

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 24 April 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor J M Holmes Vice Chair (in the Chair)

Councillor Mrs A Bradley	Councillor P Riggott
Councillor Mrs K M Holmes	Councillor G Smith
Councillor M Holmes	Councillor B Wright
Councillor E Mansbridge	

Also Present: PC Fred Bray, Clay Cross Police
PCSO Lesley Bacon, Clay Cross Police

Public Consultation

Three members of the public present to express their objections with regarding to Premises Licence application submitted by Ilex Farm, Handley, Clay Cross. Councillor P Riggott expressed his concerns that the plans at the Farm will not just effect the residents of the Parish of Clay Cross but also the residents of Ashover, Stretton, Wessington and of course Handley itself. From reading through the application it was clear that no consideration has been given to local residents and that the Premises Licence is being sought for money making purposes only; the applicants should have spoken to the community first.

Police Consultation

It was reported that crime is low at the moment in the area but violent crime over the Easter bank holiday was high. Shed break-ins are on the increase at this time of year so be aware when leaving garden equipment, bikes etc on display or unattended.

It was confirmed that Officers attending the Danesmoor Clean Up Initiative on the 25 April 2007 will be offering crime prevention advice to tenants and residents of the area. It was stated that once the Clean Up has been completed, the District Council/Rykneld Homes will monitor tenants who continue to litter their homes and gardens.

Councillor B Wright raised his concerns with regard to motorbike users particularly in the Sharley Park area. It was confirmed that users are given an initial warning and asked to move on but if they are seen in the same area again, the bike is taken away.

Councillor P Riggott raised concerns with regard to staffing levels at Clay Cross Police Station following reports of cut backs in Officer numbers. **It was agreed that the Clerk write to Inspector Mark Bates for further information.**

County Councillor Attendance

There was no County Councillor report.

395/07 Apologies for Absence

It was reported that Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillor Mrs M Bacon, Councillor G Morley, Councillor K G Savidge and Sarah Whattam, Community Support Officer.

396/07 Minutes of Last Meeting

Resolved That: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 27 February 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair).

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **458/99** regarding sale of land at Bevan Road, off Springvale Close, Danesmoor. It was reported that a letter has been received from Wilkins Vardy confirming initial dialogue with D J Atkinson Construction with a view to securing an offer on this land.

Further to minute no **134/04** regarding our land at North Street. Sarah Whattam, Community Support Officer arranged a meeting with Holmgate Tenants & Residents Association and Councillors which was held on Wednesday 11 April 2007. A small public consultation event was also held on Saturday 14 April 2007. It was reported that a report or a draft lease agreement for the proposed Multi Use Games Area has not been submitted yet as further work with the Parish Council and the District Council Legal Department is required.

Further to minute no **256/06** regarding Boundary Signs. It was reported that the total cost for the signs was £1,879 not £2,070 as originally estimated.

Further to minute no **370/07** regarding the Parish Council contribution to Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. Councillor P Riggott reported that he had been appointed the County Council representative on this

organisations new Management Committee.

Further to minute no **387/07** regarding Parish Council land at Bevan Road. It was reported that Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair) and Councillor P Riggott attended a site meeting with Alison Griffiths from the District Council Parks Section. It was agreed to look into the installation of a barrier/bollards on District Council owned land to close of this entrance to vehicles and to make arrangements to clear the site.

397/07 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

398/07 Sarah Whattam, Community Support Officer

In the absence of Sarah Whattam, Community Support Officer, the Clerk read out Sarah's progress report on the following projects:

Clay Cross Community Garden – Planning Application was submitted in January and approved by the District Council in March. New costings have been received by Groundwork Cresswell and the scheme is estimated to cost approximately £77,000. The next stage of the project is to agree the Lease Agreement between the Community Garden Group and the Methodist Church Trustees who own the land.

Clay Cross Gala – the date for 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.

Youth Activity Newsletter – nothing further to report since last meeting in January. Sarah has been unable to progress on this initiative due to other work commitments/priorities.

Support to Clay Cross Angling Association – application to the Awards for All Scheme has been submitted and the Association are awaiting an outcome. It is anticipated to have a response in the next few weeks.

