

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Cllr M Cox (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, C Price, J Robinson, A Still, A Stone, N Whinton  
4 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Chandler.
2. **66.06 Casual Vacancy:** There is still a vacancy for a councillor following the resignation of Paul Shields. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Clerk.
3. **Chairman's announcements:**
  - KDC Rural Facilities Survey:** The report is now available on the KDC website.
  - Consultation Basics for PCs:** Community First is running this course on Saturday 18 November from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm at Devizes Bowls Club, Long Street, Devizes. Any councillor wishing to attend please contact the clerk.
  - Affordable Village Housing Seminar:** The Rural Housing Trust is holding a seminar on Monday 4 December from 9.30 am to 4 pm at Dinton Village Hall, Nr Salisbury. Any councillor wishing to attend please contact the clerk.
  - Castledown Radio FM launch:** Councillors are invited to the launch party on Saturday 4 November starting at 10.30 am Going Live @ 12.00 midday. Anyone wishing to attend please contact the clerk.
  - KDC planning consultation:** A consultation document on potential development sites in the parish has been received and is available to view from Cllr Cox and Cllr. Price. Cllr Price to respond.
  - Sustainable Strategy for Wiltshire:** Comments are requested on this draft strategy which will be circulated.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2006 were agreed as a true record  
Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.

**67.06 Matters arising:** County Cllr Robert Hall has informed Cllr Bale that the proposed 7 ½ ton limit on Ludgershall Rd seems to be a rumour. The Parish Steward was sent to look at the landslips on the same road.

Dog fouling: Cllr Cox reported that two dozen bin labels requesting the public to take their dog poop bags home will cost under £50 including VAT. Dog fouling at the recreation ground to be on the agenda at the next meeting.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Stone declared an interest in item 8 as he is a member of the Football Club.
6. **68.06 Policing Issues:**
  - Antisocial behaviour:** As Sgt Porter was not present this matter was deferred until a meeting of all interested parties could be arranged. Cllr Cox to liaise. Members of the public will be advised when such a meeting is to take place.
  - In Sgt Porter's absence Cllr Cogdell presented the report. The public recruitment meeting which took place at Tidworth Police Station on 13 October was a success and 11 people were willing to become Special Constables.
  - Tidworth Section's detection rate was one of the highest in the county.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions 7.43 pm.**

Dog fouling on the recreation ground was discussed. A member of the public thought that the ban on dogs from the area after dark was contributing to vandalism.  
District Cllr Still said that it was no longer KDC's policy to replace broken refuse bins.  
The proposed removal of the bus shelter was discussed and members of the public present expressed the view that this was the best course of action.

The meeting reconvened at 7.55 pm.

8. **69.06 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr Robinson presented the Financial Report for October 2006. He informed the meeting that the Finance Committee will meet in December to make its recommendation for the budget forecast and precept request for 2007/8. He asked that any councillor who anticipates an item of expenditure which is not normally included in the budget forecast inform him.

**Recreation Ground tenancy fees:** Cllr Stone will continue to pursue Collingbourne Football Club (now known as the Flame Lily Football Club) and Castledown Colts under 16's Football Club for their unpaid tenancy fees. Until such time as these are paid no matches should take place on the recreation ground. Cllr Robinson said that the situation would be reviewed at the next meeting.

**The following cheques were authorised:**

J H Sedgwick £422.00 (Beech Wood 6<sup>th</sup> of 6 invoices for 2006 grass cutting season).

M Cox £53.99 (Chairman's expenses).

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

**70.06 Planning Committee Report:**

Cllr Price presented the report for October 2006. To be displayed upon the noticeboard and the parish website: [www.collingbourne-ducis.com](http://www.collingbourne-ducis.com).

**71.06 Property Committee Report:**

Cllr Bale presented the report for October 2006.

**Parish Noticeboard:** Discussions with London House have shown that two standard and identical A1 noticeboards will be necessary to fit the existing space. Some trim to pad out to the current space on the wall will have to be custom made. Cllr Bale noted that she is currently awaiting a quotation for re-furbishing the existing notice board.

**WCC Parish Steward Scheme:** The next visit will take place on 14 November. Cllr Bale requested anyone who notices highway/signage damage to report it to her so it can be put on the work schedule.

**KDC Re-cycling skip service:** Re-cycling skips for plastic and cardboard waste will be in Saxon Rise on Wednesday 29 November between 12.00 midday and 1.30 pm.

9. **72.06 General Matters:**

**Appointment of representative to Village Hall Management Committee:** Cllr Robinson said he would attend the Village Hall AGM on 16 November when he would tender his resignation from this position. No councillor offered themselves as his replacement.

**Bus shelter:** Dist Cllr Still reported on complaints he has received from people with children who had been forced to listen to foul language from youths hanging about in the Parish Council bus shelter at the A338/Chicks Lane junction. The shelter has been vandalised, is a constant source of litter and is used by youths playing "chicken" with traffic. This is a long-standing problem and after discussion it was proposed that it be removed and not replaced by the Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr Still seconded by Cllr Price. Vote 7 for 2 abstentions. Carried.

Cllr. Still noted that this decision could not now be changed for at least 6 months.

Cllr Bale to establish the feasibility of demolition by a small working party and obtain quotations for its removal if necessary.

**WCC Emergency Planning Parish Exercise:** This will take place at Sunton Cottage on 9 November at 7.15 pm.

10. **73.06 Highway matters:** The bank on the A346 Ludgershall Road is still in need of repair. Following the land slippage the rain has washed the mud across the road and it has blocked the drain. Cllr Bale to contact Wiltshire County Highways Dept.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 7 December 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.