

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Councillor Mrs K M Holmes	Councillor P Riggott
Councillor A Jackson	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor E Mansbridge	Councillor B Wright
Councillor G Morley	

**Also Present:** PCSO John Lockwood, Clay Cross Police  
Sarah Whattam, Community Economic Development Officer

## **Public Consultation**

Seven members of the public present regarding flooding problems at Winsters Close/Riber Crescent, Old Tupton. Problems with motor bikes gaining access onto North Street Play Area from Riber Crescent were also discussed; informed that this matter would be discussed later on in the evenings Agenda.

## **Police Consultation**

PCSO Lockwood confirmed that Sergeant Siddall has been confirmed as the new Safer Neighbourhood Team Manager. Details of crime figures for the month of July to date handed out, a number of questions and queries were clarified satisfactorily. It was reported that PCSO's will not be taking over beat duties.

Councillor B Wright queried why known drug problems in the Danesmoor area were not shown on the crime figures. It was confirmed that investigations are on going.

The newly launched Pubwatch Scheme was raised. It was confirmed that text messages are sent to members of the Scheme ie details of incident, name of public house etc. However, PCSO Lockwood confirmed that he had no knowledge of any person(s) banned for town centre public houses as PC Stanyard co-ordinates this Scheme.

Parish Clerk read out email received from Inspector Mark Bates on the 17 July 2007. The content and information stated was noted.

## **County Councillor Attendance**

There was no County Councillor report except that Councillor P Riggott gave brief details on the proposed Town Centre Manager and confirmed that no appointment had been made to date.

#### **451/07 Apologies for Absence**

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

#### **452/07 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 Annual Council meeting held 26 June 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor K G Savidge, Chair.***

#### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **370/07** regarding the Parish Council contribution to Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. Parish Clerk reported details of letter received from their Manager, Phil Morris confirming that, at least for now, consideration is given to one Parish Council representative being put forward for a Director post. At this point Councillor P Riggott reported that he has been appointed County Council representative on this organisations new Management Committee. ***It was agreed that the Parish Clerk consult Councillor M Holmes and Councillor B Wright.***

#### **453/07 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Councillor D Skinner reported that Rykneld Homes are still aiming for two stars and if successful, monies received will be used for Council property upgrades.

#### **454/07 Report from Parish Footpath Inspector(s)**

Councillor D Skinner reported that a number of footpath problems have been identified and reported to the County Council. ***Resolved That: Councillor D Skinner identifies a Parish footpath to be cleared so that a project can be done and monies from the County Council Right of Way Minor Maintenance agreement (£495) can be claimed.***

Councillor E Mansbridge confirmed that the Countryside Service are planning a new project to work with local Town and Parish Councils to improve public rights of way in specific targeted areas and one of the first two Council's put forward is Clay Cross Parish Council. This will be done in consultation with the Parish Council, the Ranger

service and the Public Right of Way team with Groundwork Creswell acting as enablers under the Derbyshire County Council service level agreement. There is a sum of money from the Countryside access pot to be spent on these improvements of between £10,000 to £15,000. It was confirmed that there will be no cost to the Parish Council this year and that the County Council will deal with any legal aspect. To get the ball rolling, Steve Barringham from Clay Cross Countryside Centre will be contacting the Parish Clerk in the next few weeks to arrange an initial meeting to agree a work program and look at how the partnership will operate.

