

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2007

Present: Cllr J Robinson (Chairman)
Cllrs P Carter, G Chandler, P Cogdell, A Stone, N Whinton
PC Mark Randle and one member of the press.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs B Bale, M Cox, C Price, A Still, A Weeks and County Cllr R Hall.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

KDC Planning Seminar for local councillors: To be held on Monday, 5 February at 7.00 pm in the Tidworth Community Centre. Please let the Clerk know if you wish to attend.

WCC Proposal for one Council to be established in place of the County and four District Councils: At its meeting on 16th January WCC decided to make a submission to the Dept of Communities & Local Government, by the deadline of 25th January 2007, that one Council should be established for the area of Wiltshire in place of the existing County and four District Councils.

WCC Proposals to Re-organise the Registration Service in Wiltshire: The first proposal is to create a Single Registration District in the county by removing boundaries around the current five separate districts. This will enable the public to give notice of marriage and register events anywhere in the county. The second proposal is to withdraw the service of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in nine towns including Marlborough and Tidworth.

Community Awards – "Recognising Endeavour": Nominations are invited for individuals or groups working in their local area to foster community spirit and improve the quality of life for people within the Tidworth Community Area. Full details on the Parish noticeboard.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 January 2007 were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Stone seconded by Cllr Whinton. Vote 4 for, 3 abstentions. Carried.

05.07 Matters arising: None.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
5. **06.07 Policing Issues:**

PC Mark Randle said that the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be going live on 5 February. Its first task is to do a community survey to ascertain concerns throughout the three villages. PC Randle will be looking for volunteers to assist with this. Five incidents were reported in the parish during the past month. A burglary at the Blue Lion is the subject of ongoing enquiries. An unidentified car was seen on a local farm and PC Randle requested the public's help in reporting any strange vehicles seen in the area. PC Randle then answered questions from those present. He can be contacted on 07017 962999 and requested that callers leave a message and a contact telephone number. For urgent calls dial 999.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions 7.55 pm.**

In the absence of Dist Cllr Still the Clerk gave his report.
Flies: The matter has been resolved and the report is awaiting publication.
Planning: The procedure for dealing with planning applications is changing and Councillors are urged to attend the KDC Seminar on the new arrangements and online system mentioned in Chairman's announcements above.

The meeting reconvened at 7.56 pm.
7. **07.07 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr Robinson presented the Financial Report for January 2007.

Requests for donations:
Collingbourne Ducis & Everleigh PCC St Andrews:
It was agreed to make a donation of £100.
Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.

SPLASH: A request has been received from SPLASH which runs a programme of activities for young people in the school holidays. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.

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

Wiltshire St John Ambulance Appeal: It was decided to defer this request until the new financial year as a donation was given earlier in the current financial year.

The following cheques were authorised:

NTT Europe Online Ltd £128.60 (Webstarter Plan annual charge 2007/8).

Tidworth Trust £416.50 (Litter patrol 4th payment Jan – Mar 2007).

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

08.07 Planning Committee Report:

Cllr Robinson presented the report for December 2006/January 2007. To be displayed upon the noticeboard and the parish website: www.collingbourne-ducis.com.

09.07 Property Committee Report:

The Clerk presented the report for January 2007.

WCC Parish Steward Scheme: The next visit will take place on 5 February. All requests for future work must be directed through Cllr Bale so it can be put on the work schedule.

KDC Parish Recycling Skips: The Parish's recycling skips for cardboard and plastics for the coming year have been allocated and the new dates, times and locations will be displayed on the noticeboard and the website. The next date is March 21 at Everleigh Road between 12.00 and 1.30 pm.

Recreation Ground - Dog Fouling: This is a continuing problem. Since Tidworth Litter Patrol can not empty bins with dog faeces in and the Council has received a quotation of £160 per visit from a private disposal company, it was decided that Cllr Bale be asked to urgently obtain quotations for three large notices to be placed at the three entrances to the Recreation Ground asking the public to take their dog's faeces home. (Permission to be obtained from CDVH for one at the entrance by the Village Hall car park.) Any existing dog bins to be removed and the remaining refuse bins to have notices fixed to them indicating they are not for disposal of dog faeces. Notices to this effect to be placed in the Courier and on Castledown Radio.

Collingbourne Cricket Club: Cllr Robinson read out a letter from the Cricket Club asking the PC's view on its replacing the wooden storage shed at the western corner of the recreation ground. Cllr Chandler said that the Club plans to purchase a smaller lighter fibreglass storage unit. The meeting had no objection in principle but requested that the Club liaise with the PC about its location. Cllr Robinson to update Cllr Cox and a letter of confirmation to be written.

Saunders Meadow Play Area: This item was deferred until the next meeting.

War Memorial: The Collingbourne Ducis & Everleigh PCC has drawn the PC's attention to the fact that some of the inscriptions on the Memorial are becoming illegible due to the loss of the black paint in the letters. Cllr Bale to obtain three quotations for re-painting the lettering and report back at the next meeting.

8. **10.07 General Matters:** None.
9. **11.07 Highway matters:** There was no report as Cllr Bale was not present.
10. **Date of next meeting:** 1 March 2007 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.