

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 26 February 2008 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor G Morley ..... 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

## **Police Consultation**

Parish Clerk circulated copies of crime figures for the month of January 2008.

## **County Councillor/District Councillor Attendance**

There were no items to report by the County Councillor and/or District Council Members in attendance.

## **532/08 Apologies for Absence**

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

## **533/08 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 22 January 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.***

## **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **458/99** regarding sale of land at Bevan Road. ***Resolved That: the invoice received from Wilkins Vardy for their marketing of this land since 1999 is noted and their £500 plus vat fee is paid.***

Further to minute no **270/06** regarding sale of land adjacent to Alma House. Parish Clerk report that a cheque for £250 has been received which represents the sale proceeds of this property.

Further to minute no **284/06** regarding the new disabled access at Clay Cross Library, Kenning Park. Parish Clerk reported that the County Council have requested consent to some additional improvements. Briefly, this involves a new ramped access from the path within the Park down to the ramp already installed near the Library entrance. ***Resolved That: the additional improvements proposed are agreed, Parish Clerk to write to County Council to confirm that work can go ahead.***

Further to minute no **515/07** regarding a contribution to the Safer Neighbourhood Project. Parish Clerk reported that an invoice for the Parish Council's contribution of £5,000 has been received from the District Council. ***Resolved That: payment is not made until April.***

Further to minute no **529/08** regarding the North East Derbyshire District Council: Development Framework – Core Strategy Initial Issues and Options Questionnaire. Parish Clerk reported that an email has been received from the District Council acknowledging receipt of the Questionnaire and thanking the Parish Council for taking the time to send in their views and ideas.

#### **534/08 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

#### **535/08 Report from Parish Footpath Inspector(s)**

Further to minute no **503/07** regarding the proposed clearing of footpath 31. Councillor D Skinner reported that this path runs at the back of Danesmoor between Beech Way and the boundary line with Pilsley Parish Council. The path has been overgrown for several years with blackthorn and bramble in the main. Walkers in the Danesmoor area have used this footpath extensively in the past but the growth was literally stopping people getting through. After much deliberation and discussions with farmers etc it was found and confirmed that the adjoining land to the path was in fact owned by North East Derbyshire District Council. The Countryside Service was able to cut back extensively the growth in the first week in February. The overgrowth is now being chipped and the path is accessible all the way down its 200 meters.

Further to minute no **472/07** regarding works to improve public rights of way in Clay Cross Parish. Councillor D Skinner reported the following:

There have been two major areas of work on footpaths in the Clay Cross area since the New Year and I am happy to say that the work has and still is progressing well.

**Groundwork Trust Project** – the footpaths within the area between High Street, Clay Lane, Newmarket Lane and Holmgate Road are being improved by repairs and rebuilding of stiles, clearing of scrub and debris, erection of fingerposts and in some areas re-routing paths back to their original route.

**Footpath No.2** – has had extensive repairs carried out to stiles along its way, namely full repair and made suitable for access at the Newmarket Lane end also, further stile repairs between the fields belonging to Newmarket Farm. Further hedge cutting and removal of scrub has provided much greater access for people to use this path.

**Footpath No. 4** – this path runs across several fields adjoining Newmarket Lane with Holmgate Road. The stiles are stone and have become lop-sided and/or inverted, the work being carried out is to save the old stone stiles but make them more accessible for the public to use. Poor drainage is a problem near the stiles so some work to level the base of the stiles to solve the drainage problem has been done.

**Footpath No. 13** – has been cleared of scrub at the Clay Lane end. The path has had fingerposts added for better direction and re-routed at the Meadow Farm Fishing Pond end to its former route.

**Footpath No. 46** – erection of fingerposts at strategic points along with path is required.

In addition to the above, I am attending regular site meetings with Richard Fletcher of the Groundwork Trust alongside regular monthly meetings I am attending along with representatives from the Countryside Service and Derbyshire County Council to progress footpath issues and procedures.

**Conclusion** – I would like to, on behalf of Clay Cross Parish Council, commend the work that both Groundwork Trust and the Countryside Service are doing in this area of work. It has not been the best of weather lately but all the people involved seem to be highly motivated and passionate in what they do.

### **536/08 Declaration of Interest**

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.

