

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 22 April 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Morley Chair
Councillor J M Holmes Vice Chair

Councillor Mrs K M Holmes Councillor K G Savidge
Councillor M Holmes Councillor D Skinner
Councillor P Riggott Councillor B Wright

Three members of the public also present

Public Consultation

Following request for information from a member of the public, Councillor P Riggott reported that the Secure Unit at Clay Cross has now been replaced with a new seven place unit and confirmed that it is not a temporary unit but an assessment centre. The secure part of the building will be demolished but the Stephenson Unit will remain and be used by Social Services for the storage of their equipment.

Police Consultation

Parish Clerk circulated copies of crime figures for the months of February 2008 and March 2008. Councillor P Riggott reported that domestic violence was now being treated as a crime. Councillor K G Savidge reported that overall crime figures are down. Councillor B Wright reported that on attending the last Parkhouse Team meeting, questions were being asked why known crimes reported to the Police were not being shown on the crime figures.

County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance

Councillor P Riggott reported that the temporary Governing Body of the new school have appointed a new Headteacher and reports are that he is an excellent appointment.

Councillor G Morley, Chair was pleased to reported that Councillor P Riggott has been re-elected as a Cabinet member at the District Council but unfortunately, Councillor K G Savidge election bid was not successful.

545/08 Sarah Whattam, Community Economic Development Officer

Parish Clerk reported that due to ill health Sarah could not be present at this meeting however, progress on the following projects was reported:

Clay Cross Community Garden - a Lease Agreement is currently being drafted between the Church Trustees for Methodist Church purposes and the Community Garden Group. A Notice of Intent has been issued as an interim so that work can start on applying for funding. A site visit is being held with Groundwork Cresswell so that a re-quote can be received.

St Barnabas Centre – Sarah has developed an Exit Strategy for St Barnabas Centre Management Committee which was submitted and accepted at their meeting in March. There are a couple of items outstanding that Sarah is currently working on but it is anticipated that these will be complete by the end of April. Sarah made several recommendations in the Exit Strategy and highlighted those that need dealing with urgently. **Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair confirmed that he has now stepped down as Chair of the Management Committee but Councillor Mrs K M Holmes is still a member of this Committee. Concerns were raised that the Church appear to be taking over the day to day running of the building and comments were made that prayers were said at the start of the last meeting, this was felt to be inappropriate as it was a meeting of the Centre Management Committee not a meeting of the Church Management Committee. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk contact Sarah to request a copy of the Exit Strategy for the Parish Council.**

Holmgate Darby & Joan Club – an application has been submitted to the Awards for All Scheme and we are awaiting the outcome.

Danesmoor Youth Club – the Youth Club is now running independently with seven volunteers. Funding has been received from Derbyshire County Council, Councillor Community Fund and the group are really grateful for this as it will assist them with start up costs. The Youth Club runs on a Thursday evening between 6.30pm – 8.30pm and between 40-50 young people turn up each week. It is hoped to work with other Youth Groups in the area to run competitions and day trips. The Youth Club are also planning a car wash at the Fire Station to raise funds for the club. **Councillor P Riggott confirmed that the money given from his Community Fund was used to help with the costs of CRB checks for the volunteers and that money was still available.**

Family Open Day/Opening of St Barnabas Pre School – the event on Saturday 15 March 2008 was very successful and was well attended by the community. There were plenty of activities and competitions for the families to

participate in.

546/08 Apologies for Absence

It was reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor Mrs A Bradley, Councillor A Jackson and Councillor E Mansbridge.

547/08 Minutes of Last Meeting

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to approve as a correct record. ***Resolved That: the Minutes of the meeting held 26 February 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.***

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **134/04** regarding the Holmgate Multi-Use Games Area and the use of Parish Council owned land at North Street, Holmgate. In the absence of Sarah Whattam, the Parish Clerk reported that the draft Lease Agreement was discussed at a meeting in February with representatives from the Parish Council and Holmgate Tenants & Residents Group. Several amendments were discussed and agreed at this meeting. These have been forwarded to BRM Solicitors. Sarah is currently seeking re-quotes from contractors which will include drawings and plans so that a Planning Application can be submitted.

