

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 27 November 2012 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor G Morley ..... Chair

Councillor A Jackson	Councillor F Rogders
Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor K Savidge
Councillor Mrs T Reader	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor A Reader	Councillor B Wright

**Also Present:** Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk  
Shelagh Shaw, Administrative Assistant  
Inspector Glenn Hoggard, Clay Cross Police  
PC Bronwen Walton, Clay Cross Police  
1 Member of Public

## **Public Participation**

The member of the public present asked if there was any further progress to the proposed open casting at Hilltop Farm. Councillor Morley reported there was no update and no planning application had been submitted to date.

## **Police Consultation**

Glenn Hoggard introduced himself to the meeting. Glenn reported he has been in the post of Inspector at Clay Cross Police Station for six weeks, having served with Derbyshire Constabulary for the past seventeen years. PC Walton then went on to give the crime figures for October:

- 6 violent crimes – 3 with injury and 3 without injury
- 9 stealing offences with two offenders arrested
- 6 reports of criminal damage. These have all been minor damage and two of the damages have been dealt with a positive outcome
- 2 drug offences which have been dealt with in a positive manner
- 11 anti-social behaviour calls. Several of these were in relation to in-house problems at a children's care home. Others included people refusing to leave a public house and males fighting in the street
- 10 suspicious activity calls. These incidents vary from a bus window being smashed by a hanging branch and calls from or regarding persons with mental health issues
- 7 neighbour nuisance calls. Several of these have been reports of neighbours playing loud music during the late evening hours

It was noted that many of the crimes reported were isolated and others were committed by known offenders of which several have been arrested and charged with the respective offence.

The Clay Cross Safer Neighbourhood Team have maintained their commitment to reducing alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour in our community. Vast amounts of alcohol have been seized from persons under the age of 18 – this has centred mainly in the Sharley Park area during weekend evenings. Officers are working with local businesses who sell alcohol to identify those responsible for purchasing alcohol for persons under the age of 18 and so far, this is proving very successful and positive feedback is being received.

PC Walton confirmed that following concerns raised by residents, initiatives are planned for the use of the speed camera in Holmgate Road and Clay Lane.

It was reported that operations are being planned for reassurance in the run up to Christmas to try and deter shoplifting, purse snatching etc.

Councillor Skinner raised concerns regarding poor/inconsiderate taxi driving particularly along Coney Green Road.

Councillor Wright again raised the parking issues on Eyre Street and vehicles parking on both sides of the road visiting the take away outlets despite the fact that there is a car park 20 yards away!! Inspector Hoggard agreed to find out if Civil Enforcement have taken any action regarding this issue and report back. Councillor Wright also requested visible Police foot patrols in the town centre particularly around the bus station public toilet block and the new retail shops/take away outlet.

### **County Council/District Council Matters**

There were no County Council/District Council Matters reported.

### **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

***Members were reminded to declare an interest as appropriate.***

#### **1209/12 Apologies for Absence**

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

#### **1210/12 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.***

#### **1211/12 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 October 2012 be approved as a correct record.***

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1185/12** regarding Members' Code of Conduct. Parish Clerk circulated information and advice received from the District Council Monitoring Officer, Sarah Sternberg regarding Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Dispensations and Precept Setting.

### **1212/12 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Councillor Mansbridge reported that the Trustees of the Brierley Charity met on Tuesday 13 November 2012. The meeting had been arranged to consider a request received from Sharley Park Community Primary School for support to develop an area at the School so that their children with physical impairments can spend quality time outside. It was confirmed that the Charity Trustees agreed to donate £5,000 to this project – it was noted that this money will only be made available when the project commences.

### **1213/12 Planning & Environmental Matters**

Councillor Mrs Reader, Councillor Savidge and Councillor Wright declared an interest as members of the District Council Planning Committee.

To receive the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 19 November 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Parish Council subscribe to 'Parish Online' to enable the creation of maps and data at an initial cost of £110 and then a yearly cost of £90***
- 2. the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 19 November 2012 be received***

### **Work in Progress**

Further to minute no **1202/12** regarding the Public Consultation for Successful Places: A Guide to Sustainable Housing Layout and Design, Interim Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Parish Clerk reported that Councillor Skinner has made a response on behalf of the Parish Council which has now been submitted to Chesterfield Borough Council.

