

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Clay Cross Parish Council Annual General Meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Monday 14 May 2007 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley                      Councillor G Morley  
Councillor Mrs K M Holmes                      Councillor P Riggott  
Councillor J M Holmes                      Councillor K G Savidge  
Councillor M Holmes                      Councillor D Skinner  
Councillor A Jackson                      Councillor B Wright  
Councillor E Mansbridge

**Also Present:**        PC Chris Stanyard, Clay Cross Police  
                             PCSO Lesley Bacon, Clay Cross Police

## **Public Consultation**

Seven members of the public present to express their concerns regarding the impact of the proposed Maximus development of the former Biwater site, particularly the environmental impact of this development and loss of green space, trees, wildlife etc.

## **Police Consultation**

It was stated that 112 crimes have been reported in the Clay Cross area since the last Parish Council meeting held on the 24 April 2007. Fire's on the former Biwater site are being investigated, arson is not being ruled out at this stage. A number of buildings are being inappropriately used by juveniles in the area; the owners of the buildings, Fishwicks, have confirmed these buildings are due to be demolished.

It was reported that the youth club project in Clay Cross has not been progressed. Councillor Mrs A Bradley confirmed that she has a team of volunteers ready to assist once a venue has been found and PC Fred Bray has made contact to arrange an initial meeting.

It was stated that Beat Officers are being removed from Clay Cross; this was met with concern as PCSO's do not have the powers that Beat Officers have.

The Pubwatch Scheme is now up and running, it is hoped the first ban will be completed in a few days time. Portable radios are being made available to seven or eight town centre public houses.

It was reported that CCTV in Clay Cross is now being recorded digitally and there is a possibility of linking up via broadband connection to the Holmewood

system. The quality of recordings has improved but night time recordings are still a problem; the camera pre-set positions are also being reviewed.

### **County Councillor Attendance**

There was no County Councillor Report.

### **407/07 Election of Chair Person**

**Resolved That:** Councillor K G Savidge be elected Chair of the Council for the coming year.

### **408/07 Declaration of Chair Person Acceptance of Office**

Councillor K G Savidge signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair of the Council.

### **409/07 Election of Vice Chair**

**Resolved That:** Councillor J M Holmes be elected Vice Chair of the Council for the coming year.

### **410/07 Amendment of Standing Order (1) Meetings of the Council**

**Resolved That:** The Annual meeting and other meetings of the full Council shall be held in the Council Chamber on such dates and at such times as shall be determined by the Council, except that in the absence of contrary instructions from the Council such meetings shall be held at 7pm on the fourth Tuesday in the month, with the exception of March and August where no meetings shall take place unless the Council directs otherwise.

### **411/07 Appointment of Chair and Members of Finance Sub-Committee**

**Resolved That:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor Mrs K M Holmes, Councillor J M Holmes (Chair), Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor K G Savidge be members of the Finance Sub-Committee.

### **412/07 Appointment of Members of Cemetery Working Group**

**Resolved That:** Councillor A Jackson, Councillor G Morley and Councillor B Wright be members of the Cemetery Working Group. The Cemetery Working Group to elect a Chair at its first meeting.

**413/07 Appointment of Members of Social Centre Working Group**

**Resolved That:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor J M Holmes and Councillor M Holmes be members of the Social Centre Working Group. The Social Centre Working Group to elect a Chair at its first meeting.

**414/07 Appointment of Parish Footpaths Inspector(s)**

**Resolved That:** Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor D Skinner be appointed Parish Footpaths Inspectors.

**415/07 Appointment of an Appointment Committee**

**Resolved That:** Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor G Morley and Councillor K G Savidge be members of the Appointments Committee.

**416/07 Appointment of Grievance Committee**

**Resolved That:** Councillor Mrs K M Holmes, Councillor P Riggott and Councillor B Wright be members on the Grievance Committee.

**417/07 Appointment of Appeals Committee**

**Resolved That:** Councillor M Holmes, Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor D Skinner be members on the Appeals Committee.

**418/07 Appointment of Disciplinary Committee**

**Resolved That:** Councillor Mrs K M Holmes, Councillor G Morley, Councillor K G Savidge and Councillor B Wright be members on the Disciplinary Committee.

