

# CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Clay Cross Parish Council office on Tuesday 25 September 2007 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs K M Holmes  
Councillor J M Holmes (Vice Chair)  
Councillor M Holmes  
Councillor E Mansbridge  
Councillor G Morley  
Councillor P Riggott  
Councillor D Skinner  
Councillor B Wright

## **Police Consultation**

No Officer in attendance. Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair and Councillor P Riggott reported email received from Inspector Mark Bates giving details of new systems he has put in place; next month hoping to bring back Community Support Officers. *It was agreed that the Parish Clerk writes to Inspector Bates requesting he attends next months Parish Council meeting.*

## **County Councillor Attendance**

Councillor P Riggott stated that the County Council are going through the process of setting budgets for 2008/09. Any highway issues should be reported by the end of October; Pilsley Road and Broadleys already reported.

## **467/07 Election of Chair**

***Resolved That: Councillor G Morley be elected Chair of the Council for the remaining year.***

## **468/07 Declaration of Chair Person Acceptance of Office**

Councillor G Morley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair of the Council.

## **469/07 Apologies for Absence**

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

## **470/07 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 meeting held 24 July 2007 be***

*approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair.*

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **370/07** regarding the Parish Council contribution to Clay Cross Citizens Advice Bureau. **Resolved That:**

- 1. Councillor B Wright is put forward as Parish Council representative on this organisations new Management Committee.*
- 2. the agreed donation to this organisation of £7,923 is released*

Further to minute no **458/07** regarding NEDDC Leisure Pass. Parish Clerk and Councillor D Skinner reported that the District Council have agreed to include those individuals who are in receipt of Income Support of income based Job Seekers Allowance but who presently, due to their circumstances, do not qualify for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit. This will include all individuals living within the District Council boundaries over the age of 18 years.

Further to minute no **456/07** regarding Young Peoples Club in Clay Cross. Councillor P Riggott reported that Ashover Light Railway have agreed to take on the former Rainbow Café.

Further to minute no **458/99** regarding sale of land at Bevan Road. Parish Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Wilkins Vardy confirming receipt of an offer for this land, a further email has also been received confirming that the costs associated with the planning application will all be borne by the proposed purchaser. **It was agreed that this offer be left on the table for further discussion and consideration.**

### **471/07 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair and Councillor P Riggott reported details of Leadership Group meeting held on the 21 September 2007; it was confirmed that at most meetings GMI Rovinian, Maximus, Primary Care Trust, Lee Adams and other Officers from the District Council attend. Neighbourhood Partnership Boundary Review is underway at the moment but Clay Cross is seen as a 'model' Partnership, the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting will be held on 4 October 2007.

### **472/07 Report from Parish Footpath Inspector(s)**

Councillor D Skinner reported that a meeting, organised by the Countryside Agency,

was held on the 12 September 2007 regarding works to improve public rights of way in Clay Cross Parish. Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair, Councillor M Holmes and Councillor A Jackson also attended this meeting along with representatives from the County Council and Groundwork Cresswell. The following areas were agreed and recommended as the initial target areas:

- Area 1: the area of paths between Clay Lane, Holmgate Road and Newmarket Lane working outwards towards footpath no. 1
- Area 2: the paths radiating from the outskirts of Danesmoor connecting up with those paths within Pilsley Parish, North Wingfield Parish and Morton Parish
- Area 3: the area of paths leading from the outskirts of Holmgate Road, Coupe Lane and Mill Lane radiating and connection with paths within Ashover Parish and Tupton Parish

Councillor D Skinner also reported that he has meet with Richard Fletcher from Groundwork Cresswell; an assessment and walk of the above areas has been carried out today, Tuesday 25 September 2007.

#### **473/07 Street Scene Working Group**

To approve the Minutes of Street Scene Working Group meeting held 7 September 2007 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

- 1. the Minutes of the Street Scene Working Group meeting held 7 September 2007 be approved for signature***
- 2. the report provided by Councillor D Skinner of meeting held 13 September 2007 with residents of Marx Court be received and noted***

With regard to the District Council owned land on Valley Road, Holmgate (opposite the Nisa store). It was agreed that Councillor E Mansbridge, through his work with the Ranger Service, carry out a species study on this land.