### **1214/12 Street Scene Matters**

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 12 November 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution.

**Resolved That:**

- 1. the conditions of the terms of transfer of the Lease of the new public toilet block are accept and Bilton Hammond Solicitors are instructed to arrange the transfer***

**2. *the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 12 November 2012 be received***

At this point, Parish Clerk reported an urgent issue regarding the Parish Council owned bus shelter o/s no. 9 Ashover Road. A road traffic collision occurred at 5am on Monday 26 November 2012 which Derbyshire County Council and Clay Cross Police attended. As a result of the collision, this brick built bus shelter has been left beyond economic repair. An inspection of the bus shelter has been carried out and it needs to be demolished as a matter of urgency as it is unusable and unsafe. *It was agreed to proceed with the demolition of this bus shelter and the Parish Clerk continue to progress a claim with Parish Council Insurers, Zurich Municipal.*

**Work In Progress**

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

**1215/12 Cemetery Matters**

Councillor Wright reported that no Cemetery Working Group meeting had taken place this month so gave a verbal report. Councillor Wright informed the meeting that Graham Skinner has agreed to donate two trees for the Cemetery and that there was an unsafe headstone at the top of the Cemetery. *It was agreed that the Administrative Assistant would contact North East Derbyshire District Council to action progress on both these matters.*

**Work in Progress**

Further to minute no **1182/12** regarding the tarmac patching works carried out inside the Cemetery gates. Parish Clerk reported that North East Derbyshire County Council have agreed to contribute 50% toward the cost of this work and the of the amount of £307.70 (including VAT) will be received in due course.

**1216/12 Social Centre & Events Matters**

At this point, Councillor Mrs T Reader and Councillor Wright declared a Pecuniary Interest.

To receive the minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 5 November 2012 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. following a vote of 5 in favour and 1 against, Sue Wright be allowed to use the Social Centre kitchen facilities free of charge to make/bake cakes to sell at the Christmas Market to be held on Saturday 1 December 2012 to raise funds for Clay Cross Gala Group***

- 2. the Minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 5 November 2012 be received**

### **Work in Progress**

Further to minute no **1176/12** regarding the running of the Social Centre bar. Parish Clerk reported that Charlie's Bar have given written notice to terminate their contract to supply/manage the Social Centre bar from Monday 3 December 2012. Councillor Morley stated that due to bookings already in the diary for December a quick solution is required so the only other candidate who has previously expressed an interest in running the bar has been approached. It was also reported that an advertisement had been placed in the Derbyshire Times inviting applications but no responses had been received by the closing date of Friday 23 November 2012. *It was agreed that (1) Miners & Diners run the bar for three months from Monday 3 December 2012 and (2) the Social Centre & Events Working Group investigate the feasibility of the Parish Council taking back the running of the bar.*

### **1217/12 Finance Matters**

To receive the report and recommendations for resolution from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 21 November 2012.

#### **Resolved That:**

- 1. the report of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 21 November 2012 be received**
- 2. the monthly statement for October 2012 be accepted**
- 3. the expenditure and income against budget report for October 2012 be accepted**
- 4. a donation of £4.75 per child is made again this year to Holmgate Primary School and Sharley Park Community Primary School to help with the cost of their Christmas festivities**
- 5. a donation of £1.86 per child is made again this year to Holmgate Primary School and Sharley Park Community Primary School to help with their costs to supply milk or a healthy/nutritious snack**

<b>6. the following Accounts for Payment are approved:</b>	
STAFF WAGES (TAX MONTH 8)	<b>£3,359.06</b>
POST OFFICE LTD (NI AND TAX FOR OCTOBER)	<b>£521.16</b>
DCC SUPERANNUATION (PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER)	<b>£429.93</b>
TV LICENCE REFUNDS (53 @ £25)	<b>£1,325.00</b>
P STRINGFELLOW (DANCES FOR NOVEMBER)	<b>£175.00</b>
CHAIRSGB (50 UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS FOR SOCIAL CENTRE)	<b>£1,080.00</b>
CLAY CROSS DO-IT-YOURSELF	<b>£24.76</b>