Further to minute no **284/06** regarding the new disabled access at Clay Cross Library, Kenning Park. Parish Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Derbyshire County Council thanking the Parish Council for the grant of consent to carry out works to improve access to the Library. **It was agreed that the Parish Clerk write to County Council requesting a date when the work will start.**

Further to minute no **490/07** regarding Angel Estate Notice Board. Parish Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council have issued the Licence to the Parish Council. Advertisement Consent has been submitted to the District Council and a decision should be reached by the end of April. A letter has been sent to the utility providers to check for underground services and several responses have so far been received.

Further to minute no **491/07** regarding the future role of Sarah Whattam, Community Economic Development Officer. Parish Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Alison Westray- Chapman, the District Council Economic Development and Tourism Manager confirming the projects Sarah will continue to work on. Two projects which Sarah will not be involved with in future include

the Clay Cross Gala and Christmas Fare. **Discussions took place regarding the Parish Council taking on the organisation of the Gala for 2009. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk place the election of a Clay Cross Gala Working Group on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.**

548/08 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

549/08 Report from Parish Footpath Inspector(s)

Further to minute no **472/07** regarding works to improve public rights of way in Clay Cross Parish. Councillor D Skinner reported that work is still ongoing on a number of footpaths and that more up to date information will be provided at the next Parish Council meeting.

550/08 Declaration of Interest

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair, Councillor K G Savidge 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.

Councillor B Wright declared a prejudicial interest in Social Centre Matters as the Clay Cross Pubwatch Secretary, Sue Wright is his wife. Councillor B Wright took no part in the discussion and took no part in the decision made.

Councillor Mrs K M Holmes and Councillor K G Savidge both declared a personal interest in Social Centre Matters - Work In Progress as Councillor Mrs K M Holmes is Treasurer of Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club and Councillor K G Savidge is Secretary/Treasurer of Holmgate Darby & Joan Club.

551/08 Planning Matters

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair, Councillor K G Savidge 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 08/00139/FL Replacement of existing wooden boundary

fence with new 7ft fence (Revised Scheme of NED/07/00547/FL) at 10 Holmgate Road, Clay Cross for Mr J Archer & Miss G Parris. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00222/AD Advertisement Consent for the installation of one non illuminated Community Notice Board at Land at Junction of A61/Queen Street, Clay Cross for Lyn Davies. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00152/FL Creation of covered area for staff use at Danesmoor Works, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor for Mr Christopher Hirst. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00030/AD Advertisement hoarding (non illuminated) at 73 High Street, Clay Cross for Peak Fireplaces. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 07/00886/FL Retention of shelter to front elevation at Bestwood Working Mens Club, 62 Thanet Street, Clay Cross for Bestwood Working Mens Club. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00368/FL Retention of haystore (open timber frame) and 2 no. security floodlights (contrary to condition 2 of NED/06/00360/FL) at Wynds Point, Stretton Road, Clay Cross for Mr A Saint. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00374/FL Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new dwelling (plot one of two) at 2 Mill Lane, Clay Cross for Mr & Mrs Kirkland. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00440/FL Conversion of existing public house with living accommodation to 3 terraced houses with associated alterations, provision of parking and construction of 3 garages at Royal Oak, 95-97 Clay Lane, Clay Cross for Green Tree Investment Property Ltd. **The Parish Council object to this application due to the loss of a social amenity eg a public house. The reason for this objection is there is no other social amenity within the community of Clay Lane. The Parish Council believes that even commercial public houses can provide social activities to their communities.**

Conditional Permission of Renewal Application 08/00063/FL for siting of temporary single storey cricket pavilion building (3048mm x 9753mm) adjacent to Jacksons Field at Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross for Clay Cross Cricket Club. **The Parish Council note this conditional**

permission of renewal application.

