

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 23 January 2007 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor K G Savidge ..... Chair  
Councillor J M Holmes ..... Vice Chair

Councillor Mrs M Bacon  
Councillor Mrs K M Holmes  
Councillor M Holmes  
Councillor E Mansbridge

Councillor P Riggott  
Councillor G Smith  
Councillor B Wright

**Also Present:** PC Fred Bray, Clay Cross Police  
PCSO John Lockwood, Clay Cross Police  
Sarah Whattam, Community Support Officer

## **Police Consultation**

It was reported that complaints are still coming in from Ashton Road residents regarding noise from Sharley Park area. Complaints have also been received from resident of Copenhagen Road regarding motor cross bikes causing a nuisance; noise, damage to grass verges etc – Section 59 warrants have been served during the summer.

Crime figures for the months of October, November and December were received and noted. It was reported that burglaries are a problem in the area at the moment particularly distraction burglaries involving bogus callers.

Councillor P Riggott reported that complaints have been received from residents regarding cars racing between traffic lights on the A61 and they have requested speed camera's are installed; it was noted that Natascha Engel MP has been approached to support this request.

Councillor J Holmes, Vice Chair asked if the CCTV system in the town was effective in the fight against crime. PC Bray stated that the system was poor and had not been kept up to date. The system records in black and white so the quality of images from the tapes is very poor and in most cases cannot be used in Court; numerous requests have been made to up date the system but nothing has been done.

### **County Councillor Attendance**

Councillor P Riggott reported that the County Council legal team have now compiled all the relevant information regarding the 'village green' claim on the site of the proposed new School.

It was reported that, as requested at the Parish Council meeting held on the 21 November 2006, a letter was sent to Councillor Alan Charles; Councillor Alan Charles has replied thanking the Parish Council of its support.

### **371/07 Apologies for Absence**

It was reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor Mrs A Bradley.

### **372/07 Minutes of Last Meeting**

**Resolved That:** the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on the 21 November 2006, 19 December 2006 and 4 January 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor K G Savidge, Chair.

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **458/99** regarding sale of land at Bevan Road, off Springvale Close, Danesmoor. Details of letter received from our Solicitor, Mark Bilton of Bilton Hammond, read out. **Resolved That:** following advice from Mr Bilton, if Highdale Homes Ltd are not able to confirm that they are willing to proceed with the sale in the next 14 days then the land be remarketed.

Further to minute no **134/04** regarding our land at North Street. It was reported that Councillor J Holmes, Vice Chair and Councillor P Riggott will be attending a meeting of Holmgate Tenants & Residents Association on Wednesday 24 January 2007; details of this meeting to be reported at the next Parish Council meeting.

Further to minute no **256/06** regarding Boundary Signs. It was reported that Derbyshire County Council issued works order for 3 x Boundary Signs at the end of December; new Signs should be in place by 31 March 2007.

Further to minute no **347/06** regarding 'Streetscene' and Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005. Councillor M Holmes reported details of the presentation he attended on the 19 October 2006 and

reported details of questionnaire received from the District Council. **It was agreed that the questionnaire be returned with Councillor M Holmes' comments but it was felt that the Parish Council should proceed with caution; believe that the District Council want Parish Council's to take on their responsibilities.**

Further to minute no **365/06** regarding the supply of 'toast' drinks as requested by the Hirers of Clay Cross Social Centre. It was reported that a meeting with representatives from Clay Cross & Danesmoor Miners Welfare will be held on Wednesday 24 January 2007; details of this meeting to be reported at the next Parish Council meeting.

Further to minute no **370/07** regarding the Parish Council contribution to Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. Details of letter received from their Manager, Phil Morris, read out. **Resolved That:** Phil Morris be invited to attend February's Parish Council meeting.

### **373/07 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

### **374/07 Sarah Whattam, Community Support Officer**

Sarah reported her progress on the following projects:

**Clay Cross Community Garden** - Planning Application has not been submitted yet due to problems identifying fencing with Groundwork Cresswell. It is hoped that this matter will be resolved by the end of January.

**Clay Cross Gala** - the date of the Gala has been booked for Saturday 7 July 2007. The Group are planning the event to coincide with the arrival of Proctors Fair. The Gala Group hope to have an arena with various shows/displays taking place throughout the day. The next meeting of the Gala Group will take place on Friday 26 January 2007.

