

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2006

Present: Cllr M Cox (Chairman)
Cllrs B Bale, P Cogdell, C Price, J Robinson

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr A Still and Cllrs Carter, Chandler, Stone and Whinton.
2. **58.06 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:**
Flood Warden: A letter is to be written informing the Environment Agency that Mr Simon Gilford is appointed to this position as an agent of the PC.
Tidworth Community Area: A review of the current Community Area Plan will take place on 21 October at Castledown Sports Centre.
Kennet CAB Ltd: An Open Evening and 19th Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 26 October at 6.00 pm at Kennet CAB, Commercial Road, Devizes. Any councillor wishing to attend please contact the clerk.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2006 were agreed as a true record
Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Cogdell. Agreed nem con.
59.06 Matters arising: Cllr Robinson reported that he had been unable to attend the AGM of Community First but that Cllr Whinton had done so and would report back at the next meeting. The culvert at the Gt Mere will be cleared on the coming Saturday morning, 7 October.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
6. **60.06 Policing Issues:**
The person suspected of causing damage to parish property has been apprehended and is to appear in court. A public recruitment meeting for Special Constables will take place at Tidworth Police Station on 13 October at 7.00 pm. Refreshments will be available to anyone who attends the presentation.
The parish is to be allocated its own beat officer and liaison officer as from January 2007.
The Blu's 'n Zu's Disco is proving successful with 86 plus young people from the Tidworth Community Area attending the last one.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions 7.55 pm.**

County Cllr Robert Hall reported on Highway Matters and said that authority has been given by WCC for school crossing warning lights on the A338 at its junction with Chick's Lane. He expected these to be installed during the next few weeks.

The 30 mph sign in Chicks Lane has been moved back so it does not sustain damage by lorries. The closure of the section of Chicks Lane west of the village hall entrance is still under discussion and County Cllr Hall asked what is the PC's view. Cllr Cox will research views. Discussions are continuing on the street lights in Church Street: WCC may find it easier to only fund one in the first instance, strategically placed near the old Post office where there is an existing post.

County Cllr Hall has been informed that WCC are considering relocating the western speed hump in Cadley Road – councillors present made it clear it should be removed altogether as it makes passage hazardous to pedestrians from Sunton and West Farm Road

He agreed to investigate what could be done to alleviate recurring land slippage on the A346 just outside the village and a rumoured proposal by Wiltshire County Highways to put a 7 ½ ton weight limit on the A346 (Ludgershall Road) which links the A338 with the A342.

Councillors expressed concern that the mud from the landslips repeatedly block the drains and hence cause flooding and that such a weight restriction would force all heavy traffic round the church bends on the A338.

The meeting reconvened at 8.25 pm.

8. **61.06 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr Robinson presented the Financial Report for September 2006.

Letter of thanks: A letter of thanks for the PC's donation has been received from Kennet Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd.

Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2006: The External Auditor's report has now been received and will be displayed on the Parish noticeboard.

Burial Ground: It was agreed to rectify an anomaly in the Scale of Fees for the Burial Ground. Where a plot and Exclusive Right to Burial has previously been purchased the Interment Fee will be £50. Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.

The following cheques were authorised:

BJS Gardening Services £469 (returfing work on recreation ground).

J H Sedgwick £422.00 (Beech Wood 5th of 6 invoices for 2006 grass cutting season).

Tidworth Trust £277.67 (Litter patrol 3rd payment Oct - Dec 2006 less credit for May).

Mazars £293.75 (professional fees re external audit for y/e 31.3.06).

Clerk's quarterly salary £748.48 and expenses £164.19 for Jul/Aug/Sep 2006.

Marmax Products Ltd £317.25 (3 seater brown seat).

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

62.06 Planning Committee Report:

Cllr Price presented the report for September 2006. To be displayed upon the noticeboard and the parish website: www.collingbourne-ducis.com.

63.06 Property Committee Report:

Cllr Bale presented the report for September 2006.

Report of Property Committee meeting 3.10.06:

Burial Ground: Permission has been granted to the PCC to lay drain and water pipework around the south and south east boundary of the Parish Burial Ground as far as the Church path. Ground to be made good on completion and pipework to be as close to the boundary as possible so as not to interfere with future interments.

Knapp Close Play Area: A report from Aster Group (Sarsen Housing) has been received and also an independent report from RoSPA. The chairman and chair of property will respond to Aster/Sarsen confirming that maintenance work will be commissioned within the next two weeks, budgetary provision made for returfing work next spring and ownership of some overhanging trees investigated with a view to getting them cut back. Sutcliffe Play are to be asked to maintain the play area. A cheque for £74.03 payable to Playsafety Ltd was authorised for the RoSPA report.

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

Parish Noticeboard: It was agreed that the quotation of up to £1,016 from Insignia be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.

Cllr. Bale to consult with London House and place an order accordingly..

Parish Steward Scheme: This new WCC highway maintenance scheme commenced in October and the Parish Steward. Mr William Lee, will be in the village on the following dates: 9/10 October, 14 November & 8 December 2006.

Cllr Bale requested anyone who notices highway/signage damage to report it to her so it can be put on the work schedule.

Dog fouling: The parish litter picker is concerned that bags containing dog excrement are being left in the refuse bins on the recreation ground. Notices to be placed on the bins requesting the public to take it home.

9. **64.06 General Matters:**

Representative to Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Robinson resigned from this position saying that he had been unable to attend any meetings to date and would not be able to in the future. A new representative will be appointed at the November PC meeting.

Report on SPTA Parish Liaison Day: Cllrs Cox, Carter and Cogdell had attended. Cllrs Cox and Cogdell reported on the meeting on 21 September at which presentations on the implications of increased training on the eastern part of the plain, incident exercises involving training for work in Arabic countries, signage at danger areas, the Great Bustard Project and

the proposed new Eastern Access route through the Parish and associated hardstandings were given.

10. **65.06 Highway matters:** Reported above.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 2 November 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.