**419/05 Appointment of School Governors**

As the Parish Council has no powers to appoint School Governors, **Resolved That:** the following be made available to sit on the Governing Body at the request of the School(s):

Clay Cross Infant School:	Councillor E Mansbridge Councillor J Holmes
Clay Cross Junior School:	Councillor J Holmes
Danesmoor Infant School:	Councillor B Wright
Holmgate Primary School:	Adrienne Lowe

#### **420/07 Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Age Concern:** Councillor K G Savidge. **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** Councillor K G Savidge. **Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club:** Councillor J M Holmes and Councillor M Holmes. **Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley. **Holmgate Darby & Joan Club:** Councillor D Skinner. **Holmgate Community Association:** Councillor J M Holmes, Councillor P Riggott and Councillor K G Savidge. **Clay Cross Angling Association:** Councillor J M Holmes. **Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau:** Councillor M Holmes and Councillor B Wright. **Arthur Brierly Charity:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor E Mansbridge and Councillor K G Savidge. **William Udall Trust:** Councillor J M Holmes and Councillor A Jackson. **Stevenson Charity:** Councillor M Holmes and Councillor K G Savidge. **Clay Cross Gala Group:** Councillor K G Savidge. **Clay Cross Town Centre Group:** Councillor J M Holmes

#### **421/07 Authorisation to sign Clay Cross Parish Council cheques**

**Resolved That:** Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor M Holmes, Councillor A Jackson and Councillor K G Savidge to sign Clay Cross Parish Council cheques.

#### **422/07 To Agree a Calendar of Meetings for 2007/08**

**Finance Sub-Committee Meetings:** Wednesday 20.6.07, Wednesday 18.7.07, Wednesday 19.9.07, Wednesday 17.10.07, Wednesday 21.11.07, Wednesday 16.1.08 and Wednesday 20.2.08.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Tuesday 26.6.07, Tuesday 24.7.07, Tuesday 25.9.07, Tuesday 23.10.07, Tuesday 27.11.07, Tuesday 18.12.07, Tuesday 22.1.08 and Tuesday 26.2.08.

#### **423/07 Apologies for Absence**

Clerk reported that there were no Apologies for Absence.

#### **424/07 Minutes of Last Meeting**

**Resolved That:** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24 April 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor K G Savidge, Chair.

#### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **387/07** regarding Parish Council land at Bevan Road. It was reported that Alison Griffiths from District Council Parks has confirmed that the bollards can be installed as discussed into the open space which leads to the large grassed area. As this open space is owned by Rykneld Homes, Alison has had to get permission from them to allow the bollards to

go in. Also, one resident on Brockway Close has access over this piece of land so Alison has had to consult with the District Council Estate Section as to the positioning of the bollards to make sure it doesn't interfere with this. Alison has been and measured it up and we will need 5 bollards in total, 3 permanent and 2 lockable's with padlocks. **Resolved That:** the bollards are purchased and installed at an estimated cost of £600 plus vat.

Further to minute no **404/07** regarding Ilex Farm, Handley. Councillor P Riggott attended the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing on Monday 30 April 2007 regarding the Farm's application to vary a Premises Licence. The District Council Licensing Sub-Committee considered carefully the evidence put before it, and undertook a detailed site visit. Following their deliberations it was concluded that the applicant had failed to convince the Sub-Committee that the licensing objectives would be met therefore, the application was refused.

#### **425/07 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Councillor K G Savidge, Chair, reported that Derbyshire Association of Local Councils have made many representations to the North Derbyshire NHS Foundation Trust Area, concerning proposed changes to Maternity Services, the most significant of which proposed the closure of the Darley Dale Maternity Unit, the Trust have decided to re-open the unit with additional midwifery staff being recruited.

#### **426/07 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor K G Savidge, Chair, Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair and Councillor B Wright made the following declaration regarding their dual role on Planning matters. During this Parish Council meeting on Planning matters, we shall not be expressing a conclusive view on the applications and we give a declaration that we will be formally reconsidering the matters when we are in receipt of all the information at the District Council's Planning Committee.

#### **427/07 Planning Matters**

Councillor K G Savidge, Chair, Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair and Councillor B Wright restated the following declaration regarding their dual role on Planning matters. During this Parish Council meeting on Planning matters, we shall not be expressing a conclusive view on the applications and we give a declaration that we will be formally reconsidering the matters when we are in receipt of all the information at the District Council's Planning Committee.

Planning Application 07/00395/FL Change of use of former amusement arcade to a hair and beauty salon at 10A-12 High Street, Clay Cross for Elizabeth Ann Fowkes

Planning Application 07/00447/AD Application for advertisement consent to display two notice boards and lockable projecting box at Holmgate Evangelical Church, Valley Road, Clay Cross for Holmgate Evangelical Church

Approval of Planning Application 07/00248/FL Erection of conservatory to rear of Hillside, 26 Clay Lane, Clay Cross for Mr Frost

Approval of Planning Application 07/00082/FL Application for external lighting of the car parking and service yard areas used in association with the new production facility (Major Development) at IKO Limited, Coney Green Road, Clay Cross for Andrew Salmon

Refusal of Planning Application 07/00199/FL Change of use of restaurant to public house at 183 High Street, Clay Cross for Martin Allen