**Youth Activity Newsletter** - nothing further to report since the last meeting in December.

**Support to Clay Cross Angling Association** - support has been given to the Angling Association with their funding application. The Association will be submitting their application in January to the Lottery Awards For All Scheme to fund a new footpath down to the Pond and three additional disabled fishing pegs. It was reported that Councillor P Riggott, through the Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Scheme, has made

a contribution to this project; this in addition to Clay Cross Parish Council's contribution.

**Best Dressed Window Competition** – 20 retailers took part in the competition that was held throughout December. A total of 735 votes were cast and the winning shop was Age Concern with 105 votes. Linda Harper was the winning customer who went away with £30 in local shopping vouchers.

**Christmas Fair** – the Christmas Fair was held in December in the Social Centre with 15 local community and voluntary groups having stalls and running activities. Ashover Brass Band attended to provide entertainment along with Father Christmas. Approximately 300 people came through the doors at the Social Centre and comments received were very positive.

### **375/07 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.

### **376/07 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 06/01422/FL Approval of reserved matters for the erection of 2 detached dwellings with integral garages (as approved in outline under 06/00069/FL) at Garage Site Accessed Between 35-37 Coupe Lane, Clay Cross for Messers R Ward and B Hutton

Planning Application 06/01243/FL Erection of ground floor extension to form toilet/kitchenette areas to existing shops at 27-37A Market Street, Clay Cross for Thomas West Investments Ltd

Planning Application 06/01438/FL Erection of single floor temporary

cricket pavilion building (3048mm x 9753mm) adjacent to Jackson's Field at Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross for Clay Cross Cricket Club

Planning Application 07/00017/FL Change of use of land to large goods vehicle operating centre for 8 no tractor units and 9 no trailer units at land to rear of The Garage, 39 High Street, Clay Cross for JYPH Transport

Approval of Planning Application 06/01226/AD Application for advertisement consent for illuminated signage at 73 High Street, Clay Cross for Lloyds TSB

Approval of Planning Application 06/01132/FL Construction of paint bay and office extension (amended plan) at Incomol, Derby Road, Clay Cross for Renco (Chesterfield) Limited

Refusal of Planning Application 06/01251/AD Advertisement consent for the retention of an advertisement hoarding pole mounted and internally illuminated (to replace one of the previous Stone & Slate signs) at Coney Green Farm, Market Street, Clay Cross for Cucina-UK

Refusal of Planning Application 06/01289/TPO Application for consent to prune beach trees covered by North East Derbyshire Tree Preservation 28 (TPO 28) at Land Between St Clares Convent and Rykneld House fronting Stretton Road, Clay Cross for Sister Patricia Jordan

Approval of Planning Application 06/01329/FL Change of use of community resource centre (D1 use) to Day Nursery (D2 use) at 15-19 Springvale Close, Danesmoor for St Barnabas Pre-School

Approval of Planning Application 06/01330/FL Change of use of 1<sup>st</sup> floor from residential flat to office (use class B1) at 74A Market Street, Clay Cross for Metlane Ltd

**Resolved That:**

1. with regard to application no 06/01422/FL the Parish Council are concerned that the pedestrian access between Coupe Lane and Meadow Road will be removed once this development begins and ask that it be retained for local users
2. with regard to application no 06/01438/FL the Parish Council are concerned at the sighting of a metal container in the middle of a field. There does not appear to be any access to this container and there are no service facilities to support this container as a pavilion.

The main concern is that it will become an attraction for anti-social behaviour ie juveniles jumping up and down on this container from dusk onwards, causing problems to local residents and putting extra pressure on the Police

3. with regard to application no 07/00017/FL the Parish Council are concerned with regard to traffic movement on and off the highway and within the boundary itself, concern also raised with regard to other users of this area. Also request that details of any comments raised by the County Council Highways be passed on to the Parish Council
4. the Planning Applications, Approval of Planning Applications and Refusal of Planning Applications are received and noted.