With regard to the Second Event for NEDDC & Parish/Town Councils on Issues of Mutual Interest (Streetscene) held on the 19 September 2007. Councillor J M Holmes, Vice Chair and Councillor P Riggott reported that the main item of discussion at this meeting was confirmation that the District Council are to remove their subsidy on Ground Maintenance contributions over a three year period. A free of charge vandalism 'kit' was handed out at the meeting; Parish Clerk confirmed that this has been passed on to staff.

#### **474/07 Remploy Factories**

Councillor D Skinner requested that members of the Parish Council give their support to Remploy factories that have a threat of over 40 of its 87 factories being closed. Remploy was founded in 1946 as part of the Labour Government programme to ensure skilled work was available for people disabled through the World War. For several decades these factories have ensured that people who would have insurmountable difficulties getting work in ordinary factories etc. Where there has been closures of Remploy factories ie Croydon, only 15% of the workers have managed to find work elsewhere in the area. ***Resolved That: Councillor D Skinner's request is supported and the Parish Clerk send letters to Natascha Engel MP and Councillor G Baxter, Leader of the District Council requesting they lobby the Government to keep these factories open by raising the necessary subsidy.***

#### **475/07 Consultation Group: Children's Home, Clay Cross**

Councillor P Riggott reported that the new children's home at Clay Cross is now ready and that Derbyshire Council Council want to set up a liaison/consultation group. Councillor P Riggott has been asked to draft out a leaflet to be sent out to local residents and confirmed that the County Council will be asking for nominations of Parish Council representatives for this group. The new home is a seven bedroom facility with no secure unit for 10-16 year olds however, the Stephenson Unit will remain.

#### **476/07 Danesmoor Clean Up Initiative/Danesmoor Pride**

Councillor P Riggott reported that he has been approached by Faye Green from the District Council Community Support Team with a request that the Parish Council take on the up keep of the proposed flowerbeds as part of phase 3 of this scheme. It was stated that it would only take 1-2 hours per week to maintain and would be low cost to the Parish Council. Residents will be meeting next month to finalise the details and the Community Safety Team have set aside £2,000 to provide the flowerbeds and signs.

#### **477/07 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.

Councillor M Holmes declared a personal interest in Planning Application 07/00703/FL and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Councillor Mrs K M Holmes declared a prejudicial interest in donations to local

organisations as she is Treasurer of Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club and took no part in the discussion or decision.

### **478/07 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.

Councillor M Holmes restated his personal interest in Planning Application 07/00703/FL and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Planning Application 07/00849/FL Application for determination of a high hedges complaint relating to an evergreen hedge exceeding 2m in height at Longdrive, Stretton Road, Clay Cross for Mr Peter Warne. **The Parish Council noted this planning application.**

Planning Application 07/00188/FL Retention of external fire escape at BBT Thermotechnology Uk Ltd, Danesmoor Works, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor for BBT Thermotechnology UK Ltd. **The Parish Council noted this planning application.**

Planning Application 07/00189/AD Retention of sign scheme comprising three signs on the building (two illuminated) and eight free standing signs at BBT Thermotechnology UK Ltd, Danesmoor Works, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor for BBT Thermotechnology UK Ltd. **The Parish Council noted planning application.**

Planning Application 07/00837/FL Application for the variation of Section 106 Agreement attached to planning permission NED/05/00744/FL to allow repositioning of play equipment (major development) at PFI Site Penncroft Lane, Lynam Close, Upper Croft, Middle Lane and Nethercroft Lane, Penncroft Lane, Danesmoor for Lovell Partnership Ltd. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/00871/FL Installation of loading bay extension (major development) at D S Smith Packaging, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor for D S Smith Packaging. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/00880/FL Installation of new ATM machine at Clay Cross Post Office, 69 High Street, Clay Cross for c/o E C Harris. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/00738/FL Erection of single detached dormer bungalow on land

