

## CLAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held at The Village Hall, Clayton

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 7pm

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### MINUTES

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**PRESENT**

Councillors: J Pitts (Chairman), C Thirkill, S Gudgeon,  
R Spencer, M Hinchcliffe, I. Hepton. S Parvez, J Vasey  
A Cunningham, Leeming, Rhodes

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

Clerk  
12 members of the public

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

CLlr Kaushal-Bolland – absence authorised  
CLlr Delaney – absence authorised

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**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST (Members Code of Conduct)**

To receive disclosures of interest from Members on matters to be considered at the meeting as detailed in the Clayton Parish Council Code of Conduct adopted at the Parish Council meeting on 15 November 2012.

None

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**ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC**

*(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Local Government Act 1972 s100/100A ss2/Schedule 12A and Clayton Parish Council Standing Order No.67)*

To determine if any of the tabled items to be discussed require to be held in closed session.

No items to be tabled in closed session.

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**PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND PROGRESS REPORT**

RE: CECAG grant (minute no 2014/219). Concerns had been shown at the previous meeting that the fence didn't really seem to be doing the job for which it was intended. CLlr Thirkill updated the council that the fence had been built as the quote suggested; in fact more posts had been used than quoted for. Some further funding has been obtained from Bradford West and would help to make the fencing more appropriate for the job specified.

**Proposed:** CLlr Spencer  
All in favour

**Seconded:** CLlr Thirkill

**Resolved: That the presented Minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

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**CHAIRMANS REMARKS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The chairman reported as follows:

Due to the change of date for "The New Deal" meeting which was held at the Village Hall by Bradford Met Council I was unable to attend and would like to thank our Vice Chairman Chris Kaushal-Bolland for deputising for me. I was informed that attendance was quite small but the interest in the implications of the New Deal was very keen and that questions were asked and answered informatively.

At the last meeting in January we held over the item of the Christmas tree and the costings involved and unfortunately I still have been unable to meet with Parks and Gardens about this matter before this meeting. However David Cansfield is returning from holiday shortly so I shall arrange to meet with him early April and report at the next meeting.

Dickensian Market – the team had seen a change in personnel. Some members had resigned after a serving for many years on the committee. The new members would work to plan the market for 2015. I will take on the role of treasurer.

Following on from the discussions on Police Liaison meetings and the possibility of having these meetings run prior to the start of a full council meeting Inspector Tom Horner will address the council this evening. It can then be added to the next meeting's agenda for a full vote. At this point I will hand over to Insp Horner.

Insp Horner introduced himself and reported the following:

Crime figures

	June 2015	June 2014
Criminal offences	63	83
Theft from motor vehicles	down on the previous year	
House burglary's	up on last year **	

\*\*opportunistic. Keep house safe and well lit

There are well publicised spending cuts to the Police Force. Freeze to recruitment of PCSO's though Special's were being recruited.

ASBO's continue to be an issue. Urged to report crimes. Police are aware and a new "Dispersal Order" will remove those offenders that do not live in the village. Anyone seeing a nuisance from off road bikes urged to report as they have a team looking at this and so far has seen good results.

Cllr Pitts put to Insp Horner if they would be able to commit to bi-monthly police meetings before the Parish Council meeting. Unless there was an incident he would be able to attend in person or at least send a deputy. The council will vote on this at the next meeting in May.

**2015/251**

### **FINANCE**

#### **a) Budget, Precept and Council Tax 2015/16**

Net expenditure: £29,522

Precept: £29,522

Council tax £12.92

8.4 % increase

£1.00 increase per household per year on Band D

**Proposed: Cllr Gudgeon**

**Seconded: Cllr Hinchliffe**

**All in favour**

**Resolved: That the Budget, Precept and Council tax for 2015/16 as laid out below is approved. (This supersedes the previous budget for 2015/16 minute no 2015/234):**

#### **b) Invoices paid and due for payment.**

Resolved: That the list of invoices and cheques paid and due for payment have been approved and signed by the Chairman

**Proposed: Cllr Thirkill      Seconded: Cllr Hepton**

**All in favour**

#### **c) Monitoring Statement.**

No issues rose.

#### **d) Bank Reconciliation**

No issues rose

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### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND QUESTION TIME**

Christmas tree in Victoria Park – Cllr Pitts is still waiting to speak to David Cansfield from Parks.

Litter – Clerk to send a letter to the Ranch in which they would be asked to display a sign requesting that their customers be more considerate with their rubbish.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Richard Hilton thanking him for the diligence he's shown trying to keep Clayton tidy. He will be soon to take a place with the Police.

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**ELECTION TO PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was suggested that alternate members be added to the list. The committee would be made up of e.g. Chair and 3 members. Alternates would be stand ins so that if a full member cannot make the meeting an alternate is contacted to attend the meeting in the place of the absent member. The council are asked to consider for the next meeting if they would like to be a said alternate member.

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**GRANT RULES**

The rules will be amended as below.

**Proposed: Cllr Thirkill**

**Seconded: Cllr Gudgeon**

**All in favour**

- Should the grant be awarded then an invoice from the individual/company must be sent to the clerk/finance officer demonstrating the grant has been used for purpose for which it was approved.
- The recipient will promote where possible that a grant has been awarded by Clayton Parish Council.
- A monitoring form will be issued by the clerk when a grant application is submitted.

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**ELECTION PROCESS**

The clerk gave further explanation on the election process and outlined the key dates.

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**REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Glenholme Allotments Association** - Cllr Cunningham

There had been 5 burglaries approx. 5 weeks ago. Cllr Thirkill to pass information to Cllr Cunningham regarding a builder to look at improving security. The clerk to look into the details of the metal fence the was originally installed. There are currently 5 people on the waiting list.

**Police Liaison update** - Cllr Hepton

No further update following Insp Horner's earlier information at the beginning of the meeting.

**Parish Council Liaison Meeting update** - Cllr Pitts

The number of attendees at the recent meeting had seen a reduction possibly due to the impending elections. There was some discussion around the "New Deal" which had been recently delivered by the leader of the council was very much at the forefront of the councillors minds. The cuts would very much affect the district. Should Parish councils take on more there was concern about the lack of volunteers?

**Clayton Urban Partnership update** - Cllr Thirkill

As the partnership was no longer established further updates would not be delivered, hence this would no longer appear on the agenda.

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**TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Grit Bins/snow clearing

To vote on the merits of a Police meeting before the Parish Council meeting

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Clayton Parish Council due to be held at Clayton Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will precede the full council meeting at 6.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm