

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2004

Present: Cllr A H Still (Chairman)
Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, M Cox, C Price, P Shields, A Stone
and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Molyneux-Downs, JC Robinson, JW Robinson, Sgt P Oatway and PC J Davis
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

New School site: Concerns have been expressed about the width of the vehicular access from Chicks Lane to the new school site. The matter will be investigated.

CD Village Hall Trust Management Committee Meeting: An invitation to attend this meeting at the Blue Lion Hotel on 5 April at 8.00 pm has been extended to members of the parish council.

Litter: The problem of litter around the village seems to be increasing. Members of the public are requested to try to place their litter in the waste bins provided or take it home.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 4 March 2004:
The Minutes were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.
19.04 Matters arising: None
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
None.
5. **20.04 Policing Issues:**
Cllr Cogdell reported that crime in the parish is low - damage to bus shelters and a refuse bin. Sgt Paul Oatway will be retiring from the police force later this month to take up a civilian post within the Wiltshire Constabulary. He is a holder of the Queen's Police Medal. Cllr Cogdell proposed that a letter be written thanking him for the excellent work he has done during his nine years as Commander of Tidworth Section.
Seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions -7.45 pm.**

The meeting reconvened at 7.46 pm.
7. **21.04 Finance Committee Report:**
The Clerk presented the monthly financial statement for March 2004.
Letters of thanks: Letters thanking the council for its donations have been received from Collingbourne Pre-School, 1st Collingbourne Air Scout Group, Kennet Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd, St Andrews PCC and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.
The following cheques were authorised:
J Sedgwick (Beechwood Gardening Service) £175 (cutting burial ground hedge).
Clerk's quarterly salary £657.66 and expenses £118.63.
Proposed by Cllr Bale seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.

22.04 Planning Committee report:
Cllr Price submitted the report for March. (To be displayed upon the notice board.)

23.04 Property Committee report:
Cllr Bale presented her report.
Parish Lengthsmen: This service has now resumed and we are allocated visits in May and September. If anyone knows of work needing to be done around the village please contact Cllr Bale.
Recreation Ground:
Barriers: It was agreed to accept Mr Roy Chandler's quote of £150 each for two 4 metre wide lockable metal barriers to be placed at the two vehicular entrances to the recreation ground.

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

Goalposts: It was agreed to make a donation of £300 to Everleigh Parish Council in return for a set of football goalposts that they have offered us. The present ones are in need of replacement.

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

Play Area: The contractors who are building the new school have agreed to tarmac the play area when they do the school playground.

Knapp Close Play Area: Cllr Bale gave an update on fundraising so far. There may also be funding available from the Market & Coastal Towns Initiative and through Tidworth Community Area Plan.

Cllr Shields will investigate this.

Saunders Meadow Play Area: KDC are still waiting to take over upkeep of this play area.

8. **24.04 Highway matters:**

Verges: A complaint has been received that in the last six months there has been a dramatic increase in damage by large lorries to the marker posts on grass verges. Cllr Shields said that the last Wiltshire Highways Partnership report states that these will not be renewed.

Plastic bollards on Shaw Hill: We have been informed that the work to replace these with kerbing should be carried out in April 2004. Wiltshire County Highways Partnership apologised for the delay which was caused by more serious works taking precedence.

9. **25.04 General matters:**

Broadband: Cllr Cox reported on a very constructive inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee on 17 March. The next steering committee meeting is on Thursday 8th April at 8pm in Wyvern Marketing's meeting room in the Garlands Industrial Estate, Collingbourne Ducis. The number of registrations with BT is gradually increasing.

PC website: A Dreamweaver software package is available for purchase. This would enable the parish clerk to update the website regularly. Matter to be discussed at a later meeting.

WCC Passenger Transport Best Value Review: Cllrs Carter and Cox are to complete a questionnaire which is designed to improve WCC's effectiveness in public transport provision.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 6 May 2004 at 7.00 pm. **Annual Parish Meeting**
to be followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.