#### **455/07 Street Scene Working Group**

To approve the Minutes of Street Scene Working Group meeting held 20 July 2007 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 20 July 2007 be approved for signature*
- 2. a site meeting is held with a view to obtaining quotations for a flood alleviation scheme to couple up with the existing dyke running north to south towards Press Brook*
- 3. a suitable access system from Riber Crescent onto North Street Play Area is looked into and costed*

#### **456/07 Sarah Whattam, Community Economic Development Officer**

Sarah reported progress on the following projects:

**Clay Cross Community Garden** - the Methodist Church have agreed to cover the cost of having a Solicitor to draft a lease agreement and will also be having the land valued which will give the group an indication of the rental cost. I have identified possible funders for the scheme which should cost approximately £77,000 and am currently doing the necessary paperwork needed for the bids. **It was reported that a Solicitor has now been appointed to draft a lease agreement.**

**Support to Clay Cross Angling Association** - the application to the Awards for All Scheme was successful and the group received £10,000. The work at Meadow Farm Fishing Pond is now complete which included a disabled access path and three disabled fishing platforms. I am working with the Association to arrange an Open Day at the pond where we will invite local disabled groups to come along and 'have a go' at fishing with the assistance of members of the Association.

**Danesmoor Clean Up Initiative/Danesmoor Pride** - the day was very successful and there was lots of support from the local community. NED Community Safety

Partnership was successful in securing £16,000 from the Clean Up Initiative pot of funding. This funding will be spent on:

£1,000	Flower Beds and Signs on Penncroft Lane/Penncroft Drive
£2,000	GameZone Equipment at St Barnabas Centre
£4,000	Garden Fencing
£2,000	Painting on Doors and Frames
£5,000	Boulder Wall at St Barnabas Centre
£2,000	Flower Beds/Garden Area on Garrett Green

We are also working in partnership with the Development Manager at Lovells to develop the land at Garrett Green. We will be inviting Danesmoor Infant School and St Barnabas Pre-School to be involved in designing and developing the schemes.

**Angel Estate Notice Boards** – I am working the Angel Estate Neighbourhood Watch and Tenants Group to provide a Notice Board on the estate. We have received a couple of quotes; one from a local supplier. We are currently completing the Planning Application. Once this has been approved we will identify and apply for funding. The project will cost approximately £1,500.

**CCTV in Clay Cross** – this project has been temporarily put on hold until I receive information from the Police as to whether they are going to make a contribution to the scheme. A detailed quote has been received which includes purchase, installation and maintenance for three years. There are additional costs for monitoring. I am currently waiting on information about who will monitor the scheme and how it will be funded.

**Holmgate MUGA** – I have been unable to submit a report or a draft Lease Agreement for the Multi Use Games Area as I feel it requires further work with Clay Cross Parish Council. I am currently seeking funding that Clay Cross Parish Council can apply for.

**Clay Cross & Danesmoor Miners Welfare Disabled Access and Facilities Improvements** – Planning Application has been submitted by the contractors. We are currently awaiting the outcome before we can apply for funding. The improvements have been estimated at £20,000. **It was reported that the Planning Application has now been approved so funding applications are being looked into.**

**Clay Cross Town Centre Group** – I continue to facilitate and attend meetings of the Group. I keep the Group up to date on the developments in the town. The Christmas Fair at the Social Centre has been booked for Saturday 1 December 2007 and we will probably run the 'Best Dressed Window' competition again as it was so successful last year.

**Clay Cross Gala** – plans for the Gala were progressing well until the week leading up to the event. Due to the continuous bad weather which led to the ground being saturated the Gala was down sized and moved to Clay Cross Social Centre. The

decision was made on the Friday before the Gala when a site visit was conducted. The Community and Voluntary Groups still had their stalls and the Fancy Dress Parade took place and was led by Ashover Brass Band. The event was very successful and we were also fortunate as I managed to secure sponsorship of the publicity from Maximus. A meeting of the group will be called to discuss the organisations of the Gala in 2008. **At this point, thanks were expressed to Sarah from all members of the Parish Council for all her efforts in arranging this years Gala.**

**St Barnabas Centre** – work continues with the development of the new centre. I have been co-opted onto the Management Committee as a temporary member. The following is a breakdown of the work I have undertaken on behalf of and with the Management Committee:

- attended meetings of the Management Committee
- produced a report on predicated income and expenditure for the Centre. This enabled me to draft a proposal for cost of hiring the rooms at the Centre
- called a meeting to discuss the costs with existing local community and voluntary groups. All groups and the Management Committee have agreed the costs and have signed up to use the Centre once it is open
- drafted the following policies: Safeguarding Children, Equalities & Diversity and Vulnerable Adults
- conducting a consultation with the residents of Danesmoor; this included producing a questionnaire, arranging distribution, collection and data input of the returned questionnaires
- produced an Action Plan for members of the Management Committee to enable them to identify what needs to be completed before the Centre opens in October
- attended site visits to check on progress with the build and to assist the Management Committee with decisions in regard to fixtures and fittings
- co-ordination of bookings for the Centre
- secure £7,000 from the Community Safety Partnership and Danesmoor Clean Up Initiative to create a Boulder Wall in the Centre

It is anticipated that the Centre will be complete by mid September and will be open to users in October. Plans are in progress for the official opening.

**Weeping Lady Monument in Clay Cross Cemetery** – working with the Parish Clerk on the Weeping Lady Project which includes repairs to the monument and the formation of a triangular island in front of the monument.

**Young Peoples Club in Clay Cross** – plans for a new Young Peoples Club in Clay Cross are progressing well. An initial meeting has been held between representatives from the District Council, the Police, Clay Cross Parish Council and Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club. Volunteers have been identified by Councillor Mrs A Bradley and a venue has been suggested. Once a venue has been agreed a funding bid to Awards For All

can be submitted to purchase equipment to run the Club. **At this point, Councillor P Riggott confirmed that Ashover Parish Council have turned down the offer of the Rainbow Café as they have no use for it but the Café has now been offered to Ashover Light Railway. If Ashover Light Railway turn down the offer, it was suggest that Clay Cross Parish Council look into the Café with a view to taking it on for a Young Peoples Club and find some land in the ownership of the Parish Council to site it on; concern was raised regarding the poor state of repair of the Café and the potential costs to bring the Café up to standard. Sarah reported that a meeting has now been held with Councillor Mrs A Bradley, PCSO Leslie Bacon and the District Council Estates Officer, Gary Goodrich regarding the use of the Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club however, the outcome of this meeting is not known.**

#### **457/07 Welcome to Clay Cross Signs/Planters**

Sarah reported details of a Project Proposal for planters to be fitted to our three Welcome to Clay Cross boundary signs. A new company called Civic Pride moved to Clay Cross in May and are keen to raise their profile. Civic Pride have offered to provide 'window box style' planters which will be attached to the posts under the signs and will be planted with seasonal plants. The offer is for this year only and will include installation and removal of the planters. Civic Pride will be trailing a new system called 'smart reservoir' which stores water within the planter, meaning the plants will only need watering once a week, when the weather is warm and dry. There will be no cost to the Parish Council this year, all Civic Pride request is that they be allowed to put their logo on each planter as a sponsor. **Resolved That:**

- 1. approval be given to Civic Pride to provide, install and remove at the end of the season, 'window box style' planters to three 'Welcome to Clay Cross' boundary signs***
- 2. Civic Pride be allowed to have their logo displayed, as sponsors, on the planters***
- 3. our Cemetery staff water the planters as advised by Civic Pride***

#### **458/07 North East Derbyshire District Council Access 2 Leisure**

Councillor D Skinner reported that under the new North East Derbyshire District Council Access 2 Leisure Concessionary Pass Membership, individuals who are in receipt or income support or income based Job Seekers Allowance **who are not** in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit eg 17-23 year olds, are not included within its Membership. **Resolved That: the Parish Clerk writes to the District Council to request that they review this anomaly.**

### **459/07 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.

### **460/07 Planning Matters**

Councillor K S 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.

