

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2005

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, A Molyneux-Downs, JC Robinson, JW Robinson, AH Still

County Cllr M Connolly

and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Cox and Price.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

Collingbournes & Everleigh Residents' Forum: The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th March at Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall at 7.30 pm. If anyone has any specific items they wish to be included in the agenda please advise Mike Winterbourne at TDT (01980 846693).

The Great Mere: A working party led by Cllr Still has started to carry out limited essential clearance work on this area and its potential as a natural area for the benefit of the parish is being investigated. Nicky Warden of Wiltshire Wildlife has visited the site and agreed to attend the April meeting of the parish council to present her ideas about what could be achieved. Interested individuals who might be prepared to volunteer for such a project may wish to attend this meeting to learn more.

CPRE one-day seminar on Renewable Energy: This will be held at Bouverie Hall, Pewsey on Friday 18th March and is for councillors or council officers involved in assessing applications for renewable-energy developments. Details from Cllr Shields.

South East Kennet Community Area Forum: The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th March at 7.00 pm at Tidworth Community Centre.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 3rd February 2005.

The Minutes were agreed as a true record
Proposed by Cllr Molyneux-Downs seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.

10.05 Matters arising:
Dog fouling: Cllr Bale has arranged for the KDC Dog Warden to attend the April meeting of the parish council when the situation will be reviewed and action proposed if deemed necessary.
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:** None.
5. **11.05 Policing Issues:**

There was no report as there was no representative of Tidworth Constabulary present.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.44 pm.**

County Cllr Mark Connolly said that this would be the last meeting he would attend as he will no longer be County Councillor for the Parish owing to the Ward boundary changes. The Chairman thanked Cllr Connolly on behalf of the Parish Council for his work over the years, particularly his ongoing efforts in connection with the provision of the new school.

The meeting reconvened at 7.47 pm.
7. **12.05 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for February 2005.

Requests for donation: It was agreed that a donation of £75 be made to Dragonflies Pre-School. Proposed by Cllr JC Robinson seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.

It was agreed that a donation of £75 be made to St Andrews Church PCC. Proposed by Cllr Cogdell seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.

It was agreed that a donation of £200 be made to Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal. Proposed by Cllr Still seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

It was agreed that a decision regarding a donation to the Village Hall Trust be deferred until the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr Still seconded by Cllr Stone. Vote 7 for 2 abstentions.

It was agreed that no donation be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care as it is not our policy to donate to national charities. Proposed by Cllr Molyneux-Downs seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

The following cheques were authorised:

J H Sedgwick (Beech Wood Gardening Service) £250 (Crown lifting of trees).

M Cox £29.50 (councillor's travel expenses)

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

13.05 Planning Committee report:

In the absence of Cllr Price Cllr Carter submitted the report for February 2005 (To be displayed on the notice board.)

14.05 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Amenity Skip: An amenity skip will be placed in Saxon Rise between 4th and 7th March 2005.

Recreation Ground – emptying of refuse bins: These are not being emptied regularly. Cllr Stone agreed to monitor the position during the next month and report back at the next meeting.

8. **15.05 Highway matters:**

Cllr Shields reported that a group of parents had met onsite to express their concerns about a crossing at the Cadley Road junction of the A338. He was grateful that there was now a lollipop lady in attendance before and after the school day.

9. **16.05 General matters:**

Emergency Planning: It was decided that the Parish Council should participate in an evening exercise on Tuesday, 4th October 2005. Cllr Stone said he would attend a half day refresher course for Community Emergency Volunteers.

'Quality Council' status: Cllr JW Robinson reported on the meeting chaired by Cllr Shields at which the Committee Chairs (Cllrs Bale, Price and himself) and the Parish Clerk had examined how close the Council comes to meeting the criteria for the seven tests which are used in the accreditation process for becoming a Quality Council. The conclusion was that whether or not the Council decides to apply for quality status two items – qualification for the Parish Clerk and the production of a parish plan - be pursued. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk be asked to undertake the necessary training at an approximate cost to the Council of £433 (subject to obtaining a bursary) and secondly that the production of a Parish Plan be investigated.

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

10. **Date of next meeting:** 7th April 2005 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.