### **377/07 Cemetery Matters**

To allow Derbyshire Family History Society to produce and sell data on CD-ROM derived from our copies of the Clay Cross Burial registers that the Parish Council allowed the Society to copy and transcribe over the past year. **Whilst the Parish Council is very grateful to this organisation for the work done, it was agreed that a letter is sent requesting answers to the following questions:**

1. **will the Data Protection Act be contravened in anyway with regard to the release of this data to the general public**
2. **what are the reasons why this organisation wish to sell data on CD-ROM, the cost and what the money will be used for**
3. **what other local authorities in the area has this organisation collected similar information**

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no 355/06 regarding Decent Homes Inspection carried out by an Officer from the District Council at the Cemetery Lodge. Details of the inspection and recommendations were discussed. **It was agreed that quotations be obtained to replace the stainless steel kitchen sink top and details of quotation received to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.**

Further to minute no 355/06 regarding the supply and installation of a computer/printer. It was reported that AO Computers delivered and installed computer/printer on Wednesday 17 January 2007.

### **378/07 Social Centre Matters**

#### **Resolved That:**

1. Cabbage Children's Theatre be allowed to use the Social Centre, free of charge, in the afternoon of Friday 16 January 2007
2. the Senior Citizens Parties are held on Tuesday 13 March 2007 and Wednesday 14 March 2007 and entertainment to be booked at a total cost of £510. Councillor Mrs A Bradley and the Clerk be given delegated authority to organise the catering for the Parties, within the allocated budget of £1,700

#### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **356/06** regarding the Social Centre automatic doors. It was reported that no reply has been received to date to our letter. **It was agreed to send a copy of this letter to the District Council's Chief Executive asking why no reply has been received**

Further to minute no **281/06** regarding the Social Centre Central Heating System. It was reported that Carl Harrison will start work to install the new central heating system on Friday 26 January 2007 and over the weekend; it is hoped that the new system will be up and running on Monday 29 January 2007

### **379/07 Finance**

Details of the meeting held on the 17 January 2007 were reported. All agenda items had been discussed, a number of items were queried and clarified satisfactorily. **Resolved That:**

1. the monthly statements for November 2006 and December 2006 be accepted and signed by Councillor K G Savidge, Chair
2. the expenditure and income against budget report for November 2006 and December 2006 be accepted and signed by Councillor K G Savidge, Chair
3. £150 is donated to the Community of Christ Youth Groups
4. the under mentioned payments be authorised:

Cemetery Staff Wages (Tax Wks 32-33)	£1231.44
Clerks Wages (Tax Wks 32-33)	£513.11
Social Centre Staff Wages (Tax Wks 32-33)	£1436.83

I Wright (Thursday Dances for January)	£140.00
Deanna's Laundry Service (Social Centre tea towel's, aprons etc)	£31.20
Irene Lindley (agreed buffet at Dance 24.12.06)	£180.00
Sorrell's Fuels (Coal for Cemetery)	£81.60
50Plus (Social Centre advert in Winter issue)	£28.00
High St Service Station (Derv for Parish Van)	£61.76
Blachere Illuminations (Costs for High Street Scheme)	£6817.66
Spire Office Services (Stationery)	£58.76
John H F King (fee for preparation of accounts for y/e 31.3.06)	£881.25
Notts & Derby Cash Registers Ltd (12 month Dishwasher maintenance contract)	£229.13
NEDDC (cost to empty Parish dog fouling bins, July to September 2006)	£503.23
Fellowship of Services (Damage Bond Refund)	£50.00
Post Office Ltd (NI and Tax payment to Inland Revenue)	£1537.56
DCC Superannuation (Pension contributions for December)	£1473.26
NEDDC (January Cemetery Rates)	£79.00
NEDDC (January Market Street Public Convenience Rates)	£122.00
NEDDC (January Social Centre Rates)	£898.00
Strawberry Basket (L/Club Provisions)	£14.00
M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butchers (L/Club Provisions)	£56.24
Smith of Derby (cost to replace hands and install dial covers at Adult Education Centre)	£4060.80
G W Wright (Grave Digging x 1)	£70.50
Lazer Fencing Services Ltd (quick set concrete for installation of bins at Meadow Farm Pond)	£27.00
British Gas (Electricity for Social Centre)	£523.09
Npower (Gas for Social Centre)	£452.81
British Gas (Electricity for Cemetery)	£94.08
Associated Northcliffe Digital (cost to add x 4 meeting minutes of Parish Council website)	£70.50
C Skinner (Damage Bond Refund)	£50.00
P Lunn (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
D Wyld (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
S Bingham (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
D Percival (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
J M Spencer (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
J Lowe (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00