Conditional Approval of Planning Application 07/00479/FL Conversion of stable block to ancillary accommodation and conversion of the garages to gym (within 50m of a Listed Building) at Woodthorpe Hall Farm, Ashover Road, Old Tupton for Mr & Mrs S Wytkin. **The Parish Council noted this conditional approval of planning application.**

Approval of Planning Application 07/00480/LB Listed Building Consent for the conversion of a stable block to ancillary and conversion of the garages to a gym (within 50m of a Listed Building) at Woodthorpe Hall Farm, Ashover Road, Old Tupton for Mr & Mrs S Wytkin. **The Parish Council noted this approval of planning application.**

Refusal of Planning Application 07/00481/LB Listed Building Consent for the conversion of house games room to lounge with extension to form a sun room (Listed Building) at Woodthorpe Hall Farm, Ashover Road, Old Tupton for Mr & Mrs S Wytkin. **The Parish Council noted this refusal of planning application.**

Scott Wilson: Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Developer Contributions under S.106, Town and Country Planning Act 1990. ***Resolved That: the document be received.***

### **461/07 Cemetery Matters**

#### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **428/07** regarding the purchase of two basic 'pay as you go' mobile phones for our Cemetery staff. **Parish Clerk reported that the phones have not been purchased to date as the Chesterfield branch of the Carphone**

**Warehouse is closed due to the recent flooding in the town.**

**462/07 Social Centre Matters**

**Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **446/07** regarding First Aid Training for Social Centre staff. **It was reported that Eleanor Tighe, Sue Thomas and Diane Westbury have successfully completed Emergency First Aid for Appointed Persons 1 day course they attended on 27 June 2007. Fred Mortimer has been booked to attend First Aid at Work 4 day course commencing on 30 July 2007.**

**463/07 Finance**

Details of the meeting held on the 18 July 2007 were reported. All agenda items had been discussed, a number of items were queried and clarified satisfactorily by the Parish Clerk. **Resolved That:**

1. *the monthly statements for June 2007 be accepted and signed by Councillor K G Savidge, Chair*
2. *the expenditure and income against budget report for June 2007 be accepted and signed by Councillor K G Savidge, Chair*
3. *the under mentioned payments be authorised:*

<i>Parish Council Staff Wages</i>	
<i>(Tax Wks 13-15/Tax Mth 4)</i>	<i>£4654.74</i>
<i>I Wright (Thursday Dances for July)</i>	<i>£140.00</i>
<i>Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI &amp; Tax Payment for June)</i>	<i>£1690.80</i>
<i>DCC Superannuation</i>	
<i>(Pension contributions for June)</i>	<i>£879.98</i>
<i>TV Licence Refunds (10 @ £22)</i>	<i>£220.00</i>
<i>Social Centre Damage Bond Refunds</i>	
<i>(2 @ £50)</i>	<i>£100.00</i>
<i>Strawberry Basket (L/Club Provisions)</i>	<i>£59.55</i>
<i>M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butchers</i>	
<i>(L/Club Provisions)</i>	<i>£167.40</i>
<i>Matlock Garden Centre (National Garden Centre Vouchers for John Smith)</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (July Social Centre Rates)</i>	<i>£921.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (July Market Street Public Conveniences Rates)</i>	<i>£137.00</i>



