

COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)

Cllrs B Bale, P Carter, P Cogdell, M Cox, C Price, J Robinson, A Still, A Stone
and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr R Hall, Cllr G Chandler
2. **Casual vacancy:** There is still a vacancy for a parish councillor. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk for further information.
3. **Chairman's announcements:**

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act: Mr Eden Speller and Mr Rob Draper from KDC have provisionally agreed to attend the March meeting to explain the impact of this Act upon the parish council.

Vacancy for position of Internal Auditor: The Chairman formally offered his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Mrs Margaret Harrison for her work in this position during the past two years. As Mrs Harrison will be leaving the village the council is once again looking for someone to fill this important role. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk.

Vacancy for SEKCF representative to TDT: Any councillor who would be interested in serving as one of the two parish council representatives from SEKCF on the Management Committee of Tidworth Development Trust should contact Cllr Shields.

Kennet Action on Anti-social behaviour: A bulletin from the multi-agency group is to be circulated.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 5 January 2006:
The Minutes were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Price seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed nem con.
5.06 Matters arising: None.
5. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**
Cllrs Cox and Robinson declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.06 "Request for donation by the Great Mere Community Conservation Group" as the former is the Secretary of this organisation and the latter a member.
6. **6.06 Policing Issues:**
In the absence of a representative from Wiltshire Constabulary Cllr Cogdell gave a brief report on crime statistics. The notes on the October Police Liaison Committee meeting will be circulated. Sgt Nigel Porter has now replaced Sgt Mick Woods as the senior officer at Tidworth Section.
7. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 8.08 pm.**

The meeting reconvened at 8.15 pm.
8. **7.06 Finance Committee Report:**
Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for January 2006.
Requests for donations:

Great Mere Community Conservation Group: It was agreed to give a donation of £300 towards running expenses of the group.
Proposed by Cllr Carter seconded by Cllr Bale. Vote 5 for 4 abstentions. Carried.

Splash: It was agreed to give a donation of £50 to this organisation which provide activities for young people during school holidays.
Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Still. Agreed nem con.

Adoption of Financial Standing Orders: It was agreed to adopt financial standing orders draft copies of which had previously been circulated to councillors. Attached copy forms part of these minutes.

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

The following cheques were authorised:

Verio £128.60 (internet services).

C Price £31.94 (councillor's expenses).

Mark Gregory Bourne Property Services £650 (refurbishment /repairs to village benches).

Tidworth Trust £136.00 (litter patrol – January 2006).

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

8.06 Planning Committee Report:

Cllr Price presented the report for December 2005/January 2006. To be displayed upon the noticeboard.

9.06 Property Committee Report: Cllr Cox presented the report for January 2006.

Litter: The litter removal experiment using the operative from Tidworth Development Trust appears to be working well. As he gets on top of the litter he is finding it possible to cover a slightly larger area in the same time. He is also ROSPA qualified and will inspect the play park equipment while he is there. Cllr. Shields has more details of this experiment and will report further at the March meeting.

Recreation ground: Repairs are needed to the surface of the football pitch near the goals – this is best left until the end of season. The old long jump pit surface can be raked and seeded where it has been filled in at the same time. The Cricket Club have the replacement posts for the square ready and are waiting until the ground thaws a bit to install them. Some attention will be needed to perimeter trees. One padlock is missing on the farm end gate. Cllr Cox investigate replacing the bins, perhaps with modern hygienic ones better suited to the use they get for dog-poo.

Burial Ground: Cllr Cox to obtain quotes for repairs to the mesh fencing and for a catch to the gate at the west end which would be suitable for wheelchair users or children. He will also obtain quotes for treating the new part of the burial ground with a selective herbicide to get rid of the weeds.

Overhanging branches: There is a need for householders to cut back branches etc which overhang public highways and footpaths. The work probably needs to be done during the spring. This report will be in the March edition of the Courier and will be followed up as necessary.

Right of way, Sunton: The collapsing brickwork still has not been repaired. Cllr Cox to contact WCC again.

Teenage provision: There have been two meetings of the Working Group and teenagers attended both of them. The second one also had representatives of TDT present who have agreed to facilitate some of the action points. There is a clear thread through the discussions of the need to identify a suitable area as a meeting place teenagers can take ownership of and for provision of a hard surfaced area. Minutes of the meetings are available through Cllr Cox.

9. **10.06 Highway matters:**

Cllr Shields reported on his meeting on 1 February with Mr Ian Postlethwaite of WCC:

School warning signs: The obsolete signs by the old school site are to be removed by WCC.

Reactive signs for the new school: It seems likely that, given the PC's agreement to support this from the funds reserved for safety and traffic calming measures after the sale of Station Road, the erection of warning lights on the High Street could be implemented within the next few months.

30 mph signs on Chicks Lane: The positioning of these signs at the entrance to the Village Hall will be reviewed. Mr Postlethwaite said that WCC is still considering the possibility of closing Chicks Lane as a through road. He asked the PC to consider this matter and to sound out local opinion. Comments to Cllr Shields please.

Street lighting at Church Street bends: Funding is currently unavailable from WCC for this. The cost of each light is around £1000 installed. It may be possible to put some of the Station Road monies towards the cost perhaps on a matching basis.

Cadley Road traffic calming: Changes to the current ineffective measures cannot be considered until the planning development arrangements for Saxon Rise and Station Road are determined. Hopefully any changes would coincide with the planned resurfacing of Cadley Road in the coming financial year.

Mr Postlethwaite to send a progress report on the above matters to the Parish Clerk. Also to advise the sum total of the funds currently held by WCC for our benefit from the sale of Station Road.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 2 March 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.