

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Present: Cllr M Cox (Chairman)
Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, C Price, JW Robinson, A Still, A Stone
and six members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Shields and PC Mark Eburne.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

Flood Precautions: The Flood Wardens will attend the Salisbury Plain Area Annual Flood briefings organised by the Environment Agency on 20 October. Any issues to be raised should be advised to Cllrs Shields or Still.

Community First AGM: This will take place on 7 September in Devizes Corn Exchange at 7.00 pm. Any councillor wishing to attend as the PC representative should contact the clerk.

Tidworth Community Area Strategic Plan: This is to be circulated to all councillors and comments would be appreciated.

Kennet Planning and Design Competition: The PC has been invited to enter this competition for recent development, builds or restorations/renovations within the parish.

Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill: The PC has asked to support the Early Day Motion in the House of Commons. Data to be circulated and this matter put on our next agenda for discussion.

Safety for All: Kennet Community Safety Partnership are running a Safety for All day at the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey on Monday 19 September from 10 am to 4 pm. The Chairman hoped at least two councillors would attend. Contact the Clerk if you wish to do so.

Vote of thanks: The PC is grateful to Mr Rob Harrison and Cllr Tony Still for restoring, repainting and re-fixing the signpost at the junction of Knapp Hill and Everleigh Road.
Proposed by Cllr Carter seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 7 July 2005.
The Minutes were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.
46.05 Matters arising: None.
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
None.
5. **47.05 Policing Issues:**
There was no report as PC Mark Eburne was unable to attend. PC Mark Randle is now the Community Beat Office for this parish..
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.40 pm.**
The meeting reconvened at 7.56 pm.
7. **48.05 Finance Committee Report:**
Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for May 2005.
External Auditor's report for year ended 31.3.05: This report has been received and will be displayed on the noticeboard for the statutory period.
Transfer of funds: In view of the high level of expenditure this month Cllr Robinson advised that the Scottish Widows Knapp Close account will be closed and the balance transferred to the Lloyd TSB account following completion of the Knapp Close Play Area. A further sum of £6,000 is to be transferred from the other Scottish Widows account to the Lloyds TSB account.
Letter of thanks: A letter has been received from Victim Support Wiltshire thanking the PC for its donation.
Request for donations:
Cllr Robinson said it was not possible to make a donation to Collingbourne Cricket Club's appeal for support for Hambantota CC Sri Lanka as local authorities are not permitted to make donations for overseas. He urged councillors and members of the public to support the Club's annual Club Captain's fixture on 4 September on an individual basis.
The following cheques were authorised:
J H Sedgwick £614.00 (Beechwood Gardening Service 4th and 5th grasscutting payments).

Sutcliffe Play (South West) Ltd £14,184.64 (Knapp Close Play Park).
 KDC £740.25 (Ground maintenance April – June 2005)
 Mazars £141 (Auditor's professional fees).
 Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

49.05 Planning Committee report:

Cllr Price submitted the report for July/August 2005. (To be displayed on the notice board.)

50.05 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Burial ground: The reinstatement of the burial ground is nearly complete. It is hoped WCC will have an on-site meeting with the PC before signing off on the project. A property committee meeting is to be arranged to decide what is to be done to complete the project and assess a maintenance programme for this extended area

Benches: Some are in urgent need of repair. Cllr Bale asked any councillor who knows of possible contractors able to do this work to contact her.

Recreation ground tenancy agreements:

Following a clash of bookings during August it was agreed that a letter be written to the Collingbourne Football Club advising them that they will be unable to continue to use the recreation ground after their currently advised fixtures are completed unless the conditions of the agreement are met.

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

Cllr Stone reported that there will be no Collingbourne Boys FC this year.

Castledown Colts under 15's Football Club has written requesting a tenancy agreement for use of the recreation ground during the current season. To be considered at the coming property committee meeting.

The Recreation Ground sub-group will review the Rules for Use of the Recreation Ground, Tenancy Agreements and By-laws and present its conclusions at the November PC meeting.

Noticeboards: Both the Burial Ground and the Recreation Ground require new noticeboards to display all necessary documentation.

Bus shelters: The two bus shelters on Marlborough Road are in need of attention. Cllr Bale asked the Council to consider whether or not these should continue to be refurbished long-term or an effort be made in the next year or two to fund some new metal/low maintenance replacements similar to that in Collingbourne Kingston.

Property Committee meeting: To be held on Thursday 8 September at the Blue Lion at 6.30 pm.

8. **51.05 Highway matters:**

Collingbourne 2nd bridge repairs: The work continues slowly. Weekly progress bulletins are posted on the Parish Notice Board. The bridge will now be closed during the weekend of 10/11th September and possibly longer.

Road improvement/Traffic calming: Following the granting of planning permission for the Bourne Works development and that in Saxon Rise the PC still awaits details of the proposed scheme for Cadley Road and the junction with the High Street.

Chicks Lane – road signage: WCC has now acknowledged the PC's letters concerning road signage. Cllr Shields has expressed his concern at the lack of progress with this matter particularly as a new school year is now commencing.

9. **52.05 General matters:**

Transport – changes to bus service 15: Cllr Still reported that the new Stagecoach bus service 70 will replace the existing service 15 from 30 August 2005.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays an extra shoppers' bus will run from Aughton, the Collingbournes and Everleigh to Ludgershall and Andover. This will be operated by the Phoenix Hire bus company and £5 day return tickets purchased on this bus will be accepted for travel on the Stagecoach service 70 buses (and vice versa).

Village Hall Trust – Representative's report/CCTV: This matter was not discussed as Cllr JC Robinson was not present. It will be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 6 October 2005 at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 8.33 pm.