<i>NEDDC (July Cemetery Rates)</i>	<i>£88.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (July Cemetery Lodge Rates)</i>	<i>£46.00</i>
<i>Booker Cash &amp; Carry (Refreshments for Resale)</i>	<i>£75.83</i>
<i>Prestige Street Furniture Ltd (Cost to remove old brick bus shelter High Street)</i>	<i>£558.12</i>
<i>Belmont Ltd (Cost to call out and repair to ride-on-mower)</i>	<i>£217.38</i>
<i>Word for Word (Cost to design and print Social Centre leaflets)</i>	<i>£222.07</i>
<i>50Plus (Social Centre advertisement)</i>	<i>£28.75</i>
<i>St John Ambulance (Cost to First Aid at Work course for Fred Mortimer)</i>	<i>£258.50</i>
<i>Konica Minolta Ltd (Photocopies)</i>	<i>£22.24</i>
<i>Dorma UK Ltd (Cost of call out and repair to Social Centre shutter door)</i>	<i>£149.52</i>
<i>Spire Marketing Ltd (Work wear for Cemetery staff)</i>	<i>£281.13</i>
<i>NEDDC (Rent for land at Springvale Road, Danesmoor for year 2007/08)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
<i>Npower (Gas for Social Centre)</i>	<i>£117.06</i>
<i>Zurich Municipal (Insurance 1.7.07-30.6.08)</i>	<i>£7914.51</i>
<i>D Higginbottom (Window Cleaner)</i>	<i>£95.00</i>
<i>G W Wright (Grave Digging x 4)</i>	<i>£282.00</i>
<i>All Secure Security (Open Up/Lock Down Service at Clay Cross Cemetery)</i>	<i>£340.75</i>
<i>Designs Direct (Cleaning Materials)</i>	<i>£147.71</i>
<i>L S Bunting t/a High Street Service Station (Derv for Parish Council van)</i>	<i>£123.97</i>
<i>SCI Ltd (Call outs to Social Centre Intruder Alarm)</i>	<i>£149.92</i>
<i>Richmond Roofing Services (Emergency repairs to Social Centre/Cellar roof)</i>	<i>£1502.24</i>
<i>Devonshire Refrigeration Ltd (Call out to Social Centre Cellar Cooler)</i>	<i>£535.77</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Charges)</i>	<i>£32.00</i>
<i>Tiscali Billing (Broadband Fee)</i>	<i>£15.99</i>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£22,225.13</b>

4. *the following income be noted:*

<i>Clay Cross &amp; Danesmoor Miners Welfare (Social Centre bar takings share 1<sup>st</sup> quarter)</i>	<i>£426.92</i>
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<i>C4519 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
<i>Slimming World (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£312.00</i>
<i>C4512, C4513, C4514, C4515, C4516 and C4517 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£365.00</i>
<i>C4520 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£140.00</i>
<i>C4505 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£150.00</i>
<i>C4522 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£166.00</i>
<i>C4464 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£90.00</i>
<i>Market Rent 23.6.07 &amp; 30.6.07</i>	<i>£109.25</i>
<i>Market Rent 7.7.07 &amp; 14.7.07</i>	<i>£145.25</i>
<i>Cemetery: 5850 – 5858</i>	<i>£2184.00</i>
<i>Bingo 27.6.07</i>	<i>£111.50</i>
<i>Dance 28.6.07</i>	<i>£51.25</i>
<i>Bingo 2.7.07</i>	<i>£64.85</i>
<i>Lunch Club 3.7.07</i>	<i>£172.50</i>
<i>Bingo 4.7.07</i>	<i>£115.80</i>
<i>Dance 5.7.07</i>	<i>£45.50</i>
<i>Clay Cross Gala 7.7.07 (Drinks)</i>	<i>£78.55</i>
<i>Bingo 9.7.07</i>	<i>£75.15</i>
<i>Lunch Club 10.7.07</i>	<i>£172.50</i>
<i>Bingo 11.7.07</i>	<i>£117.75</i>
<i>Dance 12.7.07</i>	<i>£58.30</i>
<i>Bingo 16.7.07</i>	<i>£64.40</i>
<i>Lunch Club 17.7.07</i>	<i>£162.50</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Interest)</i>	<i>£2.63</i>
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>£5,431.60</i>

### **Work In Progress**

There was no Work In Progress to report at this meeting.

### **464/07 Clerk's Report**

1. North East Derbyshire District Council: Postal Address for two new dwellings at Springvale Close, Danesmoor
2. North East Derbyshire District Council: Standards Committee Agenda for 26 July 2007
3. Derbyshire County Council: Excellence in the Community Awards 2007
4. East Midlands Airport: Community Investment Report 2007

5. Josephine Howard: Criticism of Clay Cross (circulated)

**Resolved That:**

1. *the Parish Clerk send a letter to Josephine Howard*
2. *Clerk's Report be received*

**465/07 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That: *the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 25 September 2007.***