

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2003

Present: Cllr A H Still (Chairman)  
Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, C Price, JC Robinson, JW Robinson  
County Cllr M Connolly and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Cox, Cllr P Shields and Cllr A Stone
2. **Chairman's announcements:**  
**Everleigh Road:** Investigations by WCC and KDC have shown that work is necessary to lower the level of the existing pipes under the road.  
**Flood Protection:** The Environment Agency has now completed the borehole on the downs behind Everleigh. Wessex Water has been sealing the sewage pipes to stop the incursion of excess water into the sewage system.
3. **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:** A local resident has expressed interest in the position. Clerk to follow up.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 6 November 2003:  
The Minutes were agreed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr Carter seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.  
69.03 Matters arising: None.
5. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**  
None.
6. **70.03 Policing Issues:**  
There was no report as Sgt Oatway did not attend the meeting
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.40 pm.**  
  
The meeting reconvened at 7.50 pm.
8. **Committee Reports:**  
**71.03 Finance Committee Report:**  
Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for November.  
**The following cheques were authorised:**  
Kennet District Council £683.85 (grounds maintenance July-September 2003)  
Cllr B Bale £8.46 (12 pairs PVC gloves)  
First Collingbourne Air Scout Group £50 (donation for litter pick).  
Proposed by Cllr JW Robinson seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.  
**Collingbourne Comrades Club/Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust:** Requests for donations.  
Prior to discussion Cllr JW Robinson outlined the anticipated financial position of the Parish Council as at 31.3.04.  
Cllr Robinson then read out a letter received from the Comrades Club detailing the structural fault which has become apparent in the roof. Estimated costs of labour and materials for rectifying this are in the region of £20,000 and the Club requested a donation towards this.  
Cllr Robinson also drew the meetings' attention to the Village Hall Trust's request at the November meeting for a donation of £5,000.  
It was agreed that the Parish Council in principle will support the Village Hall Trust and the Comrades Club financially in the repair of their respective roofs subject to both producing business plans and estimates of costs to be submitted before the Finance-only meeting to be held on 8 January 2004.  
Proposed by Cllr Price seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.  
**Outstanding tenancy fees:** Collingbourne Football Club are in arrears of £75 for the current year's tenancy fee for use of the Recreation Ground. Cllr JW Robinson to contact them.

**72.03 Planning Committee Report:**

Cllr Price submitted the report. (To be displayed upon the notice board.)

**73.03 Property Committee Report**

Cllr Bale presented her report:

**Play Area - Knapp Close:** We are still awaiting a response from the organisations to which we have submitted grant applications.

**Bourne Rise:** The two areas of grass have been added to the grass cutting contract for next year and the trees are to be pruned back.

**Dog fouling:** The problem has returned. Notices are to be put up requesting people to clear up after their dogs especially around the school.

**Saxon Rise:** The damaged areas of the walls and coping stones are to be rebuilt.

9. **74.03 Highway Matters**

**WCC Special Grant for traffic calming:** Cllr Bale reported that we have responded to Wiltshire County Highways giving our preferences for the options to be investigated further for their feasibility namely an alteration to the Chicks Lane, Cadley Road junctions with the High Street by putting in an island refuge to the north and reshaping the junctions themselves and also the provision of curved shaded areas at all exits/entrances on the High Street between the Cadley Road junction and the Blue Lion.

**Sunton:** The 'No through road' sign will be moved to the Cadley Road junction with Sunton.

**Ludgershall Road:** It is anticipated that the work to replace the plastic bollards by the sewage works with kerbstones will be completed in this financial year.

**A338/A346 Working Group:** The Parish Council's response to the July report evaluating the work done along the route was noted at the Group's meeting with Mr Wyatt of WCC Highways Dept on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr Wyatt maintained that the removal of white lines in areas with a 30 mph limit and street lighting was worth pursuing on the basis of evidence that drivers feel more secure with white lines and therefore tend to drive faster – hence removal leads to traffic calming.

As part of the freight study 10,000 copies of a map showing the Wiltshire HGV Route Network have been distributed to hauliers. The road through our parish is designated "other routes not identified for through HGV traffic" and the Highways Agency is to be pressed to erect suitable signs for the route. A new Local Transport Plan for 2006-2011 is to be prepared and there will be consultation with the Parishes along the A338/A346 but there was little to give any hope for a Collingbourne Bypass.

10. **75.03 General Matters:**

**Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee memorial:** This is to be repainted. Cllr Cogdell to contact Mr M Gregory.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 8 January 2004 at 7.30 pm. (Finance only).

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.