### **537/08 Planning Matters**

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 08/00083/TPO 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) at 96 Ashover Road, Old Tupton for N E Franklin. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00683/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 Bridon. **The Parish Council note this planning application.**

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 renewal application.**

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 planning application.**

Planning Application 08/00172/OL Outline application (details of access and layout submitted) for erection of one detached two storey house at land to the rear of 8 Thanet Street, accessed from Pankhurst Place, Clay Cross for Mr R Karamyar. **The Parish Council note this outline application.**

Conditional Permission of Planning Application 06/00554/FL Retention of boundary wall and fence with recessed vehicular access (Amended Plan) (Amended Title) at 2 Bevan Road, Danesmoor for Mrs M Billyeald. **The Parish Council note this conditional permission of planning application.**

Conditional Permission of Planning Application 07/01503/FL Single storey side extension and detached garage at 77 Coupe Lane, Clay Cross for Mr S Williamson. **The Parish Council note this conditional permission of planning application.**

Conditional Approval of Planning Application 07/01536/FL Construction of extension to rear at 30 Harewood Crescent, Old Tupton for Mr & Mrs I Bargh. **The Parish Council note this conditional approval of planning permission.**

Conditional Approval of Planning Application 07/01150/RM Reserved Matters application for the erection of 4 dwellings (dormer bungalow style with first floor roof space) (Amended Plan) at Longdrive, Stretton Road, Clay Cross for Mr Richard Irwin. **The Parish Council note this conditional approval of planning application.**

Refusal of Planning Application 07/01482/FL Retention of dormer extension to create bedroom to rear (revised scheme of NED/07/00811/FL) at 20 Coniston Drive, Clay Cross for Mr & Mrs M Dolby. **The Parish Council note this refusal of planning application.**

Refusal of Planning Application 07/01520/AD Application for advertisement consent for the retention of non-illuminated sign on gable end at 73 Market Street, Clay Cross for Tania Morris. **The Parish Council note this refusal of planning application.**

Withdrawal of Planning Application 07/01521/FL Demolition of existing structures and construction of a building part 3 storey/part 2 storey containing 22 two bedroom apartments with associated car parking and landscaping (Major Development) at Bestwood House, Bestwood Drive, Clay Cross for Mr Andrew Fantom. **The Parish Council note this withdrawal of planning application.**

### **538/08 Street Scene Working Group**

To approve the Minutes of Street Scene Working Group meeting held 15 February 2008 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 15 February 2008 be approved for signature***
- 2. posters are put in prominent positions around the Parish so that regular public footpath users can report any problems to Councillor D Skinner***

Issues raised by tenants/residents to provide two dog fouling bins on the open space between the bungalows to the rear of Clay Cross Cemetery leading on to Penncroft Lane, Danesmoor was debated at length. It was agreed that this issue is pursued with Rykneld Homes/North East Derbyshire District Council until such

a time as Rykneld Homes/North East Derbyshire District Council approach the Parish Council to provide these bins. Councillor D Skinner reported that a petition from local tenants/residents has now been received by the Parish Clerk; Parish Clerk to forward petition onto Amanda Boulter, Rykneld Homes Neighbourhood Champion for Danesmoor.

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **525/08** regarding a dog fouling bin on Garrett Green, Danesmoor. Parish Clerk reported that a bin and ground fixing kit are now on order with Urbanscape.

### **539/08 Cemetery Matters**

***Resolved That: the report of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 22 February 2008 be discussed in Confidential Matters in view of the nature of the business to be transacted.***

### **540/08 Social Centre Matters**

To approve the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 13 February 2008 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 13 February 2008 be approved for signature***
- 2. following confirmation from the Finance Sub-Committee that money is available in the Building Maintenance budget, YK Electrical carry out work to replace and re-wire 9 recessed spot lights in the main hall at a cost of £1,070 no vat***
- 3. Jennie Strong from St Bartholomews Church be allowed to loan the bingo machine on Friday 14 November 2008 on condition that (a) a £50 returnable deposit is paid and (b) if the bingo machine is damage beyond repair whilst on loan, it is replaced with a new one***
- 4. the Senior Citizens Parties are held on Tuesday 11 March 2008 and Wednesday 12 March 2008. Entertainment to be booked at a total cost of £420, the Parish Clerk and Councillor Mrs A Bradley 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 **480/07** regarding Fire Safety Training. Parish Clerk reported that Derbyshire Fire Service carried out the training at the Social Centre on Wednesday 9 January 2008 and certificates issued on the day by the Trainer have been handed out to staff.