C Greenfield (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
K Strong (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
M H Dunn (TV Licence Refund)	£22.00
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£32.00
Tiscali Billing (Broadband Fee)	£15.99
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£22,294.87</b>

6. to note the following income:

C4476 (Social Centre Hire)	£50.00
C4447 (Social Centre Hire)	£185.00
C4474 (Social Centre Hire)	£90.00
C4477 (Social Centre Hire)	£50.00
J Smith (January Cemetery Lodge Rent)	£200.14
Slimming World (Social Centre Hire)	£240.00
C4465 (Social Centre Hire)	£153.67
C4478 (Social Centre Hire)	£50.00
Market Rent 23.12.06	£94.25
Market Rent 6.1.07 and 13.1.07	£157.25
Dance 21.12.06	£59.00
Dance 24.12.06 (Ticket Event)	£429.00
Dance 24.12.06 (Sale of Drinks)	£8.70
Dance 28.12.06	£38.40
C4273 (Sale of Drinks)	£17.20
Bingo 3.1.07	£97.50
Dance 4.1.07	£73.10
Bingo 8.1.07	£56.00
Lunch Club 9.1.07	£157.50
Bingo 10.1.07	£104.10
Dance 11.1.07	£57.20
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£1.91
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£2,424.82</b>

**Work In Progress**

Further to minute no 297/06 regarding the Accounts for year ended 31.3.06. It was reported that the Audit Commission have completed work on our 2005/06 audit and have returned our certified Annual Return for the financial year ended on 31.3.06. The External Auditor's report on the basis of their review, in their opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and not matter have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting their opinion which they draw to the attention of the Council/meeting:

- the Parish Council has sold some land in this year so information has been supplied regarding the use of Capital Receipts
- the Fidelity insurance cover should be reviewed in light of the increase in balances; **it was reported that enquires have been made with our insurers, Zurich Municipal**

Further to minute no **334/06** regarding work at the Clay Cross Adult Education Centre Clock to install an autowinding unit. It was reported that a letter has been received from Smith of Derby confirming that the annual maintenance inspection and an inspection of the clock mechanism for upgrading to automatic winding has been carried out. Their engineer has confirmed that the mechanism is heavier than expected so to ensure reliable and sufficient winding there is now a need to fit heavy duty units. This has altered the estimate price slightly and the actual price would be now be £3,194 plus vat. However an alternative quotation to convert going to mains synchronous drive has been supplied. This would be achieved by fitting an automatic winding unit to the strike side only of the clock and to provide a synchronous clock movement to drive the original traditional clock, ensuring that the clock would not have to be wound and would also be very accurate as it will be powered by mains operated movement. The cost of this would be £3,115 plus vat. **Resolved That:** following recommendation from the Finance Sub-Committee, the alternative quotation to convert going to mains synchronous drive is accepted at a cost of £3,115 plus vat.

### **380/07 Clerk's Report**

1. North East Derbyshire District Council: House number change of property at Meadow Road, Clay Cross
2. North East Derbyshire District Council: Street Collection Application SC/01/07 for The Royal British Legion, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November
3. North East Derbyshire District Council: Street Collection Application SC/02/07 for The Royal Air Forces Association, 15<sup>th</sup> September
4. North East Derbyshire District Council: Decision taken at their meeting held on the 8.1.07 to dispense with a hard copy Minute Book, copies of meeting and committee minutes now stored at

[www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/minute-book](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/minute-book)

5. Derbyshire County Council: Reorganisation of Probation Services (copy of Report available on request)
6. Derbyshire County Council: Are We On The Right Track? Consultation for Derbyshire's Draft Right of Way Improvement Plan 2006 to 2011
7. Derbyshire Constabulary: Comments & Questions raised at the Annual Parish Councils' Evening held on 15 November 2006 (copy available on request)
8. Natascha Engel MP: The future of the Post Office network (copy available on request)

**Resolved That:** Clerk's Report is received and noted

**381/07 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That:** the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 27 February 2007.