

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council Meeting held at Clay Cross Social Centre on Tuesday 23 June 2020 at 7.00PM

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

Councillor A Reader

Councillor D Rossiter

Councillor Mrs T Reader

Councillor B Wright

**Also Present:** Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk  
Jane Briggs, Administrative Assistant  
John King, Accountant/Internal Auditor

## **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

## **County Councillor/District Councillor Matters**

Councillor Wright gave a report on County Council matters for the benefit of members present. All business/services have been focussing their efforts on the community response across the County in support of the COVID-19 pandemic. The results of the consultation regarding the future of care homes in Derbyshire was discussed at a Cabinet meeting held on Thursday 4 June 2020 and it was agreed not to close any until another local care home or alternative provision is in place and, to carry out refurbishments to a number of homes.

Councillor Morley gave a report on District Council matters for the benefit of the members present. Like the County Council, all business/services have focussed their activity to support the community response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councillor Reader reported that there were changes with regard to commenting on Planning Applications, and that the issue had been referred to the Standards Committee for further deliberation.

## **PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

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

### **2066/20 Apologies for Absence**

To receive and approve Apologies for Absence and reasons given. Councillor M Holmes (Covid-19 Shielding), Councillor Mrs M Jones (Covid-19 Shielding), Councillor E Mansbridge (Covid-19 Shielding), Councillor Ms K Rouse (Covid-19 Shielding) and Councillor D Skinner (Personal Reasons). **Resolved That: these Apologies and reasons given are approved.**

### **2067/20 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.***

### **2068/20 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 on the 25 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.***

### **Work In Progress**

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

### **2069/20 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

### **2070/20 Planning & Environmental Matters**

Councillor Mrs Reader declared an interest in Planning Matters as a reserve member of the District Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Wright declared an interest in Planning Matters as a member of the County Council Planning Committee.

To receive the Interim Planning & Environmental Report for Members June 2020 and to receive recommendations for resolution.

Administrative Assistant reported that along with Parish Council objections, a number of residents had also objected to Planning Application 20/00221/FL regarding the proposed residential development of 35 dwellings with associated infrastructure at land opposite 20-44 Clay Lane, Clay Cross. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council would support residents in their objections to this proposed development.

***Resolved That: the Interim Planning & Environmental Report for Members June 2020 be received.***

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **2009/19(2)** regarding North Street allotment site and demolition of plots C1&C2. Concerns were expressed at the modalities of clearing this site particularly the suggestion of a controlled burn. Members present reported that the District Council have requested that bonfires are not lit during the current pandemic and that the waste

would have to be disposed of via alternative methods; it was agreed to approach suitable contractors to undertake the works.

### **2071/20 Street Scene Matters**

To receive the Interim Street Scene Working Group Report June 2020 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Interim Street Scene Working Group Report 2020 be received***

### **Work In Progress**

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

### **2072/20 Climate Change Matters**

It was reported that a meeting of the Climate Change Working Group had not taken place due to COVID-19 and that the Work Programme would be changed to reflect the delay. ***Resolved That: the amended Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Working Group are approved and adopted***

### **Work In Progress**

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

### **2073/20 Cemetery Matters**

To receive the Interim Cemetery Working Group Report June 2020 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. Rob Fryer carries out the work to repair the Cabin subject to him obtaining/being in possession of appropriate Public Liability Insurance before any work commences***
- 2. the moving of the Cemetery drain is put out to Tender to obtain at least 2 (TWO) more quotations***
- 3. the Interim Cemetery Working Group Report June 2020 be received***

### **Work In Progress**

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

### **2074/20 Social Centre & Events Matters**

Councillor Mrs Reader, Councillor Reader and Councillor Wright declared a pecuniary interest regarding the management of the Social Centre bar.

Councillor Morley provided a verbal report for the benefit of members present. It was reported that the Prime Minister had announced within the last few hours that community centres, bingo halls and social clubs can reopen from Saturday 4 July 2020. **It was agreed that the Parish Clerk/Administrative Assistant prepare a COVID-19 Risk Assessment for the Social Centre to be reviewed at the next full Parish Council meeting; for the time being the Social Centre remains closed.**

### **Work In Progress**

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

### **2075/20 Internal Audit**

The completed Annual Internal Auditor Report for 2019/20 with no matters arising, from John H F King Chartered Certified Accountants, was put forward. ***Resolved That: the completed Annual Internal Auditor Report for 2019/20 with no matters arising is approved and received.***

### **2076/20 Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 Section 1**

Parish Clerk presented the Governance Statement 2019/20, it was read out and all statements affirmed. ***Resolved That: the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 is approved for signature by Councillor Morley and the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.***

### **2077/20 Accounting Statements 2019/20 Section 2**

Parish Clerk presented the Accounting Statements 2019/20. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. the associated costs following the Clay Cross Parish Council Election held on Thursday 2 May 2019 (contested) totalling £8,109.69 no VAT are paid***
- 2. the Accounting Statements 2019/20 are approved for signature by Councillor Morley and the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer***

### **2078/20 Items for Decision & Information**

Parish Clerk reported that there were no Items for Decision & Information this month.

### **2079/20 Date of Next Meeting**

***Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting will be held at Clay Cross Social Centre on Tuesday 28 July 2020.***