## **541/08 Finance**

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair and Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee gave a resume of details discussed at the meeting held 20 February 2008. **Resolved**  
**That:**

1. *the monthly statement for January 2008 (circulated) be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair*
2. *the expenditure and income against budget report for January 2008 (circulated) be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair*
3. *following recommendation from the Finance Sub-Committee, £100 is donated to the Lower Clay Lane Neighbourhood Watch*
4. *under mentioned payments be authorised:*

<i>Parish Council Staff Wages</i>	
<i>(Tax Wks 44-46/Tax Mth 11)</i>	<i>£4783.07</i>
<i>I Wright (Thursday Dances for February)</i>	<i>£140.00</i>
<i>Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI &amp; Tax Payment for January)</i>	<i>£1562.93</i>
<i>DCC Superannuation</i>	
<i>(Pension contributions for January)</i>	<i>£654.97</i>
<i>TV Licence Refunds (37 @ £22)</i>	<i>£814.00</i>
<i>Social Centre Damage Bond Refunds</i>	
<i>(3 @ £50)</i>	<i>£150.00</i>
<i>M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butchers</i>	
<i>(L/Club Provisions)</i>	<i>£180.04</i>
<i>NEDDC (January Social Centre Rates)</i>	<i>£921.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (January Market Street Public Toilets Rates)</i>	<i>£137.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (Cemetery Rates)</i>	<i>£88.00</i>
<i>Overton Electrical Services (five yearly periodic inspection at Clay Cross Social Centre)</i>	<i>£578.82</i>
<i>Teleshore (UK) Ltd (Grave Set for Cemetery)</i>	<i>£191.53</i>
<i>Johnston Publishing (Social Centre advert)</i>	<i>£69.09</i>

<i>E.ON (Electricity for Market Street Public Toilets)</i>	<i>£167.55</i>
<i>Booker Cash &amp; Carry (Lunch Club Supplies)</i>	<i>£78.29</i>
<i>Hicks Cash &amp; Carry (Lunch Club Supplies)</i>	<i>£338.57</i>
<i>NEDDC (cost to empty Parish dog fouling bins July – October 2007)</i>	<i>£646.59</i>
<i>Designs Direct (cleaning materials for Social Centre and Cemetery/Parish)</i>	<i>£323.36</i>
<i>Npower (Gas for Social Centre)</i>	<i>£1083.43</i>
<i>Derbyshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service (Training for staff on 9 January 2008)</i>	<i>£235.00</i>
<i>Post Office Ltd (Stamps)</i>	<i>£82.00</i>
<i>Konica Minolta Ltd (periodic charge re photocopier)</i>	<i>£21.40</i>
<i>OSI Business Supplies (stationery)</i>	<i>£36.53</i>
<i>Iansprint Ltd (Hire of Hall Agreement pads)</i>	<i>£70.50</i>
<i>Blachere Illuminations (take down and return to store Christmas 2007 scheme)</i>	<i>£1418.07</i>
<i>British Telecom</i>	<i>£397.86</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Charges)</i>	<i>£2.00</i>
<i>Tiscali Billing (Broadband Fee)</i>	<i>£15.99</i>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£15,187.59</b>

5. *the following income be noted:*

<i>HM Customs (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter VAT Refund)</i>	<i>£1867.31</i>
<i>C4573 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£60.00</i>
<i>C4562 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£82.50</i>
<i>C4577 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£125.00</i>
<i>Cemetery: 5912 – 5914</i>	<i>£386.00</i>
<i>Market Rent 2.2.08, 9.2.08</i>	<i>£149.50</i>
<i>Bingo 16.1.08, 21.1.08, 23.1.08, 28.1.08, 30.1.08, 6.2.08, 11.2.08, 13.2.08, 18.2.08</i>	<i>£675.45</i>
<i>Dance 31.1.08, 7.2.08, 14.2.08</i>	<i>£185.90</i>
<i>Lunch Club 15.1.08, 22.1.08, 29.1.08, 5.2.08, 12.2.08</i>	<i>£817.50</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Interest)</i>	<i>£2.85</i>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£4,352.01</b>

**542/08 Clerk's Report**

1. North East Derbyshire District Council: Community Partnership (Clay Cross) – notice of Tuesday 4 March 2008 meeting



2. Diocese of Derby: Announcement from Bishop of Derby's Office The Revd Matt Barnes appointed Rector of Brampton, St Thomas
3. North East Derbyshire Twinning Federation: request to form official link with Elancourt, nr Paris, France
4. Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group: Agenda and Minutes for Monday 21 April 2008 meeting
5. St Barnabas Nursery: invitation to Councillor to attend Official Opening and for Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair to officially open the Nursery on Saturday 15 March 2008
6. Communities and Local Government: Consultation on Order and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Members in England

**Resolved That:**

1. *the Parish Clerk sends a letter of thanks to Revd Matt Barnes*
2. *Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair opens the new St Barnabas Nursery on Saturday 15 March 2008*
3. *the Clerk's Report be received*

**543/08 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That: *the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 22 April 2008 at 7pm.***