Tree Preservation Order – Conditional Approval of Application to fell 1 beech tree and 2 sycamore trees and to prune 3 beech trees and 1 sycamore tree protected by Tree Preservation Order (TPO 23 1984) t 96 Ashover Road, Old Tupton for N E Franklin. **The Parish Council note this conditional approval of application.**

Conditional Permission of Planning Application 08/00127/FL Conversion of existing dwelling to two dwellings at 2 King Street, Clay Cross for Mr & Mrs Hutchinson. **The Parish Council note this conditional permission of planning application.**

Conditional Permission of Planning Application 07/00683/FL Erection of a pair of semi detached two storey houses (amended plans) (amended title) at site adjacent to 1-15 and accessed from Pankhurst Place, Clay Cross for Mr & Mrs Briddon. **The Parish Council note this conditional permission of planning application.**

552/08 Street Scene Working Group

Resolved That:

- (a) following request from tenants, costs are obtained for mains water to be laid on at Parish Council owned allotment site at Valley Road, Holmgate*
- (b) the report on Clay Cross Market from Market Manager, Malc Giles is received and noted*

553/08 Cemetery Matters

At this point, Councillor G Morley, Chair welcomed Jason & Angela Richards to the meeting and asked Councillor B Wright to discuss their request for a seat at the graveside in memory of their daughter, Anna Kay Erica. Councillor B Wright explained that, following a visit to the Cemetery, their request for a seat at the graveside could not be accommodated however, a path being made along the full length of the burial row could be provided and a seat installed (photographic evidence was circulated). **Resolved That: a path along the full length of the burial row is provided and that once completed, the Parish Clerk liaise with Jason and Angela regarding the installation of a seat.**

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **107/04** regarding the Weeping Lady Statue. Parish Clerk reported that work with Sarah is still ongoing to complete the funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

554/08 Social Centre Matters

Councillor B Wright restated his prejudicial interest in Social Centre Matters as the Clay Cross Pubwatch Secretary, Sue Wright is his wife. Councillor B Wright took no part in the discussion and took no part in the decision made.

Resolved That: following request from Clay Cross Pubwatch, the use of the Social Centre lounge area will be provided free of charge for their meetings for the next six months only.

Work In Progress

Councillor Mrs K M Holmes and Councillor K G Savidge restated their personal interest in Social Centre Matters – Work In Progress as Councillor Mrs K M Holmes is Treasurer of Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club and Councillor K G Savidge is Secretary/Treasurer of Holmgate Darby & Joan Club

Further to minute no **540/08** regarding the Senior Citizens Parties. Parish Clerk reported that the raffles held over the two nights raised a total of £288: £72 has been donated to Clay Cross, Danesmoor and Holmgate Darby & Joan Clubs and Friends of Clay Cross Hospital. Letters of thanks received from Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club and Friends of Clay Cross Hospital were read out.

555/08 Finance

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair and Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee gave a resume of details discussed at the meeting held 16 April 2008. Councillor P Riggott stated that thanks to prudent planning, the Parish Council's year end balance was very healthy. ***Resolved That:***

- 1. the monthly statement for February 2008 and March 2008 (circulated) be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 2. the expenditure and income against budget report for February 2008 and March 2008 (circulated) be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair***
- 3. following recommendation from the Finance Sub-Committee, a***

letter is sent to the Audit Commission expressing concerns that the proposed submission date for the Annual Return of 9 June 2008 for the year ended 31 March 2008 is too early and that Councillor K G Savidge, in his capacity as Chair of Derbyshire Association of Local Councils, pursue this issue with the Federation of East Midlands Associations of Local Councils at their meeting to be held on the 15 May 2008

4. under mentioned payments be authorised:

<i>Parish Council Staff Wages (2007/08 Tax Wk 52, 2008/09 Tax Wks 1-2 and Tax Mth 1)</i>	<i>£4797.55</i>
<i>I Wright (Thursday Dances for April)</i>	<i>£140.00</i>
<i>Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI & Tax Payment for March)</i>	<i>£1886.19</i>
<i>DCC Superannuation (Pension contributions for March)</i>	<i>£813.62</i>
<i>TV Licence Refunds (14 @ £22)</i>	<i>£308.00</i>
<i>Social Centre Damage Bond Refunds (2 @ £50)</i>	<i>£100.00</i>
<i>M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butchers (L/Club Provisions)</i>	<i>£112.83</i>
<i>NEDDC (April Social Centre Rates)</i>	<i>£955.50</i>
<i>NEDDC (April Market Street Public Toilets Rates)</i>	<i>£152.70</i>
<i>NEDDC (April Cemetery Rates)</i>	<i>£101.45</i>
<i>Johnston Publishing (Social Centre adverts)</i>	<i>£165.02</i>
<i>Chesterfield Borough Council (consent to operate Clay Cross Market 1.4.08 – 31.3.09)</i>	<i>£10.00</i>
<i>Designs Direct (Cleaning Materials for Social Centre and Cemetery/Parish)</i>	<i>£308.75</i>
<i>Npower (Gas for Social Centre)</i>	<i>£665.29</i>
<i>Derbyshire County Council (charge for bus shelter on High Street, installed August 2006)</i>	<i>£2404.44</i>
<i>Stourton Service Station (derv for Parish van)</i>	<i>£75.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross & Danesmoor Miners Welfare (Bar Vouchers handed out to helper at OAP Parties)</i>	<i>£84.60</i>
<i>Rentokil Hygiene UK Ltd (Watersafe Contract)</i>	<i>£188.25</i>
<i>Post Office Ltd (Stamps)</i>	<i>£153.00</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Charges)</i>	<i>£151.00</i>
<i>Tiscali Billing (Broadband Fee)</i>	<i>£15.99</i>
TOTAL:	£13,589.18

5. *the following income be noted:*

<i>NEDDC (2008/09 Precept Payment)</i>	<i>£98,000.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (Social Centre Grant Aid)</i>	<i>£14,867.18</i>
<i>Clay Cross & Danesmoor Miners Welfare (2007/08 4th quarter share bar takings)</i>	<i>£839.20</i>
<i>Parish Allotment Rents</i>	<i>£398.00</i>
<i>C4583 – C4591 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£509.00</i>
<i>C4596 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£132.50</i>
<i>C4597 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
<i>C4547 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£28.35</i>
<i>Cemetery: 5928 - 5933</i>	<i>£389.00</i>
<i>Market Rent 5.4.08, 12.4.08</i>	<i>£129.87</i>
<i>Bingo 31.3.08, 2.4.08, 7.4.08</i>	<i>£191.85</i>
<i>Dance 27.3.08, 3.4.08</i>	<i>£112.40</i>
<i>Lunch Club 1.4.08</i>	<i>£145.60</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Interest)</i>	<i>£2.26</i>
 <i>TOTAL:</i>	 <i>£115,795.21</i>

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **334/06** regarding refurbishment of the Adult Education Centre clock. Parish Clerk reported that Tony Upton from Derbyshire County Council made contact on the 18 April 2008 to confirm that he has been successful in securing money to get the clock tower works done. Tony has informed the Parish Clerk that the work will be done in two stages. The first stage will be to re-position access to the roof space and to fit a commercial 'loft' style ladder with hand rails. The second stage will be to provide better access to the roof and then carry out the necessary repairs to the roof. In the meantime, Tony will be contacting the clockmakers, Smith of Derby, direct for the technical details regarding the refurbishment of the clock.

Further to minute no **541/08** regarding donation to Lower Clay Lane Neighbourhood Watch. Parish Clerk read out letter received from this organisation thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

556/08 Clerk's Report

1. Sarah Whattam: moving from Clay Cross in the next 4-6 weeks to the Council House, Saltergate
2. Campaign to Protect Rural England: Annual Report 2007 and invitation to attend their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 May 2008

3. North East Derbyshire District Council: Draft Affordable Housing Strategy Consultation

Resolved That:

1. *with regard to the Draft Affordable Housing Strategy Consultation, Councillor D Skinner liaise with the Parish Clerk to send comments back to the District Council*
2. *the Clerk's Report be received*

557/08 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: *the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 27 May 2008 at 7pm.*