

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 6PM

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair
Councillor M Holmes Vice Chair

Councillor Mrs T Reader Councillor P Wainwright
Councillor A Reader Councillor B Wright
Councillor Ms K Rouse

Also Present: Dawn Kershaw, Parish Clerk
Jane Briggs, Administrative Assistant

1915/19 Apologies for Absence

Parish Clerk reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor E Mansbridge, Councillor F Rodgers and Councillor D Skinner

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

1916/19 Precept 2019/20

Information received from Simon Peachy, North East Derbyshire District Council (circulated) regarding Precept 2019/20 and confirmation that the Parish Council grant funding will again be reduced from £16,753.14 to £8,376.63 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 it can be reduced. However, this budget also makes provision for the increase in the National Living Wage from April 2019 which allows a flat rate increase of 38p per hour for **ALL** employees

Purchase Cleaning Materials: this budget has been increased slightly based on spend to October 2018

Rates: increased in line with the information available on the .gov.uk website as the exact amount we will pay can only be provided by the District Council

Building Maintenance: this budget can be retained as the spend to October 2018 includes 'one off' expenditure namely, cost of upgrade

Social Centre boiler gas supply and installation of a new thermostat in the lounge area (£690)

Trade Refuse: this charge increased by £1.35 per week, not the £1.20 per week increase advised by the District Council so this years cost will be £1,018.16. 2019/20 budget has been based to again allow a £1.35 increase to £20.93 per week x 50 weeks = £1,046.50 so this budget has been increased accordingly

Social Centre Advertising & Publicity: this budget has been increased based on spend to October 2018

CXPC Update Magazine: this budget has been reduced based on spend to October 2018

Tel/Fire/Security Alarms: this budget has been increased based on spend to October 2018 to a more realistic figure – this budget has not been increased for the last 3 years

Page 3 – General Expenditure:

Bus Shelter Purchase/Maintenance: this budget has been retained as the cost alone to clean the bus shelters (17) is £1,656 per year

Dog Fouling Bins Purchase/Maintenance: the charge for emptying the bins (27) increased to £3.50 per bin, not the £3.48 per bin increase as advised by the District Council so this years cost will be £4,914. From April 2019, the District Council estimate the price will increase to £3.57 per empty so this budget needs to be increased to £4,916

Purchase of Refreshments: this budget has been increased based on spend to October 2018 and the fact that we are now purchasing cans of John Smiths and Fosters to sell at the Thursday Dance as the bar no longer opens

CXPC Events Catering: this budget has been increased based on spend to October 2018. *NOTE: this expenditure includes the buffet provided at the annual Parish Council Presentation Night, which is an invitation only event*

Page 4 – Section 137 and Community Expenditure:

Public Clock Maintenance: this budget to be retained as the total spend to October 2018 includes Coronation Clock 'one off' expenditure namely, cost to supply 3 x motors also to replace 2 x movements and upgrade lighting to LED tubes

All other Section 137 and Community Expenditure budgets can be retained

Page 5 – Cemetery/Street Cleansing:

Service Provision Costs: Councillor Wright discussed details of Tender Clarification Meetings (circulated) held in December 2018 with potential service providers. It was also requested that consideration should be given to again increasing the Cemetery fees and charges by 10% from 1 April 2019

Cemetery & Premises Rates: the cost this year will be £3,099.38 so this budget has been increased in line with the information available on the .gov.uk website as the exact amount we will pay can only be provided by the District Council

Cemetery Lodge Rent: it is recommended to the Parish Council that the Lodge rent is increased by £3 from £80 per week to £83 per week from 3 April 2019

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

Town Centre Toilet Block Building Maintenance: this budget has been retained as total spend to October 2018 includes 'one off' expenditure namely, cost to replace 2 x light fittings with blue/black anti-drug lamps (£388)

Town Centre Toilet Block Rates: taking into account local discount applied, the total for this year will be £0.00 however, this budget has been retained as this discount may not be applied by the District Council for 2019/20

Town Centre Toilet Block Lighting/Water: water alone at this facility costs an average of £5.30 per day so this budget has been increased based on this and spend to October 2018

Town Centre Toilet Block Costs to Open, Clean, Close: the cost this year will be £5,293.08 (£101.79 per week). Our service provider has advised that the cost from April 2019 will be £106.74 per week so this budget has been increased to reflect this

Town Centre Toilet Block Cleaning Materials: spend to October 2018 includes 'one off' expenditure to replace 4 x toilet tissue dispensers that had been vandalised (£159) but taking this into account, this budget needs to be increased to a more realistic amount

Playing Fields/Play Areas Ground Maintenance to NEDDC: an email has been received from North East Derbyshire District Council stating that the total programmed works for 2019/20 will be £27,724.29 with non-programmed works estimated at £576 so this budget has been increased to reflect this

Page 8 – Income:

Wednesday Bingo: this budget has been increased based on income to October 2018

CXPC Bar Takings: this budget has been reduced based on the percentage share (10%) we now receive from Charlie's Bar

Bank Interest: this budget has been increased based on income to October 2018

Resolved That:

- 1. wages are increased by a flat rate of 38p per hour for ALL employees from 1 April 2019**
- 2. the Clay Cross Gala budget is reduced to £0**
- 3. the OAP TV Licences budget is reduced by £2,000 to £6,000**
- 4. North East Derbyshire District Council continue to manage and maintain Clay Cross Cemetery for a further 3 years from 1 April 2019; budget for 2019/20 to be set at £47,000**
- 5. the Cemetery fees and charges are increased by 10% from 1 April 2019**
- 6. the Cemetery Lodge rent is increased by £3 to £83 per week from 3 April 2019**
- 7. all other budgets, expenditure and income contained therein are approved and accepted**
- 8. Clay Cross Parish Council funding is increased by 1.8% giving a total of £212,011.67; a Precept of £203,635.04 plus Grant funding of £8,376.63 with the Parish Council making a small contribution from its balances**