

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2004

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs C Price, A Stone and Sgt P Oatway
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

**Letter of thanks:** A letter of thanks has been received from the First Collingbourne Air Scout Group for the donation towards their insurance premium.

**Kennet District Council liaison:** Mr Eden Speller is now responsible for liaison in this area.

**KDC Draft Strategy for Health in relation to Kennet and N Wilts PCT:** A questionnaire has been received which has been passed to Cllr Carter for her attention.

**Parish Burial Ground:** Beechwood Gardening Services has been asked to cut the hedge at the end of the burial ground before growth starts.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 8 January 2004:  
The Minutes were agreed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr JW Robinson. Agreed nem con.  
**4.04** Matters arising: None
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**  
None.
5. **5.04 Policing Issues:**  
Cllr Cogdell gave the report in the absence of Sgt Oatway. There is little to report in the parish apart from some broken windows at the Village Hall.  
Householders are asked to be vigilant as there have been attempts to gain entry using a distraction technique where a caller alerts the householder to a non-existent fire in a neighbouring house and another person gains entry whilst the householder is checking this.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions -7.43 pm.**  
Mr Mike Winterbourne explained about funding available through the Tidworth Development Trust/Community First to help community groups. He also gave details of the Family in Focus Scheme which is a Youth Assistance scheme. The local Youth Officer has asked Parish Councils to examine this scheme and let him have their views. A positive response would build a case for our area to be included.  
  
The meeting reconvened at 7.50 pm.
7. **6.04 Finance Committee Report:**  
Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for January 2004.  
  
**Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust:**

**Amendment to conditions of Grant:** It was agreed that the conditions attached to the grant of the £5,000 be amended to withdraw the requirement that three parish councillors be appointed to the Village Hall Management Committee.  
Proposed by Cllr JW Robinson. Seconded by Cllr Shields. Agreed nem con.

**Request for donation:** Cllr Robinson read out a letter requesting a donation towards the running costs of the village hall. It was agreed that a donation of £300 be given.  
Proposed by Cllr JW Robinson seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

**The following cheques were authorised:**  
Kennet District Council £683.85 (grounds maintenance Oct/Nov/Dec 2003).  
Collingbourne CE Primary School £144 (monthly use of classroom Dec 03/Nov 04).

M E Cox £128.60 (website invoice).

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

**7.04 Planning Committee report:**

Cllr Shields submitted the reports for December and January. (To be displayed upon the notice board.)

**8.04 Property Committee report:**

Cllr Bale presented her report.

**Recreation ground:** There will be topsoil left over after the new school is built which could be used as necessary on the recreation ground.

**Village Street furniture:** The Chairman reported damage to two of the bus shelters and seats in the village. KDC has quoted a price of £630 + VAT to repair the bus shelters and £242 + VAT for the 3 seats. It was agreed that the bus shelters be repaired once and that further estimates for the repairs to the bus shelters and seats or replacement of seats (whichever is the lower) be obtained.

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

It was agreed to modify the above to also obtain a quote for removing the wall cladding and bus shelter seats in order to simplify the structure to reduce its vulnerability to expensive damage.

Proposed Cllr Cox seconded Cllr Cogdell. Vote 6 for 2 against.

8. **9.04 Highway matters:**

Cllr Shields reported that the plastic bollards are still in situ on Shaw Hill despite assurances by WCC of their replacement by kerbstones. The No Through Road sign has now been moved to its correct position at the Cadley Road end of Sunton.

9. **10.04 General matters:**

**Broadband Internet Access:** Cllr Cox reported that the quota required for Broadband is 150 on the Collingbourne Exchange. Currently we are getting quotes so we can evaluate costs for a self-help scheme. Technically, we now know there should be no problem with distributing broadband though we will need surveys to make doubly sure.

**PC Website:** Cllr Cox reported that [www.collingbourne-ducis.com](http://www.collingbourne-ducis.com) is now operational and contains a link to past parish Council minutes. It also has links to the Planning site at KDC and the local Air Scout Group. Any other local organisation that would like a link with the website should contact either Cllr Cox or the Parish Clerk."

**Wiltshire Village Halls Association petition:** The Parish Council has been asked to support this petition urging the Government to encourage the new fund created from the recently merged Community Fund and New Opportunities Lottery boards to set up a long-term nationwide capital grants programme for village and community halls. Councillors took copies to obtain signatures.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 4 March 2004 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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Chairman

4 March 2004