Danesmoor Clean Up Initiative – Sarah has met with the group organising this initiative and agreed to develop a leaflet with Tracey Riggott from the Neighbourhood Watch. This leaflet was produced and distributed at the beginning of April. Sarah will be running a 'competition' with Danesmoor Infant School to design a new sign for Penncroft Drive and Garrett Green. It is hoped there will be a 'bulb

planting' project that the School can be involved in. Sarah is currently working up a project proposal with the new Community Safety Officer.

Angel Estate Notice Boards – Sarah is working with the Angel Estate Neighbourhood Watch and Tenants Group to provide a notice board on the estate and is currently waiting for quotes to come in from a couple of contractors/suppliers.

CCTV in Clay Cross – Sarah is currently working up a project proposal for this scheme. A visit was arranged to Advance Group in Barlborough to view their set up. Once all costings are in Sarah will submit a project proposal to Clay Cross Parish Council for discussion.

Decoration of Air Shafts – Sarah has drafted a letter to Network Rail to see if a local group can decorate the air shafts that run through Clay Cross. There was previously an issue about decorating these for Health & Safety reasons. It is hoped to clarify this situation in writing. Sarah has been unable to send the letter off to date as she needs maps showing where the air shafts are located. This will hopefully be sorted once Sarah returns from leave.

399/07 Declaration of Interest

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the 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.

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair) and Councillor Mrs K M Holmes declared a prejudicial interest in Social Centre Matters (1). Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair) is the Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council this year and Councillor Mrs K M Holmes is his consort, they left the meeting and took no part in the discussions or decisions

400/07 Planning Matters

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the 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 07/00199/FL Change of use of restaurant to public house at 183 High Street, Clay Cross for Martin Allen

Planning Application 06/01334/OL Outline application (all matters reserved) for the remediation of the former Biwaters Works and land off Derby Road for a mixed use development for residential, industrial and leisure uses within use classes B1, B8, C1, C3 and D2 with associated highway, landscaping and other infrastructure works and the erection of 130 houses on the Sports Ground at Furnace Hill Road and Derby Road (Major Development) (Environmental Statement) (Amended Plans) at Bewater Industries (Clay Cross) Ltd, Market Street, Clay Cross for Cavendish Est Ltd and George Wimpey Ltd

Planning Application 07/00329/FL Alterations to shop front in association with the subletting of the shop unit (revised scheme to NED/06/00821/FL) at 42-46 High Street, Clay Cross for Mr & Mrs D Sihota

Approval of Planning Application 07/00007/FL Retention of change of use of one dwelling into two dwellings at 70 John Street, Clay Cross for Mr S Rigley

Approval of Planning Application 07/00054/FL Creation of low maintenance community garden on an unused piece of land to the rear of the church at Central Methodist Church, High Street, Clay Cross for Clay Cross Community Garden Group

Approval of Planning Application 06/01377/OL Outline planning application for residential development for the erection of four dwellings of one and a half storeys (means of access, layout and scale submitted for approval) (Amended Plans) at Longdrive, Stretton Road, Clay Cross for Roy Slater

Approval of Planning Application 07/00104/AD Advertisement application for the erection of two flat panel wall mounted non-illuminated signs at IKO Limited, Coney Green Road, Clay Cross for IKO Plc

Approval of Planning Application 07/00115/FL Amended Design for previously approved external metal stairs (NED/03/00470/FL) at 14 Broadleys, Clay Cross for Miss J Waller

Approval of Planning Application 07/0098/FL Installation of perforated

security shutter over the new secondary entrance at 48 High Street, Clay Cross for The Royal Bank of Scotland Group

Approval of Planning Application 07/00084/AD Application for advertisement consent for one free standing advertisement board on land (Revised Scheme) at Darby & Joan Club Club, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor for Lovell Partnerships

Approval of Planning Application 07/00164/TPO Application to fell one Poplar Tree covered by NED TPO 108 at 1 Peters Avenue, Clay Cross for Mr Keith Catlow

Refusal of Planning Application 07/00043/FL Construction of 2 retail units (Departure from Development Plan) at Vacant Land At The Junction Of Adlington Trading Estate And Derby Road, Clay Cross for Mr Chris Renshaw (Renco Chesterfield Ltd)

Refusal of 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

Resolved That:

1. with regard to Planning Application 07/00199/FL the Parish Council are concerned that this change of use to a public house will be to the detriment of the residents in the immediate area due to the potential for unacceptable high levels of noise, anti-social behaviour, litter and parking congestion late at night and the early hours of the morning
2. the Planning Applications, Approval of Planning Applications and Refusal of Planning Applications are received and noted

401/07 Cemetery Matters

Work In Progress

Further to minute no 377/07 regarding Derbyshire Family History Society request to be allowed to produce and sell data derived from our Burial registers. A reply to our letter has now been received from the Derbyshire Family History Society (copy of this letter previously circulated to all Councillors). **Resolved That:** Derbyshire Family History Society are not granted permission to sell CD-ROMs containing information derived from our Burial registers.

Further to minute no **355/06** regarding Decent Homes Inspection carried out by an Officer from the District Council at the Cemetery Lodge. It was reported that work to supply and fit a stainless steel sink and taps has been completed by District Council Works.

402/07 Social Centre Matters

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair) and Councillor Mrs K M Holmes restated their prejudicial interest in Social Centre Matters (1). Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair) is the Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council for this year and Councillor Mrs K M Holmes is his consort so they left the meeting and took no part in the discussions or decisions.

1. **Resolved That:** the Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council be allowed free use of Clay Cross Social Centre for the Social Evening/Race Night held on Saturday 14 April 2007

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair) and Councillor Mrs K M Holmes returned to the meeting.

2. **Resolved That:** following information previously circulated to all Councillors, Clay Cross Social Centre is enrolled as a member of the Clay Cross Pubwatch Scheme. At this point it was reported that the District Council representative, Chris Illsley, had secured £2,000 in funding which will be used for the Scheme's Indemnity Insurance, Pubwatch signage and radio transmitters; brewers are also being approached for funding

Work In Progress

Further to minute no **378/07** regarding the Senior Citizens Parties on Tuesday 13 March 2007 and Wednesday 14 March 2007. It was reported that the Parties went well and the total raffle money raised was £273: £68.25 donated to Friends of Clay Cross Hospital, Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club, Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club and Holmgate Darby & Joan Club.

403/07 Finance

Details of the meeting held on the 18 April 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 February 2007 and March 2007 be

accepted and signed by Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair)

2. the expenditure and income against budget report for February 2007 and March 2007 be accepted and signed by Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair (in the Chair)
3. the under mentioned payments be authorised:

Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 1&2/Tax Mth 1)	£3344.99
I Wright (Thursday Dances for April)	£140.00
Post Office Ltd (Stamps)	£77.00
Sorrell's Fuels (Coal for Cemetery)	£84.80
NEDDC (Litter Pickers x 2)	£17.63
Payne & Pike (Bingo Books & Flyers)	£261.07
NEDDC (Vary a Premises Licence - cost to SCI Ltd (Maintenance and Monitoring of the Social Centre intruder alarm from 8.3.07 to 7.3.08)	£663.88
Social Centre Damage Bond Refunds (2 @ £50)	£100.00
Chesterfield Borough Council (consent fee to operate Clay Cross Market from 1.4.07 to 31.3.08)	£10.00
Environment Agency (Water Abstraction Licence for Fishing Pond from 1.4.07 to 31.3.08)	£25.00
Strawberry Basket (L/Club Provisions)	£53.33
M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butchers (L/Club Provisions)	£131.02
TV Licence Refunds (20 @ £22)	£440.00
DCC Superannuation (Pension contributions for March)	£1246.92
Post Office Ltd (NI and Tax payment to Inland Revenue for March)	£1655.54
High Street Service Station (Derv for Parish Council Van)	£63.82
British Gas Business (Electricity for Cemetery)	£76.66
British Gas Business (Electricity for Social Centre)	£503.31
Npower Direct (Gas for Social Centre)	£781.99
PRS (Music Licence for Social Centre from 6.4.07 to 5.4.08)	£336.60
NEDDC (April Social Centre Rates)	£924.00
NEDDC (April Market Street Public Conveniences Rates)	£140.76
NEDDC (April Cemetery Rates)	£83.19
50Plus (Social Centre Advert)	£28.75
Co-op Bank (Charges)	£31.00
Tiscali Billing (Broadband Fee)	£15.99