North East Derbyshire Development Framework: Adopted Statement of Community Involvement, Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 – Regulation 36

North East Derbyshire District Council: North East Derbyshire Development Framework Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (circulated)

### **Resolved That:**

1. the Planning Applications, Approval of Planning Application, Refusal of Planning Application and the North East Derbyshire Development Framework: Adopted Statement of Community Involvement are received and noted
2. Councillor D Skinner completes and returns the North East Derbyshire Development Framework Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document Questionnaire/Comment Form

### **428/07 Cemetery Matters**

Consideration was given to the rental or purchase of a transmitter receiver system for the use of our Cemetery staff (circulated). **Resolved That:** the Parish Council awaits a recommendation from the Cemetery Working Group.

### **429/07 Social Centre Matters**

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **378/07** regarding the Senior Citizens Parties. Thank you letter received from Friends of Clay Cross Hospital for the donation of £58.25. The money will go towards the Kirton Chair which they have been asked to purchase for Alton Ward, which will cost approximately £2,000.

## **430/07 Finance**

### **Resolved That:**

1. the under mentioned payments be authorised:

Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 3-4)	£2199.75
Clay Cross Do-it-Yourself (Building Maintenance)	£95.70
Walker Hire (Building Maintenance)	£54.86
Designs Direct (Cemetery Staff Work Wear)	£189.60
Konica Minolta (Photocopies)	£20.09
Severn Trent Water (for Clay Lane and North Street Allotments)	£126.95
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (Subscription from 1.4.07 to 31.3.08)	£650.56
D Higginbottom (Window Cleaner)	£95.00
Strawberry Basket (Lunch Club Provisions)	£85.49
M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butlers (Lunch Club Provisions)	£176.06
TV Licence Refunds (23 @ £22)	£506.00
OSI Business Supplies (Stationery)	£137.32
NEDDC (Cost to empty Social Centre Wheelie Bin from 26.3.07 to 25.6.07)	£131.98
Rentokil Hygiene (Social Centre Watersafe Contract from 8.4.07 to 7.7.07)	£184.56
Sorrell's Fuels (Coal for Cemetery)	£21.20
I Wright (Thursday Dance's for May)	£175.00
R Hicks & Sons Ltd (Lunch Club Provisions)	£196.99
Severn Trent Water (for Social Centre, Market Street Public Toilets, Tranmere Avenue Allotments)	£945.03
Social Centre Damage Bond Refund	£50.00
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£2.00

**Total:** **£6044.14**

2. to note the following income:

NEDDC (1 <sup>st</sup> 2007/08 Precept Payment)	£95000.00
HM Customs (Final 2006/07 VAT Refund)	£6270.18
Market Rent 21.4.07 and 28.4.07	£177.00
Blue Dykes Surgery (Social Centre Hire)	£160.00
C4444 (Social Centre Hire)	£105.00
C4501 (Social Centre Hire)	£50.00
C4502 (Social Centre Hire)	£50.00
Lunch Club 17.4.07	£165.00
Bingo 18.4.07	£109.35
Dance 19.4.07	£59.05
Bingo 23.4.07	£64.00

Lunch Club 24.4.07	£175.00
Bingo 25.4.07	£112.70
Dance 26.4.07	£61.85
Bingo 30.4.07	£57.75
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£2371.59

**Total: £104988.47**

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **334/06** regarding work at the Clay Cross Adult Education Centre Clock to convert going to mains synchronous drive. It was reported that a letter has been received from Smith of Derby confirming that their Engineer recently visited site to take final measurements for the conversion of the clock to mains drive for the going side and automatic winding and strike side. It was noted at this visit that the strike side of the Clock has not worked for several years and there is concern that the re-instatement of the strike because of the conversion to automatic winding may not be sufficient to allow it to work successfully so a mechanical toller with electronic controller can be installed to re-instate the strike. **Resolved That:** a mechanical toller with electronic controller is installed at a cost of £190, increasing the cost of this project to £3,305 plus vat.

### **431/07 Clerk's Report**

1. Angel Estate Neighbourhood Watch: request to consider the demolition and removal of the unused bus shelter opposite 'Noshins' restaurant, High Street, Clay Cross
2. North East Derbyshire District Council: Street Collection Application SC/06/07 – Manacare Foundation in Clay Cross on 26 July 2007
3. North East Derbyshire District Council: Postal Address Application 05/00633/DOM for two new dwellings at Cemetery Road, Danesmoor

### **Resolved That:**

1. Prestige Street Furniture Ltd demolish and remove the unused bus shelter at a cost of £475 plus vat
2. the Clerk's Report is received and noted

### **432/07 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That:** the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 26 June 2007.