

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Social Centre main hall and via Zoom* on Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 6PM

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair

Councillor Mrs M Jones*	Councillor D Rossiter
Councillor Mrs T Reader*	Councillor Ms K Rouse*
Councillor A Reader*	Councillor B Wright

Also Present: Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk
Andrew Mott, Administrative Assistant

At the start of the meeting, Councillor Morley requested that all in attendance stand for a minutes silence in memory of Councillor Mick Holmes who sadly passed away on Friday 8 January 2021.

3028/21 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor E Mansbridge (Covid-19 Sheilding) and Councillor D Skinner (Illness).

3029/21 Donation Requests

Resolved That:

1. the following donations are approved:

	£
<i>Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centres</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Derbyshire Law Centre</i>	<i>200.00</i>
<i>Sharley Park Bowling Club</i>	<i>150.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Town Football Club</i>	<i>150.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Town Juniors</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Pilsley & Clay Cross Cricket Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Holmgate Darby & Joan Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Angling Association</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Lower Clay Lane Neighbourhood Watch</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Holmgate Monday Night Drop-In</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Holmgate Community Association</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Autumn Days Keep Fit Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Table Tennis Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>

Clay Cross Mental Health Carers Support Group	100.00
St Barnabas Pre-School	100.00
Sunflowers Nursery (Holmgate)	100.00
Forest School (Kenning Park)	100.00
The Wednesday Club	75.00
Hardwick North Breath Easy Group (Danesmoor)	75.00
Wholey Place Community Group	75.00

2. £500 is donated to Clay Cross Police SNT for their Holiday Club activities

3. the request received from the Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire to contribute £3,000 to support Clay Cross Foodbank is declined

3030/21 Precept 2021/22

Details received from Simon Peachy, Principal Accountant at North East Derbyshire District Council (circulated) showing Precept calculations and confirming that the Parish Council will no longer receive the Council Tax Support Scheme payment from April 2021 was noted.

Parish Clerk and Councillor Morley proceeded to go through the projected budgets (circulated) and commented on the following:

Page 2 – Parish Administration:

Wages: our Accountant, John King has reviewed this budget and feels that it can be retained. Provision has also been made in this budget to allow a flat rate increase of 30p per hour for ALL staff

Rates: due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, we have not paid any Social Centre rates this year. However, we feel that this budget should be retained for the coming year

Trade Refuse: the District Council/Steve Brunt have advised that from April 2021 this charge will increase to £22.67 per week x 52 = £1,178.81 so this budget has been increased accordingly. It was confirmed that we have received a refund of £496.57 to date as the weekly service has been temporarily suspended due to the Covid lockdown/Social Centre being closed – the bin is being emptied as and when required

Parish Insurance: whilst our Insurance cost this year is under budget, we feel it prudent to retain this budget for the coming year

Postage Stamps: we feel that this budget can be halved due to meeting papers being sent via email or hard copies being hand delivered.

Page 3 – General Expenditure:

Dog Fouling Bins Purchase/Maintenance: the District Council have in fact increased the cost this year to £3.66 per empty, not £3.64 as advised so this year's total cost will be £5,226.48 against our budget of £5,198. From April 2021 the District Council estimate the price for this service will be increasing to £3.75 per empty, giving an expected total for the year of £5,355

Allotment Maintenance/Water: this budget has been retained as the spend to November 2020 includes 'one off' expenditure incurred to clear the pigeon lofts at North Street (£5,705).

Page 4 – Section 137 and Community Expenditure:

It was felt that all the budgets can be retained for the coming year.

Page 5 – Cemetery:

Service Provision Costs: we feel that it is prudent to allow at 1% increase in this cost for the coming year. Consideration should also be given to again increasing the fees/charges by 10% from 1 April 2021

Cemetery & Premises Rates: the cost this year will be £3,842.30 so this budget has been based on this amount plus a 1% increase however, the exact amount we will pay can only be provided by North East Derbyshire District Council

Cemetery Lodge Rent: it is recommended to the Parish Council that the Lodge rent is increased by £3 from £86 per week to £89 per week from 7 April 2021.

Page 6 – Town Centre Toilet Block, Playing Fields/Play Areas, Kenning Park/Meadow Farm Fishing Pond:

Town Centre Toilet Block Rates: the cost this year will be £1,746.50 so this budget has been based on this amount plus a 1% increase however, the exact amount we will pay can only be provided by North East Derbyshire District Council

Town Centre Toilet Block Costs to Open, Clean, Close (Wages): our Accountant, John King has reviewed this budget and feels that it

can be retained. Provision has also been made in this budget to allow a flat rate increase of 30p per hour for our attendant

Playing Fields/Play Areas Ground Maintenance to NEDDC: due to Covid-19 disruption to this service, the actual cost this year will be £28,379.71 however, the District Council have advised us to allow a 3% increase for the coming year so this budget has been increased accordingly.

Page 8 – Income:

Lunch Club: this budget has been reduced based on the actual income received during the year 2019/20

Wednesday Bingo: this budget has been set at zero as prior to the first lockdown of March 2020, no income was coming in to the Parish Council. As and when the Social Centre can re-open safely and the Bingo attendance starts to build up, a review of income to the Parish Council can be reviewed

Thursday Dance: this budget has been reduced based on the actual income received during the year 2019/20

Hire of Social Centre: it is recommend to the Parish Council that the main hall hire charge is increased by £1 from £11 per hour to £12 per hour from 1 April 2021

Rykneld CXAHO Rent: this budget has been reduced to the annual rent only based of this office closure and a new forthcoming agreement with Rykneld Homes

Sale of Refreshments: this budget has been reduced based on the actual income received during the year 2019/20

Parish Allotment Rents: this budget has been reduced following the agreement of the Parish Council to not re-let the cleared plots at North Street.

Resolved That:

- 1. wages are increased by a flat rate of 30p per hour for ALL employees from 1 April 2021***
- 2. the Cemetery Fees & Charges are increased by 10% from 1 April 2021***

- 3. the Cemetery Lodge rent is increased by £3 to £89 per week from 7 April 2021**
- 4. the Social Centre Main Hall hire is increased by £1 to £12 per hour from 1 April 2021**
- 5. all other budgets, expenditure and income contained therein are approved and accepted**
- 6. Clay Cross Parish Council funding is increased by 2% giving a Precept of £222,905.27 with a contribution of £8,041.73 coming from balances**