

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2006

Present: Cllr M Cox (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, C Price, J Robinson, P Shields, A Still, N Whinton
and Sgt N Porter.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr R Hall and Cllr G Chandler.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

Vote of thanks to Cllr Paul Shields: Cllr Paul Shields is to resign from the council with effect from 2 June as he is leaving the parish to live in Devon. Cllr Cox thanked Cllr Shields for his excellent work both as a member of the PC and later as chairman. He commended Cllr Shields' achievements during his term of office and proposed a vote of thanks. Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Robinson. Agreed nem con.

Information Fair for the over 50's: This event sponsored by KDC in partnership with public voluntary and community organisations will take place at Devizes Corn Exchange on 23 June between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. A poster will be displayed on the notice board.

School Summer Ball: This fund-raising event will take place on July 1 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Tickets available from the school.

School Open Day and Village Hall Grand Court Opening: To celebrate the first year in its new premises Collingbourne Primary School will hold an Anniversary Open Day on Saturday June 10th from 10.30 am to 12.30. The newly refurbished Village Hall tennis, basketball and netball court will be opened at 10.00 am on the same day. All are welcome.

List of Councillors: Cllr Cox said that a list of councillors' addresses and telephone numbers will be displayed both on the noticeboard and the website.

Criminal Justice Board: An Open Day will be held in Salisbury on June 17 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm centred on the Combined Crown and County Courts and the Guildhall.

Local Authority Byelaws Discussion Paper: The council has been asked for its comments on this discussion paper from the ODP. Cllr Robinson to deal with this matter.

Charter 88: This organisation has asked for support for its campaign to halt community decline and empower citizens and local councils. To be circulated to councillors.
3. **Minutes of the last meetings:**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 May 2006 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.

The Minutes of the A M of the PC held on 4 May 2006 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Price seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed nem con.

35.06 Matters arising: Cllr Cox updated the meeting on the current position with the Tidworth Tidy Patrol and a quote of £950 + VAT received for refurbishing the recreation ground.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Bale in agenda item 7 as she is a Director of Tidworth Trust. Cllr Cox in agenda item 7 as he is a school governor.
5. **Adjournment for public comments/questions 7.48 pm.**

Neighbourhood Policing Areas – Consultation: Sgt Nigel Porter outlined the criteria for allocation of the proposed new policing areas which he said would make the police more accessible to the public. Collingbourne Ducis will come under Tidworth Rural area and will be served by a Neighbourhood Police Team comprising a Community Beat Manager and Police Community Support Officers. The system is not due to commence in this area until the end of next year. Sgt Porter then answered questions from those present.

Police report: Sgt Porter reported a 43.4% detection rate of all reported crimes in the area and said he was hoping to increase this to 50%.

The meeting reconvened at 8.10 pm.

6. **36.06 Policing Issues:****Neighbourhood Policing Areas – Consultation:**

It was agreed to accept the proposal that the Parish remain in the Tidworth Rural area. Clerk to respond.

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

7. **37.06 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for May 2006.

Community First – membership renewal: It was agreed to renew the PC's membership of Community First for an annual subscription of £32.00.

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

Review of Clerk's salary and conditions of service: Cllr Robinson and Clerk to confer following the Clerk's confirmation that she is largely in agreement with the proposals to update her Contract of Employment and Job Description.

Recreation Ground – proposed annual charge of £200.50 for school use: After discussion it was agreed to create an Agreement with an annual charge of £200.00 for use of the recreation ground by Collingbourne CE Primary School.

Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Shields. Vote 8 for 1 abstention. Carried.

The following cheques were authorised:

Tidworth Trust £416.50 (Litter Patrol 1st payment April – June 2006).

Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Cox. Vote 7 for 2 abstentions. Carried. It was noted that for at least two weeks the operatives duties were not carried out due to illness.

Community First £868.93 (annual insurance premium).

Landmarc – Client Account re MOD ATE £20.00 (Court Farm – right of way).

Gillett & Johnston (Croydon) Ltd £183.30 (servicing church clock).

Aster Group Ltd £5.05 (rent Sarsen Housing Assoc land for Play Area),

J H Sedgwick £130.00 (Beech Wood crown lifting of trees by footpath in burial ground).

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

38.06 Planning Committee Report:

Cllr Price presented the report for May 2006. To be displayed upon the noticeboard and the parish website: www.collingbourne-ducis.com.

39.06 Property Committee Report: Cllr Bale presented the report for May 2006.**Recreation Ground:****Request from CDVH for cost sharing re commercial waste bin:**

A proposal has been received from CDVH to share the cost of £270 per annum for the provision of a commercial waste bin by KDC. (All village halls will be required to change over to commercial waste bins when the new wheelie bin system for householders comes into force in July). A decision on this matter was deferred until the next meeting in order that Cllr Bale could have a more detailed discussion with the Secretary of the VH Management Committee.

Request from KDC for use of recreation ground for holiday activities during the summer: It was agreed that KDC be permitted to use the recreation ground at no charge on this occasion for holiday activities for 10 – 16 year olds on Monday and Thursday mornings for 5 weeks during the summer holidays. Clerk to respond.

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

Burial Ground: It was agreed to accept the additional charge of £25 from Fence Care for fixing three more broken fence posts.

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

It was agreed to accept the quotation of £330 from Beech Wood Gardening Service for the inclusion of the reclaimed burial ground in the existing 3 year rollover contract. With the annual inflationary increase of 2.5% this will bring this year's total charge to £2536.00

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

8. **40.06 General Matters:**

Great Mere: An approximate figure of between £160 and £200 being the estimated cost of registration of possessory title to the Great Mere was agreed in principle.

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

Appointment of representatives: It was agreed that Cllrs Cox and Robinson be appointed as PC representatives to the Great Mere Community Conservation Group. Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr Whinton. Agreed nem con.

Golden Jubilee Memorial Sign: Cllr Cogdell reported that the hanging baskets were now in place for the summer.

9. **41.06 Highway matters:**

Cllr Bale reported on the Wiltshire County Highways Partnership Annual Highways meeting for Kennet Parishes which she attended on May 9 at the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey.

Cadley Road re-surfacing: This has been deferred for a year by WC Highways as it needs more substantial work than just surface dressing. Cllr Bale to take the matter up with WCC.

Traffic calming: Cllr Shields reported that despite his continued dialogue with personnel at Wiltshire County Highways regarding the street lighting in Church Street, the siting of the 30 mph signs in Chicks Lane and the interactive signs by the Chicks Lane/A338 junction these matters had not progressed. It is hoped that County Cllr Robert Hall will take these matters up with the Highways Department

10. **Date of next meeting:** 6 July 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.