

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2003

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Price, Cllr JW Robinson, Cllr A Stone and Sgt P Oatway.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**
Everleigh Road: WCC and KDC have had an onsite meeting and will be conducting further investigations involving a camera being sent along the existing drain pipes and to try and trace the original French drain.
Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust: The Annual General Meeting will take place on 20 November at the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. The Chairman urged representatives from all user groups to attend.
3. **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:** No applications have been received by the Parish Clerk.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 2 October 2003:
The Minutes were agreed as a true record subject to one amendment – the date from which handheld mobile telephones in cars will be outlawed is 1 December 2003.
Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.
62.03 Matters arising: None.
5. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
None.
6. **63.03 Policing Issues:**
PC John Davies reported that one car break-in had occurred in the parish during the last month. There will be a Neighbourhood Watch Open Evening on the 18 November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

PC Davies then left the meeting.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.40 pm.**

The meeting reconvened at 7.50 pm.
8. **Committee Reports:**
64.03 Finance Committee Report:
The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement for September.
Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust: Cllr Shields read out a letter which has been received from the Village Hall Trust formally requesting a donation of £5,000 towards the cost of renewing the roof structure of the village hall which the trustees expect to cost somewhere in the region of £20,000. Copies of a detailed note setting out the circumstances which have given rise to this unexpectedly high level of expenditure were distributed to councillors. It was agreed that the Finance Committee consider the matter on Cllr JW Robinson's return and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.
Proposed by Cllr Carter seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.
The following cheques were authorised:
WALC £35.25 (booking fee for 1 delegate to AQA Course)
J Sedgwick £305.00 (7th instalment of Beechwood grass cutting contract).
Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr JC Robinson. Agreed nem con.

65.03 Planning Committee Report:
Cllr Shields submitted the report. (To be displayed upon the notice board.)

Proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation under which planning applications received by KDC are determined: Copies of KDC's letter requesting the Council's view on the proposed changes to be circulated to councillors in order to formulate our response which is due by November 28th.

66.03 Property Committee Report

Cllr Bale presented her report:

Play Area - Knapp Close: We are making grant applications to Awards for All and Living Spaces.

Litter Pick: The Scouts are to do a litter pick on 15 November 2003.

Landfill Tax Credits: We have been advised that we do not qualify as we do not come within ten miles of a landfill site.

Recreation ground refuse bins: Collingbourne Boys FC has offered to empty these on a weekly basis. It was agreed that a donation of £25 per annum be given for this service.

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

Parish Lengthsmen: These were in the village on 3 and 4 November and cleared drains and gulleys along the High Street, Church Street and Everleigh Road. Ludgershall Road does not appear to have been included. Cllr Bale to follow up.

9. **67.03 Highway Matters**

WCC Special Grant for traffic calming: Cllr Shields reported that Cllrs Bale, Still and himself had met with Mr A Wyatt of Wiltshire County Highways and two representatives from TRL who have been looking at innovative ways of traffic calming in the village. One suggestion is some form of refuge and change of traffic flow at the Chicks Lane/Cadley Road junction. Another is some form of lines/crosshatching on the road in the area of the Blue Lion roundabout. Cllr Shields to keep members informed.

The 'No through road' sign has duly been placed at the end of Sunton – unfortunately at the northern end not at the junction with Cadley Road as was agreed. Cllr Shields to follow this up. He will also pursue the matter of the plastic barriers in the Ludgershall Road which are still in place long after they should have been replaced by kerbstones.

10. **68.03 General Matters:**

Environment Agency – Flood Warden's report: Cllr Shields attended the inaugural meeting for Flood Wardens in the Bourne valley which has been chosen for a pilot scheme by the Environment Agency and Wessex Water to deal with the problem of ground water. Ground water is a critical factor in this village. A further meeting is to be held on 28 November for wardens for all the rivers on Salisbury Plain. A 90 metre bore has been sunk beside one of the Everleigh tank tracks and others further down the valley to ascertain exactly what the water level is at any given moment. This should enable wardens to be given advance warning when critical levels are approached. In October the water table was at its lowest level since 1994. Cllr Shields suggested that local information is gathered about the levels of flooding in 1994/5, 1997/8 and 2002/3 such information only to be used for statistical purposes.

Kennet District Council – Comprehensive Performance Assessment: A meeting is to be arranged at which the Vice Chair, the committee Chairs and the Clerk will complete the questionnaire to gauge views on how well the district council is delivering certain services and how these relate to its priorities and future plans.

Broadband Internet Access: Cllr Cox reported that the flyer for a survey to establish the real level of interest in making good quality Internet available in the village has gone out in the November issue of the Courier and replies are coming in.

Quality Council status: The Clerk reported on the AQA course she had attended at which the benefits of 'quality' status had been discussed. It was decided not to apply for Quality Council status at this time.

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

11. **Date of next meeting:** 4 December 2003 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.