

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2006

Present: Cllr J Robinson (Chairman)
P Carter, P Cogdell, C Price,, A Still, A Weeks, N Whinton
County Cllr R Hall, PC Mark Randle and PC Charlotte Amos.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Bale, Cox, Chandler and Stone and Sgt Nigel Porter.
2. **74.06 Casual Vacancy:** Mr Adrian Weeks was co-opted as a member of the council to replace Cllr Paul Shields. Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Still. Agreed nem con. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Weeks who was appointed to serve on the Finance and Property Committees. Cllr Weeks signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given a form for registration of members' interests for completion and return to the Clerk.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2006 were agreed as a true record with one amendment:
Policing issues: 5th line delete "was attended by" 6th line replace "who are" with "were".
Proposed by Cllr Cogdell seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.
75.06 Matters arising: None.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
6. **76.06 Policing Issues:**
Reducing Antisocial Behaviour in Collingbourne Ducis: PC Mark Randle introduced himself and PC Charlotte Amos. He reported that Tidworth Section's crime detection rate for this year is 42.9%. All 999 response calls were within 6 – 10 minutes to the Collingbournes. A public meeting about reducing anti-social behaviour the parish is to be held at Collingbourne Primary School on Wednesday 13 December at 7.30 pm to discuss how the community may empower youths in the village to develop a facility for themselves with the appropriate assistance and guidance. Letters were delivered by the Police to each address in the village inviting the public to participate.
Police are investigating the graffiti damage to the church and Operation Active continues to investigate the illegal use of motorbikes in Collingbourne Woods.
PC Randle will take up the position of Beat Manager for this area in early 2007. He can be contacted on 07017 962999 and requested that callers leave a message and a contact telephone number. For urgent calls dial 999.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions 7.41 pm.**
County Cllr Robert reported that the County Council has no plan for a weight limit on the A346 Ludgershall Road. He will follow up the non-installation of the school crossing signage on the A338. Also the street lighting on Church Street.
District Cllr Still reported that the delay in planning permission for the old school site is being caused by the planning authority's requirement for one low cost housing unit to be included in the development.

The meeting reconvened at 7.55 pm.
8. **77.06 Finance Committee Report:**
Cllr Robinson presented the Financial Report for November 2006. As there is a balance in excess of £7,000 in the Lloyds current account he said that £3,000 would be transferred to the Scottish Widows high-interest account. He repeated his request that any councillor who anticipates an item of expenditure which is not normally included in the budget forecast inform him before the Finance Committee meets in early January to discuss the parish precept for 2007/8.

Recreation Ground tenancy fees: A cheque for the outstanding amount has been received from the Flame Lily Football Club..

Castledown under 16's Football Club has promised that a cheque for their unpaid tenancy fee will be received by the coming weekend. Cllr Robinson said if the outstanding amount is not received by 17 December a letter will be written withdrawing use of the facility.

The following cheques were authorised:

LexisNexis Butterworths £60.00 (7th edition Arnold Baker Council Administration).

G Lister (Fence Care) £217.44 (fencing repairs at Burial Ground/re-concreting finger post/replacing post on rubbish bin).

KDC £705.00 (grounds maintenance 2nd quarter).

SLCC £65 (membership renewal for 2007).

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

78.06 Planning Committee Report:

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

79.06 Property Committee Report:

Cllr Whinton presented the report for November 2006.

Bus Shelter: The bus shelter on the northbound side of the A338 by London House shop has now been removed.

Recreation Ground - Dog Fouling: This matter will be discussed at the February meeting.

Saunders Meadow Play Area: Cllr Robinson read out a letter from KDC which has been sent to each house in Saunders Meadow. This states that KDC and the Parish Council are liaising with Persimmon Homes (the current owner) to investigate the possible adoption of the play area by one or other council. Residents will be kept informed by KDC.

Parish Noticeboard: Cllr Bale is still awaiting a quotation for re-furbishing the existing notice board.

WCC Parish Steward Scheme: The next visit will take place on 8 December. All requests for work must be directed through Cllr Bale so it can be put on the work schedule.

KDC Christmas refuse and re-cycling service: All collections will be one day late during the Christmas and New Year holiday weeks. Details to be displayed on the Parish noticeboard.

9. **80.06 General Matters:**

WCC Emergency Planning Parish Exercise: This took place at Sunton Cottage on 9 November and was considered to be a very useful exercise. Cllr Robinson thanked the Clerk for the use of her home for the evening.

10. **81.06 Highway matters:** Cllr Still has received complaints about the fallen leaves on the pavements in the Cadley Road and requested that this problem be addressed. He also requested that the PC write to the property owner asking them to repair the bridge railings outside Littlebridge House and make the protruding metal pieces safe.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 4 January 2007 at 7.30 pm. (Finance only.)

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.