adjacent to 7 Harewood Crescent, Old Tupton for Mr & Mrs D Lomas. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/00703/FL Erection of 1 two storey dwelling and detached double garage (amended plans) at Garage Site, Brassington Street, Clay Cross for Mr & Mrs Hawkins. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/00893/FL Erection of extension to existing workshop at Unit 18, Mayfly Containers Ltd, Upper Mantle Close, Clay Cross for Mayfly Containers Ltd. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/01029/FL Erection of 1 no detached and 2 no semi detached houses, creation of associated pedestrian and vehicular accesses and alterations to existing public house including demolition of single storey extension and outbuildings (revised scheme to NED/06/01287/FL) at The Woodthopre Inn, Coupe Lane, Old Tupton for Amek Investments Commercial Ltd. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/00845/OL Outline application for demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 2 dwellings (re-submission of NED/06/00908/FL) (means of access not reserved) (amended title) at 2 Mill Lane, Clay Cross for Brian Kirkland. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/01079/TPO Works to trees covered by NED TPO 28 (Area 5) to include dead wooding of 14 trees/crown thinning or reducing of 15 trees/felling of 20 trees at Wynds Point, Stretton Road, Clay Cross for Mr A W Saint. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/01060/FL Erection of two storey house with rooms in roofspace detached double garage and alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access (revised scheme to NED/07/00724/FL) at Cartref, Stretton Road, Clay Cross for Mr & Mrs Jenkinson. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/01081/FL Provision of hand rails to existing steps at Clay Cross Police Station, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor for Derbyshire Constabulary. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Planning Application 07/01063/FL Application for change of use of restaurant to public house (resubmission of NED/07/00199/FL) at 183 High Street, Clay Cross for Mr Martin Allen. **The Parish Council noted this application.**

Approval of Planning Application 07/00716/FL Removal of existing wooden New Dent Building and siting of a portacabin on existing services and change of use of land to allow the sale of motor vehicles from road frontage and erection of steel palisade fencing and gate (revised scheme to NED/07/00363/FL) at Tomlinson & White

(Contracts) Ltd, Smithy Avenue, Clay Cross for Clay Cross Body Builders Ltd. **The Parish Council noted this approval of planning application.**

### **479/07 Cemetery Matters**

To approve the Minutes of Cemetery Working Group meeting held 14 September 2007 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**

1. *the Minutes of the Cemetery Working Group meeting held 14 September 2007 be approved for signature*
2. *four decommissioned lawn mowers are made available for sale to the general public by sealed bids to the Parish Clerk*
3. *(a) the Cemetery Superintendent informs the Parish Clerk immediately of an unsafe memorial and provide information of the grave owner*  
*(b) the Parish Clerk sends a letter out informing the grave owner that the memorial is unsafe giving 10 days notice to respond, in the meantime the Cemetery Superintendent will fix a notice to the unsafe memorial*  
*(c) if no response has been received from the grave owner within 10 days of the date of letter sent out, the unsafe memorial will be laid down*

### **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 now been purchased from the Carphone Warehouse at a cost of £70.29 plus vat.**

### **480/07 Social Centre Matters**

- (a) To approve the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 5 September 2007 and to receive recommendations for resolution. **Resolved That:**
  1. *the Minutes of the Social Centre Working Group meeting held 5 September 2007 be approved for signature*
  2. *our Lunch Club volunteers/helpers are retrained in Basic Food Hygiene by Chesterfield College at Clay Cross Social Centre on Friday 26 October 2007, at a maximum cost of £480 no vat*

3. *the Parish Council decision to make the Social Centre beer garden a smoke free area be upheld and that the Social Centre Working Group revisit a designated smoking area*
  4. *25 upholstered chairs are purchased from ChairsGB.Com at an approximate cost of £14.95 plus vat each*
  5. *Derbyshire Fire Service carry out Fire Safety Training at Clay Cross Social Centre on a mutually convenient date for all our employees, at a cost of £235 no vat*
  6. *a carrying chair and wall fixing bracket is purchased from St John Ambulance Supplies Direct, at a cost of £184.50 plus vat*
- (b) Emailed request from Derbyshire County Council to reposition two wheelie bins and carry out remedial work to palisade gate at the Social Centre (circulated) was considered. ***Resolved That: Derbyshire County Council to allowed to carry out work to reposition two wheelie bins and carry out remedial work to palisade gate at the Social Centre following theft of lead from the roof of the Adult Education Centre – it was noted that this work will be carried out at no cost to the Parish Council***

