

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5 JULY 2007

Present: Cllr P Risborough (Chairman)
Cllrs M Chandler, J Dowsett, Simon Gilford, K Rossiter, N Whinton,
County Cllr R Hall, Dist Cllr C Howard, PC M Randle, and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr B Bale.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**
TAF 2007: The Tidworth Area Festival will take place on Sunday 29th July 2007.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** held on 13th June 2007.
The minutes were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Whinton seconded by Cllr Risborough. Agreed nem con.
48.07 Matters arising – for information only: None.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
5. **49.07 Appointment of representatives:**
Representative (2nd) to Gt Mere Group Steering Committee: Deferred until after Agenda Item 12. Then Cllr Pickis was appointed.
Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Whinton. Agreed nem con.
Member for Community Emergency Volunteers: Cllr Gilford.
Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Rossiter. Agreed nem con.
Member for Financial matters: Cllr Dowsett.
Proposed by Cllr Gilford seconded by Cllr Chandler. Agreed nem con.
6. **50.07 Policing Issues:**
PC Randle reported nine calls had been received during the past month: 2 about the road closure in Cadley Road, 4 about anti-social behaviour, 1 drunk and disorderly, 1 accident and 1 call with no request.
PC Randle said that the Wiltshire Bobby Van was available to visit the village to help and advise vulnerable residents to improve the security of their premises.
Sgt Freeman commenced work today. PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Clare Davison will take up her posting at the end of the month.
An additional PC from Amesbury has been promised to Tidworth Section.
PC Randle reported that the Youth Night at the Crown at Everleigh had proved successful and it was hoped to hold them regularly on the last Tuesday each month.
Bluez 'n Zus takes place on the second Tuesday of each month and is looking for a suitable venue in this parish.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions: 8.00 pm.**

Dist Cllr Howard said he had received a report from KDC as follows:
"Environmental Health and Housing Services served an Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 80 Abatement Notice on W R Curnick Ltd of Southgrove Farm, Burbage on 18th January in respect of insect nuisance arising from buildings on the farm.
The Notice was appealed by WR Curnick Ltd and after two arrangement hearings the final appeal will now take place at 9.45 am on Thursday 12th July at Devizes magistrates court. The Notice requires the farm operators to implement best practice insect control within their premises and to allow officers of the Council access to monitoring records." Cllr Howard plans to attend the hearing and will report back.

Cllr Howard reported on the arrangements he has made for the grass beside the dual use footpath/cycleway between the Collingbournes to be cut on a regular basis by the District Council.

Arrangements are also in hand by KDC for Saunders Meadow Play Area to be inspected and restored to working order.

A new playground is due to be constructed at the western end of Saxon Rise prior to the occupation of the 13th dwelling now being constructed at Riverbourne Fields, adjacent to Saxon Rise.

County Cllr Hall updated the meeting on WCC's bid to become a unitary authority. The County Council has now produced a business plan for use if the bid receives government approval. North Wiltshire District Council has now decided to oppose the County Council's bid.

The meeting reconvened at 8.25 pm.

8. **51.07 Finance Report:**

The Clerk presented the report for June (copy attached hereto.)

Internal Auditor's Report: The report which had previously been circulated to councillors was accepted.

Annual Statement of Accounts: This was approved.

Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Rossiter. Agreed nem con.

Annual Governance Statement: This was approved.

Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Rossiter. Agreed nem con.

Letters of thanks: Letters of thanks have been received from the Great Mere Community Conservation Group, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and Wiltshire St John Ambulance.

Request for donation: It was agreed to give a donation of £75 to Victim Support Wiltshire. Proposed by Cllr Gilford seconded by Cllr Whinton. Agreed nem con.

The following cheques were authorised:

J H Sedgwick £460 (Beechwood Gardening Service 2nd of 6 monthly invoices for grasscutting).

M Allcorn £905.73 (clerk's quarterly salary and expenses Apr/May/June 2007).

NTT Europe Online Ltd £13.98 (bi-annual service charge for reg collingbourne-ducis.com).

Proposed by Cllr Rossiter seconded by Cllr Risborough. Agreed nem con.

9. **52.07 Planning Report:**

Cllr Whinton presented the planning report for June 2007:

New applications:

K/56670/F Single storey extension to garage at 11 Bourne Rise for Mrs N Price.

K/56690/F Construction of military track (Eastern access route) part new track, part upgrade including construction of 4 new hard standing areas (Hard standing 1,3,7,8) at Salisbury Plain Training Area (East) Wilts for Defence Training Estate.

K/56713/F New dormer windows to attic conversion, pitched roofs to existing dormers (renewal of K/45899) at the Coach House, Marlborough Road, Collingbourne Ducis for Mr and Mrs J Wills.

Permission granted:

K/56520/F Extension to existing industrial building at the Countrystore, Bourne Works for Mr V Wheeler.

Permission refused:

None

Results awaited: **K/61484/F** 15 new dwellings and 2B1 (office/light industrial) buildings at Bourne Works for Mr N Hyde and Mrs M Bayfield.

K/54957/F Conversion of school building to four residential units. Construction of three new dwellings at former Collingbourne Ducis Church of England Primary School for Dunsmere Developments Ltd.

Withdrawn: None

Appeals: None

Planning Application K/56713/F: New dormer windows to attic conversion, pitched roofs to existing dormers (renewal of K/45899) at the Coach House, Marlborough Road, Collingbourne Ducis for Mr and Mrs J Wills. No objection was raised to this application.

10. **53.07 Property Report:**

War Memorial: The cleaning and lettering repainting is now complete. It was agreed that a working party be set up to repaint the railing around the memorial.

Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Gilford. Agreed nem con.

Bus Shelters: Cllr Chandler updated the meeting on the current position and gave details of costings for replacement bus shelters. He will continue to research possible funding sources.

11. **54.07 Highway Matters:**

Parish Steward Scheme: Visits will take place on 9th and 11th July and 11th September. Details of any areas needing work should be given to Cllr Bale.

Street lighting Pedestrian link between Gilberts Piece and High Street:

Cllr Gilford reported his research on public opinion about this matter. After discussion it was agreed that no change was needed to the existing lighting. Currently the path is not fit for purpose and in need of maintenance as the surface is slippery and overgrown with moss and there are overhanging nettles.

Proposed by Cllr Risborough seconded by Cllr Whinton. Agreed nem con.

12. **55.07 Co-option of Councillor(s):**

Miss K Pickis was co-opted as a member of the Council. Cllr Risborough welcomed Cllr Pickis who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was appointed as the 2nd representative to the Great Mere Steering Group.

Two other vacancies remain as a result of the recent election and anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact the Parish Clerk for details.

13. **Date of next meeting:** 6 September 2007 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.