

**COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2004**

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, P Cogdell, M Cox, A Molyneux-Downs, JC Robinson, JW Robinson, A Still  
County Cllr M Connolly, Sgt M Woods, PC J Davis  
and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Carter, Price and Stone.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**  
**Cultural Assessment and Vision for the Future:** Cllr Shields thanked Mr R S Harrison for the work he has put into producing this document which covers both the Collingbournes and Everleigh.  
**Scottish and Southern Electric:** A reply has been received to our complaint following the power cuts in Sunton. SSE have asked members of the public to note dates and times of power cuts in the future. Cllr Shields suggested that they also let either himself or the Clerk have the details.  
**Geneology enquiries:** Since the Parish Website has been up and running several geneology enquiries have been received. Cllr Cogdell offered to deal with these in future.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting and Annual Parish Meeting** held on 6 May 2004:  
Both sets of Minutes were agreed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr Still seconded by Cllr Molyneux-Downs. Agreed nem con.  
**36.04** Matters arising: None
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**  
None.
5. **37.04 Policing Issues:**  
Sgt Mick Woods introduced himself to the council saying he had been in the police force since 1980 and has spent the last 12 years as a sergeant. He has been stationed in Salisbury for the last 4 years and is very keen on liaison between parish councils and the police. Sgt Wood said he is committed to high profile policing. There have been two crimes in the parish last month both of which appear to be isolated incidents. One was a theft from a car the other an assault.
6. **Update on fly nuisance:**  
Mr Andy Macmillan, Senior Environmental Health Officer from Kennet District Council said that last year they had received 200 complaints about flies. They are still unable to identify exactly what caused the problem. Responses have been received from 60% of local authorities to a questionnaire that was sent out over the winter months. Of these nearly half said they had suffered from heavy fly infestation last year. Almost 3/5ths indicated that it was associated with poultry manure which had not been ploughed in within the requisite time. All the local authorities in England and Wales have adopted a new Code of Practice covering the use of organic fertilisers copies of which have been sent to all farms in the area who use poultry manure. His colleague Mr Robert Draper will be monitoring the spreading of poultry manure in this area and should be contacted by the public if they are aware of any flyblown or stockpiled poultry manure. A copy of the new Code of Conduct is to be put on the parish council website.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions -7.45 pm.**  
  
Mr Macmillan answered questions from those present.  
**Tidworth Area Festival:** This will take place on 26/27 June and 2/3/4 July. Any organisation wanting to have a pitch for the afternoon should contact Mike Winterbourne on 01980 846693 or [mike@tidworthtrust.co.uk](mailto:mike@tidworthtrust.co.uk)  
**Church Fete:** This will be held on 11 September and if any organisations want a stand would they please contact Mr Richard Carter.

The meeting reconvened at 8.04 pm.

8. **38.04 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for May 2004. He said that the annual £25 donation to Collingbourne Boys FC is to be used to offset their £25 recreation ground annual tenancy fee.

**Request for donation:** Cllr JW Robinson read out a letter that has been received from Victim Support Wiltshire. It was agreed to make a donation of £75.00.

Proposed by Cllr Cogdell seconded by Cllr Bale. 4 for 3 against.

An amendment of this amount to £25 was proposed by Cllr Molyneux-Downs seconded by Cllr Still. 3 for 4 against. The original proposal of £75 stands.

**The following cheques were authorised:**

J Sedgwick (Beechwood Gardening Service) £313.00 (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2004/5 contract).

Landmarc – Client Account re MOD ATE £20 (Court Farm RoW rental).

Gillett & Johnston (Croydon) Limited £176.25 (servicing church clock y/e 30.4.05).

Proposed by Cllr JW Robinson seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

**39.04 Planning Committee report:**

Cllr Cox submitted the report for May. (To be displayed upon the notice board.)

**Application for retention of mobile classrooms at Collingbourne CE Primary School:** An invitation to comment on this application has been received from WCC. It was felt that the extension of this planning permission should be linked to the end of the Lease of the land upon which these classrooms stand which is 1 February 2005. Chairman to draft reply.

**40.04 Property Committee report:**

Cllr Bale presented her report.

**Verge cutting:** Long grass is obscuring vision at the junction of the A342/A346. WCC have assured Cllr Bale that it will be cut as soon as possible.

**Overhanging trees and foliage:** Cllr Bale appealed to householders to cut back branches or foliage which overhangs or obstructs public paths or roads.

**Recreation Ground Tenancy Agreement – Collingbourne Cricket Club:** Recreation Ground Tenancy Agreements run for one year. CCC has asked if it can have a longer period than one year for use of the recreation ground as this would enable it to apply for Cricket Mark which enables Grant aid to be sought from a variety of groups. It was agreed that the agreement be modified to cover a period of ten years subject to annual review and annual rental payment as at present.

Proposed by Cllr Bale seconded by Cllr Cox. 5 for 3 abstentions.

**Bus Shelter replacement:** Cllr Still reported that WCC will review the demand for the use of a bus shelter at the Everleigh Road junction and will then decide whether to replace it.

**Seats:** Cllr Cogdell reported that the bench opposite the Blue Lion is in need of renovation. Cllr Bale to review the condition of all the benches and obtain an estimate for their renovation if necessary.

9. **41.04 Highway matters:**

**Plastic bollards on Shaw Hill:** A letter is to be written to the head of Wiltshire County Highways Partnership asking why the kerbing has still not been put in.

10. **42.04 General matters:**

**Broadband:** Cllr Cox reported that a Broadband Steering Group is now established in the Collingbournes and Everleigh. He proposed that the parish council write to BT about broadband provision to the community including the village school.

Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Shields. Agreed nem con.

**PC website:** It was agreed to purchase a suitable software package for £150 from Mirador Techniques to enable the parish clerk to update the website regularly. Currently this is done by Cllr Cox.

Proposed by Cllr Still seconded by Cllr Molyneux-Downs. Agreed nem con.

**Community First membership:** It was agreed to join Community First for an annual fee of £30.00.

Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed nem con.

**Everleigh Road flooding – ditch clearance tenders:** Three estimates have been received for clearing the ditch from the Great Mere to the farm gate to a depth of 12 inches and a width of 3ft. It was agreed to offer the job to Scofell Landscapes at a cost of £415 + vat.

Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

**Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall:** Cllr JC Robinson gave an update on the current position. He will be attending a Management Committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June after which it is hoped that they will be in a position to offer the renovation work contract to one of the tenders. They cannot go any further with the business plan until after this has taken place.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 1 July 2004 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.51 pm.