TOTAL:	£11,377.63
4. to note the following income:	
Derbys County Council (Social Centre Hire)	£576.00
NEDDC (Final 2006/07 Clay Cross Area Housing Office Service Charge Payment)	£7861.25
Plot 20 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plots 4/5 Clay Lane Allotment Rent	£22.00
H Pettit (Rent for land at rear of North Street Allotments from 1.4.07 to 31.3.08)	£50.00
Plot 10 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plot 13 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plots 2/6 Clay Lane Allotment Rent	£22.00
Plots 1/3 Clay Lane Allotment Rent	£22.00
Plots 9/10 Tranmere Ave Allotment Rent	£22.00
Plots 11/12 Tranmere Ave Allotment Rent	£22.00
Plot 22 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plot 23 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Clay Cross & Danesmoor Miners Welfare (Final 2006/07 Bar Takings Share, January to March)	£655.46
Plots 21/24 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£22.00
Plot 2 North Street Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plot 9 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Slimming World (Social Centre Hire)	£96.00
North Derbys Forum Mental Health Carers (Social Centre Hire)	£144.00
Market Rent 31.3.07	£85.00
Market Rent 7.4.07	£83.25
Market Rent 14.4.07	£91.00
C4496 (Social Centre Hire)	£157.50
C4498 (Social Centre Hire)	£24.00
C4499 (Social Centre Hire)	£50.00
Plot 12 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plots 3/4 North Street Allotment Rent	£22.00
Cemetery Lodge Rent (for April)	£200.14
Plot 6 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plot 13 Tranmere Ave Allotment Rent	£11.00
Plots 1/2 Valley Road Allotment Rent	£22.00
Bingo 2.4.07	£70.95
Lunch Club 3.4.07	£160.00
Bingo 4.4.07	£110.65
Dance 5.4.07	£57.50
C4486 (Sale of Refreshment)	£30.65
Bingo 11.4.07	£100.25

Dance 12.4.07	£59.15
Bingo 16.4.07	£66.30
Co-op Bank (Interest)	£2.49
TOTAL:	£11,017.54

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 an email has been received from Smith of Derby confirming that the replacement auto wind and synchronous drive have now been prepared. An Engineer has visited the clock today, Tuesday 24 April 2007, to collect various parts of the original clock to make the connections at the Smith's workshop. This will be followed by a final visit in two weeks time to install and leave both the clock and strike operational.

Further to minute no **176/05** regarding Kenning Park Play Area. It was reported that an Independent Inspection of this play area was carried out on the 22 November 2006. The Inspector has identified the need to replace the swing unit and provide a safer surface. **Resolved That:** following recommendation from the Finance Sub-Committee, the swing unit is replaced and safer surface is provided at an estimated cost of £5,500 plus vat.

404/07 Clerk's Report

1. North East Derbyshire District Council: North East Derbyshire Development Framework. Notice of Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement (Submission Version). Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 - Regulations 36
2. North East Derbyshire District Council: Introduction of Choice Based Lettings Allocation System
3. North East Derbyshire District Council: Gender Equality Scheme - Tell Us What You Think?
4. North East Derbyshire District Council: Notice of Hearing before the Licensing Sub-Committee to hear representations made under the Licensing Act 2003 - Ilex Farm, Handley, Clay Cross

Resolved That:

1. Councillor P Riggott attends the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing on Monday 30 April 2007 to make representation on behalf of Clay Cross Parish Council and raise the following concerns regarding this application:
 - (a) the increase of traffic through the town on the A61
 - (b) noise pollution particularly high audible volumes
 - (c) possible anti-social behaviour caused by the effects of late night drinking over the weekend
 - (d) the potential for problems with the maximum of 2,500 people moving in to the area of a small village
 - (e) the roads in the area are weight restricted to 7.5 tonne (Clay Lane and Handley Lane) and are very narrow

In addition to this, the Parish Council have received an email from The Franciscan Sisters of St Clare's Convent, Stretton Road. They have a house of prayer which overlooks the valley and sole purpose of this house is prayer, silence and solitude; they also received visitors from all over the country to experience this tranquillity of the house.

2. Clerk's Report is received and noted

405/07 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved That: the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Monday 14 May 2007.