

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN COLLINGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY 29 July 2010 AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr M Cox (Chairman), Cllr G Chandler (Vice chairman), Cllr A Jones, Cllr B Crompton and Cllr N Williams.

In Attendance: Mr P Gill (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr B Bale, Cllr K Pickis, Cllr P Risborough, Cllr K Rossiter, Wiltshire County Cllr C Howard and Wiltshire Police.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman drew attention to the WALC Newsletter that had been circulated by email.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 May 2010 having been previously circulated were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Williams. **Agreed nem con**
15.10 Matters arising. None that do not appear on the agenda.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
5. **16.10 Policing Issues:** In the absence of a Police Representative the following emailed report was read out by the Chairman:
A calf in the road - farmer contacted and calf was returned.
Welfare concern x 2 - both of which were all in order.
Child rang 999.
Address check for Hampshire Police - no trace.
Domestic Violence Issue.
Mud on the road - no trace, council may have already been.
Alarm activation - false alarm.
Personal Issue - resolved.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions: 7.35pm.**
A member of the public raised the ongoing issue of speeding in the village. Members agreed to raise the issue to the next Tidworth Area Board and also agreed to set up a working group to look at speeding in the round with a view to drawing up an action plan to tackle the speeding issue. The Members directed the Clerk to place a 30MPH Sticker on the bin in the vicinity of the Cadley Road Speed Humps.
Action: Chair & Clerk

In the absence of Wilts Cllr Howard the following emailed report was readout by the Chairman:

Council Budget. The impact of proposed cuts in expenditure by the government are not expected to have much effect on Wiltshire in the current year, but may have serious implications for us next year. It is recommended that any projects that require Council funding are taken forward this year if possible because it is quite likely that less funding will be available next year.

NHS. The Government has announced the abolition of Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities from 2013, with funding to be handed to GP consortia. Wiltshire Council are playing an important and increasing role in many aspects of healthcare administration in the future.

Waste and Recycling Survey. A consultation is in progress over the Council's proposal to establish a common waste and recycling policy across Wiltshire. The proposal is as follows:

Fortnightly collection of black wheelie bins and recycling boxes to continue as now.

Fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard to be introduced.

Fortnightly collection of garden waste to be introduced, free of charge and optional.

The consultation period ends on 20th August, and if these proposals are adopted they are likely to be implemented in the first half of 2011.

A338/A346 Working Group. The Working Group's report, having been presented to the four local Area Boards, is under consideration by Wiltshire Council and a decision is awaited on whether or not the Council will decide to apply to the Department for Transport for the road to be De-Primed. A decision is expected to be reached on this by mid September.

The meeting reconvened at 7.45pm

7. **17.10 Finance Report:**

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure report along with Bank Reconciliations produced from the accounts package and the latest bank statements.

The following cheques were noted and/or presented for authorisation as per approved contracts or IAW Standing Orders:

LANDMARC (ROW Rent) £30.00

Community First (Subscription) 36.00

Bawden Ltd (Grass Cutting) (IV 6927) £476.76

Mr J Halfon (Litter Contract - May) - £180.00

Bawden Ltd (Grass Cutting) (IV 6990) £476.76

Mr J Halfon (Litter Contract - Jun) - £180.00

Mr P Gill (Salary & Expenses) - £1362.80

Southern Electric (Recreation Ground) £22.31

AG Builders Ltd (Burial Ground Wall) £439.92

Bawden Ltd (Grass Cutting) (IV 7053) £476.76

Mr J Halfon (Litter Contract Jul) £180.00

Proposed by Cllr Crompton seconded by Cllr Chandler that the report as presented be accepted and the cheques as presented be noted or authorised.

Agreed nem con

Financial Regulations. Having considered the previously circulated grammatical revisions the Members agreed to adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Crompton

Agreed nem con

Recreation Ground Hire.

The Clerk reported that TRITAX FC have yet to pay their invoice for FY 10/11 and that he will inform them that they are not to use the football pitch until the invoice is paid.

Action: Clerk

Having considered a letter from Collingbourne School the Members agreed to set the hire charges at the level for FY09/10. Proposed by Cllr Chandler seconded by Cllr Williams.

Agreed nem con

Action: Clerk

Village Fete. Having considered a request to sponsor an activity the Members agreed to sponsor a climbing wall at a cost of no more than £200.

Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Compton.

Agreed nem con

St John Ambulance. Having considered a request for a donation Members agreed to make a donation of £150.00.

Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Crompton

Agreed nem con

Members noted the receipt of a £350 Cleansing Grant from Wilts Council.

8. **18.10 Planning Report:**

The Chairman presented the planning report which contained no new applications. (Copy attached and to be displayed on the notice board).

Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Jones that the report be accepted.

Agreed nem con

Action: Clerk

9. **19.10 Property Report:**

Burial Ground. The Members noted that the wall had been repaired to a high standard.

Grass Cutting Contract. The Members noted that the current contract is due to end in March 2011 and agreed that Cllrs Cox & Chandler should review and update the current schedule, and draw up a short draft tender list for presentation at the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Jones.

Agreed nem con

Action: Cllrs Cox & Chandler

Recycling skips: Skips for plastic & cardboard waste will be at Station Approach on Wednesday 11 August and at Everleigh Road on Wednesday 27 October 2010 between 10.00am & 12.30pm. A full list of future dates has been posted on www.collingbourne-ducis.com.

The Chairman reported that damage had been caused on the Recreation Ground to a concrete bench, the wooden shelter and trees which had been reported to the Police HQ and to the NHPT. The Members agreed that concrete bench was to be removed and replaced by a plastic one at a cost not to exceed £350.00, and that Cllr Chandler was to instruct Mr R Marsh to conduct the repair to the shed at a cost not to exceed £150.00. Moreover it was further agreed that Cllr Chandler instruct Mr R Marsh to level the goalmouths, but not to reseed or re-turf them at this time, at a cost not to exceed£50.00.

Proposed by Cllr Chandler seconded by Cllr Crompton

Agreed nem con
Action: Cllr Chandler

10. **20.109 Highway Matters:**
WC Parish Steward Scheme. The date of the next visit dates are yet TBC and Cllr Bale should be notified of any work needed in the parish as soon as possible. **Action: Cllr Bale**
A342& A346. The Members expressed their support for Ludgershall Town in their efforts to have the dangerous junction of the A342 (Devizes to Andover) and the A346 (Collingbourne Ducis to Marlborough) made safer.
30MPH Wheelie Bin Stickers. The Clerk reported that he has ordered more stickers.
11. **21.10 General Matters:**
The Members noted Cllr Whinton's resignation and thanked her for all that she had done in her time on the Council. Cllr Williams agreed to stand in as the planning representative for the time being. **Action: Cllr Williams & Clerk**
Village Hall Trust. Cllr Crompton gave a short verbal brief on the matters relevant to the Council that were discussed at the meeting that she had attended as the Council's Representative which the Members noted.
12. **22.10 Co-option of Councillors:** Two vacancies exist as a result of the resignations and anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact the Parish Clerk for details.
13. **Date of Next Meeting:** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 2nd September at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 20.45pm