

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2005

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, M Cox, A Molyneux-Downs, C. Price, JW Robinson,
County Cllr M Connolly, PCs John Davis and Mark Eburne
and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs JC Robinson and AH Still.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

Freedom of Information Act 2000: A letter has been received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister covering the potential impact of this Act on Parish Councils. The Parish Clerk is the Qualified Person with primary authority on all matters of disclosure. In the absence of the Clerk secondary authorisation falls to the Chairman. Under this Act anyone has a legal right to be provided with any information held by the Parish Council unless ruled as exempt by the Qualified Person. Such information covers anything the Council creates, holds or processes.

Mobile Classrooms: Work has now begun with the specialist removal of the asbestos content. Mouchard Parkman have been contracted to do the work and it is understood that the classrooms will be removed during the week commencing 14th February. It is anticipated that the landscaping work will be completed by the end of March.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 3rd January 2005.
The Minutes were agreed as a true record
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.
3.05 Matters arising:

Fly nuisance: A report of the situation in 2004 has been prepared by Cllr Cox and sent to KDC.
Local speed limits: Under the proposed Revised Guidance little is likely to change for villages as regards existing 30 mph speed limits although authorities will have the right to put in even lower speed limits.
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
None.
5. **4.05 Policing Issues:**
PC John Davies reported a burglary in Chicks Lane which is under investigation. PC Davis said that this would be the last meeting of the Parish Council which he would attend as he is retiring. He was proud that his Section had the best crime detection rate in the County. PC Davis then answered questions from those present. The Chairman thanked PC Davis on behalf of the Council and residents for his excellent work during his time at Tidworth Section and wished him well in his retirement.

PC Davis and PC Eburne then left the meeting.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.57 pm.**

The meeting reconvened at 8.12 pm.
7. **5.05 Finance Committee Report:**
Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for January 2005.
Letter of thanks: A letter of thanks for our donation has been received from Kennet CAB Ltd.
Requests for donation: It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made to SPLASH 2005 to provide Discount Cards and activities for young people who live in the Parish.
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.
The following cheque was authorised:
Kennet District Council £50.00 (amenity skip at Station Approach on 19.11.04).
CPRE £25.00 (membership subscription 2005).

SLCC £69.00 (membership subscription 2005).
Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed nem con.

6.05 Planning Committee report:

Cllr Price submitted the reports for December 2004 and January 2005 (To be displayed on the notice board.)

7.05 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Amenity Skip: An amenity skip will be placed in Saxon Rise between 4th and 7th March 2005.

Knapp Close Play Area: At a meeting of the Property Committee held on 24th January it was agreed that as the Parish Council will be responsible for insuring and maintaining this Playpark the application for Lottery Funding to Awards for All would be made by the Parish Council. This has now been done.

Grass Cutting Contract 2005/6: Contracts have been offered to Beechwood Gardening Services for Items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 11 of the Schedule at a cost of £2,153.00 and Kennet District Council for Items 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Schedule at a cost of £2,400.00 + VAT.

Recreation Ground: Dog fouling has once again become a problem although it is acknowledged that the majority of dog owners do act responsibly and the situation has arisen because of the lack of consideration by a small minority. Notices are to be put in the Courier and on the Recreation Ground asking the public to clean up after their dogs. Cllr Bale will contact the KDC Dog Warden to obtain publicity material and will issue a Press Release as well as contacting local radio stations. If no improvement is seen the Parish Council will have to consider banning dogs from the recreation ground altogether. This matter will be reviewed at the April meeting of the Parish Council.

Litter pick: First Collingbourne Air Scouts have kindly offered do a litter pick in the village on 6th March.

8. **8.05 Highway matters:**

Collingbourne Ducis 2nd Bridge repairs: Work is scheduled to start on 9th May. Further to previous discussions we have received written assurances from Mouchel Parkman that all street furniture and grass areas will be reinstated to their existing condition and any damaged trees/shrubs will be replaced. Also that no heavy equipment or machinery will be used where services are close to the surface in the area to the west of Ludgershall Road. It is confirmed that a one way traffic system will be in place throughout the repair period. The Chairman offered thanks to Bale & Son for allowing the contractors to operate from their yard during this period.

9. **9.05 General matters:**

Emergency Planning: Consideration of the Parish Council's participation in an evening exercise was deferred until the next meeting as Cllr Stone was not present.

'Quality Council' status: The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairmen of committees and Parish Clerk will investigate how application for 'Quality Council' status affects their areas and report back at the next meeting.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 3rd March 2005 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.