

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 23 April 2013 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair

Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor F Rodgers
Councillor Mrs T Reader	Councillor K Savidge
Councillor A Reader	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor P Riggott	Councillor B Wright

Also Present: Dawn Kershaw (Parish Clerk), Shelagh Shaw (Administrative Assistant), Darren Norwood (Tupton Hall School), PCSO Stephen Sweet (Clay Cross Police), Sergeant Aidan Stones (Clay Cross Police) and 8 Members of Public

Public Participation

Darren gave an update on the 'Cool Stuff for Kids' School Holiday Activity Programme. The programme has been running for five years now and a total of 484 children from Clay Cross Parish have taken part in the programme over the years. It was confirmed that Tupton and Wingerworth Parish Council's contribute double what Clay Cross Parish Council do – Clay Cross is the third highest contributor. Councillor Mrs Reader stated she felt that the booking fee of £10 per child is high and would like to see this reduced for the families in the Parish.

Mr Wilson a resident of High Street, Clay Cross attended this meeting following comments from the full Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 February 2013. Councillor Wright confirmed that he has spoken to Paul Hackett, the District Council Joint Director of Health & Wellbeing personally and he has stated that he is happy to come along and meet with Mr Wilson again face to face but cannot provide any further information due to the Data Protection Act and would need written consent from Mr Wilson to release details. At this point, the Parish Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Paul Hackett confirming the aforementioned. A letter has also been received from the County Council Property Review Officer, Andrew Fearn stating that having reviewed his valuation of Mr Wilson's property he does not consider that his valuation has changed – his report was comprehensive and detailed with comparable evidence quoted. Mr Fearn goes on to state that as yet he has not received any information to counter this and confirms that his original valuation stands. Members stated that Clay Cross Parish Council have exhausted all avenues and feel this is now a personal legal issue between Mr Wilson, North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

Seven members of the public including representatives from Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group were present to raise their concerns regarding plans for Britton Wood, Ashover Road, Wingerworth following its sale last

year by Derbyshire County Council to private owners/trustees. **It was agreed that the Parish Clerk write to the Clerk of Wingerworth Parish Council with residents concerns as the wood is in their Parish.**

Police Consultation

PCSO Sweet circulated crime figures for March/April and discussed them in detail. There were 3 violent crimes, 15 reports of stealing, 9 reports of criminal damage and 3 drug offences.

There have been two drug warrants executed in the area and Officers are working with and supporting residents to get more community information regarding drugs.

The Safety Neighbourhood Teams have also been working closely with Derbyshire Trading Standards and have executed a successful warrant at an address where the occupant was selling counterfeit cigarettes. Awareness has also been raised with residents of Holmgate and Old Tupton about 'Rogue Traders'. Visits have been made to residents with up to date information and legislation being handed out to help fight this increasing problem.

There were 25 anti-social/nuisance calls for service. As with previous months, a large proportion of these calls related to incidents involving the local children's home. Efforts are currently ongoing with the unit management to deter the young persons from anti-social behaviour.

There were 24 suspicious activity calls for service. Several of these calls involved adults with learning difficulties/mental health issues. Officers still attend and referrals are made based upon the individuals needs if necessary.

There were 36 concerns for safety calls for service. There were calls in relation to elderly residents who had fallen and officers and medical staff were required. Several other calls related to residents suffering from mental health problems who required our assistance.

There has been a decrease in nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the area. There has been fewer alcohol related disorder incidents reported also.

Councillor Skinner raised concerns with regard to speeding in the Holmgate area particularly Valley Road/Mill Lane. Sergeant Stones confirmed that PCSO Charlotte Platts is working with Holmgate Primary School to raise awareness of speeding by designing posters with the children. It was further reported that two Officers are currently receiving speed gun training and once trained, they will be looking very much to raise awareness and enforcement.

Councillor Morley raised ongoing problems with cars parking on Eyre Street. PCSO Sweet confirmed that a delivery driver recently had his car

removed but the business owner paid the release fee and the drivers insurance to get the car back on the road. Sergeant Stones assured members that this problem is not being ignored; it is ongoing until it stops.

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.

1242/13 Apologies for Absence

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

1243/13 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.***

1244/13 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 February 2013 be approved as a correct record.***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **1185/12** regarding Members' Code of Conduct. Parish Clerk reported details and circulated amendments to descriptions of the Seven General Principles contained within the Code.

1245/13 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

1246/13 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 meetings held on the 15 April 2013 and to receive recommendations for resolution. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Working Group meeting held on the 15 April 2013 be received.***

At this point, Councillor Mansbridge reported that he had been called out to a vandal damage incident on the allotment site at Tranmere Avenue and also that a stalwart member of Clay Cross Angling Association, Doug Whithorn had passed away over the weekend.

Work in Progress

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

1247/13 Street Scene Matters

To receive the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 8 April 2013 and to receive recommendations for resolution.

Resolved That:

- 1. *due to growing public concern with the increase of dog faeces and litter that is on the streets in the Parish of Clay Cross, the Parish Council:***
 - ***make enquiries into the costs for the provision of an Officer with the authority to issue penalties to persons that commit the Act of leaving their dog faeces or wilfully discard litter on our streets for and on behalf of Clay Cross Parish Council***
 - ***invite other local Parish Council's to join in the initiative to reduce and prevent the fouling on our walkways and littering in our streets***
 - ***request that North East Derbyshire District Council match fund this initiative***
- 2. *the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held on the 8 April 2013 be received***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **1225/13** regarding the Clay Cross bus station public toilet block. Parish Clerk reported that Karen Taylor has been in the post of Cleaner since Monday 8 April 2013.

Further to minute no **1214/12** regarding the Lease of the Public Toilet block and the Licence for the Bus Station. Parish Clerk reported that Bilton Hammond Solicitors have forwarded emails received from the District Council Senior Legal Officer for comments and on the instruction of Councillor Morley we have replied: *the terms set out in the letter received from Gary Goodrich dated 7 September 2012 were agreed by resolution at the full Parish Council meeting held on the 27 November 2012. If the District Council are no longer prepared to accept these terms now that Gary Goodrich no longer works for the authority, the Parish Council will have no option but to negotiate new Head of Terms for the Lease of Toilets and Bus Station Licence.*

1248/13 Cemetery Matters

At this point, Councillor Mansbridge declared a Pecuniary Interest.

To receive the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held on 12 April 2013 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. Elite UK Projects Ltd carry out the work to repair the Cemetery office roof and replace the Cemetery Chapel door at a cost of £5,000 no vat and that the District Council be asked to contribute 50% toward this cost***
- 2. the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held on the 12 April 2013 be received***

Work in Progress

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

1249/13 Social Centre & Events Matters

To receive the minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 8 April 2013 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That: the Minutes of the Social Centre & Events Working Group meeting held on the 8 April 2013 be received.**

Work in Progress

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

1250/13 Finance Matters

To receive the report and recommendations for resolution from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 17 April 2013. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the report of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 17 April 2013 be received***
- 2. the monthly statement for February 2013 and March 2013 be accepted***
- 3. the expenditure and income against budget report for February 2013 and March 2013 be accepted***
- 4. the Parish Council does not make a financial contribution to the District Council Love Your Markets website***

Work In Progress

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

1251/13 Items for Decision & Information

1. **North East Derbyshire District Council:** to discuss information received from the Deputy Monitoring Officer regarding Report on Members' Allowances (details circulated)
2. **Derbyshire County Council:** invitation to attend the next Parish & Town Councils Liaison Forum to be held on Thursday 6 June 2013 at County Hall, Matlock

Resolved That: the Items for Decision & Information are noted

1252/13 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 28 May 2013