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **446/07** regarding First Aid Training for Social Centre staff. **It was reported that Fred Mortimer has successfully completed First Aid at Work 4 day course commencing on 30 July 2007. Mick Revell has been booked to attend First Aid at Work 4 day course commencing on 1 October 2007.**

### **481/07 Finance**

Details of the meeting held on the 19 September 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 July 2007 and August 2007 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair*
2. *the expenditure and income against budget report for July 2007 and August 2007 be accepted and signed by Councillor G Morley, Chair*

Councillor Mrs K M Holmes restated a prejudicial interest in donations to local organisations as she is Treasurer of Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club and took no



part in the discussion or decision.

3. *the following donations to local organisations for the fiscal year 2007/08 are approved and that the annual Presentation Evening is held on Thursday 18 October 2007 at Clay Cross Social Centre. Bay Leaf Catering Service to provide a finger buffet at £4 per head and, due to overwhelming numbers last year, organisations be asked to send a maximum of two representatives only on the night:*

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<i>Clay Cross St John Ambulance</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Sheldon Darts Trophy Competition</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>NEDDC Chairs Appeal</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Victim Support Derbyshire</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Squadron Air Cadets</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross &amp; District Handi-cap Club</i>	<i>200.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Model Railway Society</i>	<i>150.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Community of Christ</i>	<i>150.00</i>
<i>Danesmoor Neighbourhood Watch</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Friends of Clay Cross Hospital</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Home-Start Bolsover &amp; Clay Cross Area</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Angel Estate Neighbourhood Watch</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Holmgate Tenant &amp; Resident Group</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Danesmoor Darby &amp; Joan Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Holmgate Darby &amp; Joan Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Darby &amp; Joan Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Holmgate Community Centre</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Sunflowers Pre-School</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Works Cricket Club</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross &amp; Danesmoor Miners Welfare Junior FC</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Danesmoor Tenants &amp; Residents Association</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Sharley Park Ladies Bowling Team</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Sharley Park Mens Bowling Team</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Marx Court Social Club</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Holmgate &amp; Clay Cross Tai Chi Group</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Relate Chesterfield &amp; North Derbyshire</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Derbyshire Family History Society</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>St Barnabas Pre School</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Clay Cross Police Consultative Group</i>	<i>25.00</i>

4. *subject to the removal of paragraphs 11.1 b) (iii) and (iv), the Financial Regulations be approved and accepted*

5. *under mentioned payments be authorised:*

<i>Parish Council Staff Wages (Tax Wks 22-24/Tax Mth 6)</i>	<i>£4573.56</i>
<i>I Wright (Thursday Dances for September)</i>	<i>£140.00</i>
<i>Post Office Ltd (Inland Revenue NI &amp; Tax Payment for August)</i>	<i>£1516.69</i>
<i>DCC Superannuation (Pension contributions for August)</i>	<i>£636.88</i>
<i>TV Licence Refunds (9 @ £22)</i>	<i>£198.00</i>
<i>Social Centre Damage Bond Refunds (4 @ £50)</i>	<i>£200.00</i>
<i>Strawberry Basket (L/Club Provisions)</i>	<i>£27.85</i>
<i>M A Knowles t/a Spendloves Butchers (L/Club Provisions)</i>	<i>£181.63</i>
<i>NEDDC (August Social Centre Rates)</i>	<i>£921.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (August Market Street Public Conveniences Rates)</i>	<i>£137.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (August Cemetery Rates)</i>	<i>£88.00</i>
<i>National Society of Allotment &amp; Leisure Gardeners Ltd (Affiliation Fee)</i>	<i>£58.75</i>
<i>Designs Direct (Workwear for Cemetery)</i>	<i>£213.15</i>
<i>Derbyshire Times (Social Centre Advert)</i>	<i>£99.88</i>
<i>British Gas (Gas for Cemetery)</i>	<i>£119.29</i>
<i>A &amp; D Kershaw (Carphone Warehouse Refund)</i>	<i>£79.90</i>
<i>Chubb Fire Ltd (Yearly Maintenance of Social Centre Fire Extinguishers)</i>	<i>£690.74</i>
<i>NEDDC (Agreed Contribution to the post of Community Economic Development Officer)</i>	<i>£7500.00</i>
<i>NEDDC (Cost to install bollards on open space at Bevan Road, Danesmoor)</i>	<i>£702.05</i>
<i>NEDDC (Cost to empty Parish Dog Fouling Bins April – June 2007)</i>	<i>£646.59</i>
<i>NEDDC (Cost to supply Parish School Milk April – July 2007)</i>	<i>£246.74</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><i>£18,995.69</i></b>

