

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2004

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, M Cox, A Molyneux- Downs, C. Price, JW Robinson
PC Mark Eburne and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs A H Still, A Stone and PC John Davis.

2. **Chairman's announcements:**

Thanks to residents: Cllr Shields said that this was a momentous week for the village with the opening of the new school and the re-opening of an improved village hall after its enforced twelve-month closure. He offered the thanks of the Parish Council to all those residents who have worked so tirelessly on both these projects to provide the village with facilities fit for this relatively new century.

Mrs Marjorie Gear: The Chairman offered the condolences of the Parish Council to the family and friends of Mrs Marjorie Gear, one of our oldest residents, who died on Monday, 1st November.

A service is to be held at Semington Crematorium on Thursday, 11th November.

Resident's Forum for the Collingbournes and Everleigh: The inaugural meeting of this group will take place at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall on November 16 at 7.30 pm. The Chairman urged both councillors and residents of all three villages to attend in order to demonstrate their parishes' interest in the local Community Area. Representatives of the Tidworth Community Area (of which these parishes are part), County Council, District Council and Tidworth Development Trust will be present so it will be an ideal opportunity to get answers to questions you might have on a number of important local issues.

Annual Meeting of the North Wessex Downs AONB Forum: This will take place on Tuesday 16th November at Hungerford Town Hall. Please let the Parish Clerk know as soon as possible if you wish to attend as the date for registering attendance has already passed.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 7 October 2004:

The Minutes were agreed as a true record after an amendment to Item 6 as follows: County Cllr Connolly reported that under the Boundary Commission's revised electoral arrangements this Parish will now be one of 17 in a new County Council Ward, separate from his seat of Tidworth and Ludgershall.

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

63.04 Matters arising: None.

4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**

None.

5. **64.04 Policing Issues:**

PC Mark Eburne reported that October had been a quiet month, the only crime taking place earlier in the month when cars were damaged in the Ludgershall Road following an incident in the Blue Lion Inn. Arrests have been made.

Cllr Cogdell reported on the meeting of the Wiltshire Police Authority which she attended on September 23rd at which the new Chief Constable, Martin Richards was introduced.

6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions -7.43 pm.**

Cllr W Lewis reported how disappointed Collingbourne Kingston PC had been with the standard of Wiltshire County Highways Partnership's work on the dual use footpath/cycleway between the two villages. They will be writing to the Highways Partnership to express their disapproval.

The meeting reconvened at 7.53 pm.

7. **65.04 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for October 2004.

The following cheques were authorised:

J Sedgwick (Beechwood Gardening Service) £313.00 (7th of 2004/5 contract).

SLCC £58 (2 delegates to Funding Community Projects conference).

Scofell Landscapes £487.63 (ditch clearance).

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

66.04 Planning Committee report:

Cllr Price submitted the report for October. (To be displayed upon the notice board.)

67.04 Property Committee report:

Cllr Bale presented her report.

Amenity skips: It was agreed that amenity skips be booked for 19-22 November at Station Approach and 4-7 March 2005 at Saxon Rise at a cost of approximately £50 each + VAT.

Recycling skips: Cllr Bale reported that the recycling skips for metal and garden waste had been fairly well used on their first visit to the village on 27 October. They will be returning on a monthly basis on 24 November at Knapp Close and 15 December at Station Approach (both Wednesdays between 12.00 midday and 2.30 pm). Further bookings to be made for the New Year. Notices will be displayed at the village shop prior to each visit.

Kerbside Paper Recycling Service: KDC will be extending this service across the district as from December of this year. Cllr Bale will attend a briefing about the scheme on 17 November.

Waste recycling point: We are still waiting to hear if the Village Hall Trustees will reconsider their decision to have the recycling bins removed from the village hall car park.

Lengthsmen: Cllr Bale reported on their visit on 1st and 2nd of this month. The potholes were poorly repaired, particularly the one at the junction of Cadley Road and Sunton. Cllr Bale to request they redo this one. Also that they clear the areas around the drains.

Recreation ground: The trees on the recreation ground boundary need to have their crowns raised. The ownership of the path to the village hall needs to be established. Clerk to check.

8. **68.04 Highway matters:**

Chicks Lane: The 30 mph signs were moved without WCC giving the requisite notice. They should have been placed on the westerly side of the village hall entrance.

New school site: Another traffic count will be done in early December by which time the Pre-school will be back at the village hall.

9. **69.04 General matters:**

Parish Flood Plan: Cllr Shields reported that this has been prepared and will be circulated to councillors prior to the next meeting when it will be submitted for approval. KDC are looking for suitable storage in the village for loose sand and 280 bags which can then be used by residents to make sand bags in the event of a flooding incident. Cllr Bale to investigate possible locations.

Transport: It was agreed to make a donation of £10 in support of Kennet Passengers. Cllr Still is the parish transport representative.

Proposed by Cllr Shields seconded by Cllr Molyneux-Downs. Agreed nem con.

Recreation Ground: Castledown Colts under 14's tenancy. This matter cannot be considered until a formal proposal is received from Castledown Colts. Cllr Cox reported that the Tenancy Sub-Committee now have a list of issues which will be discussed at their next meeting.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 2nd December 2004 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.