings at Bestwood House, Bestwood Drive, Clay Cross for Alpha Plant is noted.***

839/10 Street Scene Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 8 February 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 8 February 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. members of the Ashover Light Railway to be invited back for a further discussion to make them aware of the concerns of the Parish Council regarding their proposed plans for the track bed in Kenning Park.***

Work In Progress

There was no Work In Progress.

840/10 Cemetery Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 5 February 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:** *the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 5 February 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.*

Work In Progress

There was no Work In Progress.

841/10 Social Centre Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 10 February 2010 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 10 February 2010 be approved and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.***
- 2. Councillor Mrs A Bradley and the Parish Clerk be given delegated authority to purchase food to a limit of £2,000 for the Senior Citizens Parties to be held on Tuesday 9 March 2010 and Wednesday 10 March 2010***

Work In Progress

There was no Work In Progress.

842/10 Finance Matters

In the absence of Councillor J Holmes, Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee, the Parish Clerk gave a resume of details discussed at the meeting held 17 February 2010. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the monthly statements for the month of January 2010 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. the expenditure and income against budget reports for the month of January 2010 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 3. Derbyshire County Council supply and install two Welcome to Danesmoor signs at a cost of £920 plus vat***
- 4. quotations be obtained for the refurbishment of Danesmoor war memorial.***

5. the under mentioned payments be authorised:

Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 44-46)	£4,217.20
Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI and Tax Payment for January)	£1,588.75
DCC Superannuation (Pension Contributions for January)	£1,783.41
Social Centre Damage Bonds (2 @ £50)	£100.00
TV Licence Refunds (18 @ £25)	£450.00
M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butchers (Electricity for Christmas Lights)	£151.68
NEDDC (Cost to remove Social Centre Waste 28.12.09 – 29.3.10)	£164.15
YK Electrical (Work at Social Centre and Cemetery Lodge)	£319.00
Booker Cash & Carry (L/Club and Refreshments for resale supplies)	£142.61
I Wright (Dances for January)	£140.00
Iansprint Ltd (Receipt Books for Cemetery)	£117.50
Spire Marketing (Work Wear for Cemetery)	£290.27
Heron Publications (Social Centre and Markets adverts)	£176.25
Bsafe Security Ltd (Annual Charge for Social Centre Intruder Alarm)	£669.76
Brobot Petroleum (Derv for Parish Van)	£75.00
Tiscali Billing (Broadband Fee)	£15.99
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£2.00
TOTAL:	£10,403.57

6. the following income is noted:

Rykneld Homes (3 rd Qtr Service Charge Payment for CXAHO)	£2,500.00
HM Revenue & Customs (VAT Refund)	£2,330.59
Clay Cross Cemetery	£179.30
Clay Cross Social Centre Hire	£922.50
The Parkhouse (Bar Takings Share 21.1.10 - 13.2.10)	£211.82
Market Rent 23.1.10, 30.1.10, 6.2.10, 13.2.10	£280.00
Lunch Club 26.1.10, 2.2.10, 9.2.10	£548.80
Bingo 27.1.10, 10.2.10	£121.05
Dance 28.1.10, 4.2.10, 11.2.10	£218.00
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£00.22
TOTAL:	£7,312.28

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **828/10** regarding donation to Home-Start Bolsover District and Clay Cross Area. Parish Clerk reported letter received thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

Further to minute no **828/10** regarding the request for support toward the cost of a new boiler for Holmgate Community Centre. Councillor Riggott reported that the Centre Management Committee needed to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss the future of the Centre. It was also stated that funding may not now be required from the Parish Council.

843/10 Parish Clerk's Report/Items for Decision and Information

1. **Derbyshire Constabulary:** Have Your Say Report for 2009.
2. **Derbyshire County Council:** Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education Annual Report 2008/09.

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

844/10 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting is held Tuesday 27 April 2010 at 7pm in the Parish Council office.