6. *the following income be noted:*

<i>NEDDC (2<sup>nd</sup>/Final Precept Payment)</i>	<i>£95,000.00</i>
<i>C4522 (Social Centre Kitchen Hire)</i>	<i>£26.00</i>
<i>C4504 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£90.00</i>
<i>C4535 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£140.00</i>
<i>National Blood Service (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£472.50</i>
<i>C4537 (Social Centre Hire)</i>	<i>£50.00</i>
<i>Market Rent 25.8.07</i>	<i>£77.00</i>
<i>Market Rent 1.9.07</i>	<i>£64.75</i>
<i>Market Rent 8.9.07</i>	<i>£88.25</i>
<i>Cemetery: 5872 - 5876</i>	<i>£634.00</i>
<i>Dance 30.8.07</i>	<i>£53.10</i>
<i>Bingo 3.9.07</i>	<i>£36.40</i>
<i>Lunch Club 4.9.07</i>	<i>£175.00</i>
<i>Bingo 5.9.07</i>	<i>£102.20</i>
<i>Dance 6.9.07</i>	<i>£51.10</i>
<i>Bingo 10.9.07</i>	<i>£49.80</i>
<i>Lunch Club 11.9.07</i>	<i>£175.00</i>
<i>Bingo 12.9.07</i>	<i>£126.10</i>
<i>Dance 13.9.07</i>	<i>£41.30</i>
<i>Bingo 17.9.07</i>	<i>£51.80</i>
<i>Co-op Bank (Interest)</i>	<i>£3.38</i>
 <i>TOTAL:</i>	 <i>£97,507.68</i>

### **Work In Progress**

Further to minute no **176/05** regarding Kenning Park Play Area. It was reported that the following quotations have been received for replacement swing unit and supply of safer surface:

<i>Nova Sport:</i>	<i>£6,438.00 plus vat</i>
<i>Contract Leisure:</i>	<i>£7,237.86 plus vat</i>
<i>DCM Premier Play Surfaces:</i>	<i>£7,359.20 plus vat</i>

*The above quotations are to:*

- *Break out, remove and dispose of existing 4 seat swing unit*
- *Supply and install new SMP (DS084) 2.4m high, 4 swing seat unit (2 flat, 2 cradle)*
- *Prepare and install base and wet pour (black) 47.25msq*

**Resolved That:** *following recommendation from the Finance Sub-Committee, Nova Sport carry out the work to replace the swing unit and supply of safer surface at a cost of £6,438.00 plus vat.*

### **482/07 Clerk's Report**

1. North East Derbyshire District Council: Promoting Clay Cross Parish Council on the District Council website (circulated)
2. North East Derbyshire District Council: Neighbourhood Partnerships – Examination of Boundaries (circulated)
3. North East Derbyshire District Council: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places
4. North East Derbyshire District Council: Standards Committee Agenda for 20 September 2007
5. North East Derbyshire District Council: Street Collection Application SC/01/08 for Poppy Appeal from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008
6. North East Derbyshire District Council: Street Collection Application SC/03/08 for The Royal Air Force Association on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008
7. Derbyshire County Council: Young Achievers Awards 2007
8. Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee: Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Aggregates Preferred Options Consultation Stage
9. Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group: Agenda for their 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007 meeting

### **Resolved That:**

1. *the Parish Clerk send in details to promote Clay Cross Parish Council on the District Council website*
2. *Clerk's Report be received*

### **483/07 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved That:** *the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Council office on Tuesday 23 October 2007.*