SOCIAL CENTRE DAMAGE BOND REFUNDS (3 @ £50)	£150.00
RBL POPPY APPEAL (WREATHS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)	£36.50
OFFICE SUPPLIES FOR INDUSTRY LTD (STATIONERY)	£157.70
D HIGGINBOTTOM (WINDOW AND BUS SHELTERS CLEANING)	£162.50
STANDARD INDUSTRIES LTD (HIGH STREET LIGHTING COLUMN INSPECTIONS)	£207.60
NEDDC (FEE TO INSTALL CXPC NOTICE BOARD ON HIGH STREET)	£140.60
ULTIMATE SIGNS (MARKET BANNER AND PULL UP SIGN ARTWORK)	£200.00
BOOKER CASH & CARRY (OCTOBER LUNCH CLUB & REFRESHMENT SUPPLIES)	£343.87
CROFT FARM MEATS (OCTOBER LUNCH CLUB SUPPLIES)	£253.89
STRAWBERRY BASKET (OCTOBER LUNCH CLUB SUPPLIES)	£113.42
GRANTS & DONATIONS TO PARISH/LOCAL ORGANISATIONS	£4,100.00
SUSAN WRIGHT (TO SUPPLY CATERING ON SATURDAY 27.10.12)	£268.80
RAINE RUSSELL (FEE TO PERFORM AT SOCIAL CENTRE ON SATURDAY 10.11.12)	£140.00
DESIGNS DIRECT (CLEANING MATERIALS FOR SOCIAL CENTRE)	£252.77
SHIRLAND WELFARE BAND (FEE TO PERFORM AT SOCIAL CENTRE ON SAT 1.12.12)	£250.00
SPIRE FACE PAINTING (FOR CHRISTMAS MARKET ON SAT 1.12.12)	£100.00
NPOWER (GAS FOR SOCIAL CENTRE)	£297.48
BRITISH TELECOM (CALLS/RENTAL CHARGES)	£315.93
CO-OP BANK (CHARGES)	£2.00
MR JEEVES (SOCIAL CENTRE LAUNDRY)	£58.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£14,466.47</b>
<b>7. the following Income is noted:</b>	
CLAY CROSS SOCIAL CENTRE HIRE (INC SHARE BAR TAKINGS)	£957.66
CEMETERY LODGE RENT	£71.75
LUNCH CLUB 30.10.12, 6.11.12, 13.11.12, 20.11.12	£613.20
BINGO 24.10.12, 31.10.12, 7.11.12, 14.11.12	£186.95
DANCE 25.10.12, 1.11.12, 8.11.12, 15.11.12	£341.80
MARKET RENTS (FOR OCTOBER)	£95.00
SALE OF REFRESHMENTS 23.10.12, 30.10.12, 6.11.12, 13.11.12	£28.50
CHRISTMAS MARKET 1.12.12 (STALLS)	£90.00
CO-OP BANK (INTEREST)	£0.20
HMRC VAT REFUND (FOR PERIOD 1.7.12 TO 30.9.12)	£7,172.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9,557.97</b>

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **1195/12** regarding donations to local organisations. Parish Clerk reported that cards and letters have been received from Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club, Autumn Days Keep Fit Club, Clay Cross & District Handi-Cap Club, Church On The Bus, Clay Cross Squadron Air Training Corps, Clay Cross Town Football Club, Blue Dykes Surgery Patients Participation Group, The Woodthorpe Inn Skittles Team and Holmgate Friendly Club thanking the Parish Council for their donations. A Certificate of Appreciation has also been received from the Chair of the District Council, Councillor Savidge.

**1218/12 Items for Decision and for Information**

**North East Derbyshire District Council:** the future of the Clay Cross Community Partnership (circulated). **Resolved That: Steve Lee, Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator from North East Derbyshire District Council be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting to be held in January to discuss this further.**

**1219/12 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That: the meeting to discuss/agree the Precept 2013/14 will be held on Tuesday 18 December 2012 and the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 January 2013, both meeting to be held in the Parish Council office.**