

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2005

Present: Cllr P Shields (Chairman)  
Cllrs B Bale, P Cogdell, M Cox, C Price, JW Robinson,  
County Cllr R Hall, PC M Eburne and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Carter, JC Robinson and Stone.
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Robert Hall to the meeting and invited him to address the Council and members of the public later in the meeting during the Adjournment for public comments and questions.

**WCC Statement of Community Involvement:** We have received a copy of the draft Statement of Community Involvement which will be circulated to councillors for their comments during the consultation period. Non technical summaries are available for each Councillor.

**WCC "Meet and Greet" evenings:** We have received an invitation for two councillors to attend one of these evenings to be held at County Hall in Trowbridge on Thursday 23 June or Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Shields will attend on the 29<sup>th</sup> and asked that any councillor who would like to accompany him advise him after the meeting.

**CPRE Kennet Group AGM:** This will be held at Alton Barnes on Wednesday 8 June and will be followed by Will Harley speaking on Landscape Character and Kennet's new "landscape strategy". Anyone wishing to attend should contact the clerk after the meeting.

**Salisbury Plain LIFE Nature Project:** Following the initial perception survey conducted in 2001 prior to this project's commencement we are now invited by Parsons Brinckerhoff to participate again in a repeat survey as the project is nearing its end. The object of this is to gain an understanding of how Salisbury Plain is valued and to assess if the LIFE Project has altered perceptions. Questionnaires were distributed to each councillor for completion and return prior to the end of June.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 12 May 2005.

The Minutes were agreed as a true record subject to two typographical amendments.  
Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Bale. Agreed nem con.

**33.05 Matters arising:** Cllr Cox reported that he was still awaiting information from Cllr Still about the availability of Ordnance Survey maps through Kennet District Council.

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Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Price. Agreed nem con.
4. **Declaration(s) of Interest:**

Cllr Shields declared an interest in Minute No. 35.05 as he is print manager for the Courier.  
Cllr Cox declared an interest in Minute No. 35.05 as he is married to the Scout Group Leader.
5. **34.05 Policing Issues:**

PC Mark Eburne reported that this had been a quiet month in the parish, the only reported crime being a stolen 4 x 4 vehicle from the Herridge area. He warned householders to be vigilant as there are increasing numbers of itinerants in the area prior to the summer solstice.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions – 7.46 pm.**

County Cllr Robert Hall introduced himself as a retired Brigadier. During his service he specialised in arms control, negotiating with eastern block countries. He is familiar with the Collingbournes having driven through the area many times. Since retiring he has worked as County President of the St John Ambulance and is Chairman of the Army and Navy Club. As he is new to the County Council he is in the process of scrutinising its activities and learning about the subject. He plans to work with the parish councils and invited the PC to forward copies of correspondence with WCC to him so he can be aware of local matters. Cllr Shields then thanked Cllr Hall and invited him to stay for the remainder of the meeting if he so wished.

The meeting reconvened at 7.55 pm.

7. **35.05 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr JW Robinson presented the monthly financial statement for May 2005. He reported that at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26 May a cheque for £545.34 payable to Community First had been authorised being the annual insurance premium following our change of insurance provider to Zurich as agreed at the April meeting.

It was agreed that as the balance of our account at Lloyds Bank currently stands at more than £7,000 the sum of £3,000 be transferred to the high interest Scottish Widows account for the time being.

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

**Letter of thanks:** This has been received from the Great Mere Community Conservation Group thanking the PC for its donation.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collingbourne Air Scout Group:**

It was agreed that a donation of £25 be made to the Scout Group in recognition of its hard work on the litter pick on 13 May.

Proposed by Cllr JW Robinson seconded by Cllr Price. Vote 5 for 1 abstention.

**Request for donation:** It was agreed to give a donation of £300 to The Courier to go towards the costs of a replacement printer.

Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Price. Vote 5 for 1 abstention.

**The following cheques were authorised:**

Landmark Client Account re MOD ATE £20.00 (annual rent Court Farm ROW).

KDC £723.22 (grounds maintenance Jan/Feb/Mar 2005).

Gillett & Johnston £183.30 (church clock service for y/e 30.04.06).

J H Sedgwick £307.00 (Beechwood Gardening Service 2<sup>nd</sup> grasscutting payment)

The Courier £3.50 (200 A4 Flyers re Wiltshire Fire Brigade).

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

**36.05 Planning Committee report:**

Cllr Price submitted the report for May 2005. (To be displayed on the notice board.)

Cllr Cox read out a letter he had received from Kennet District Council's Senior Planning Officer outlining the reasons for the decision about the change of use of the Comrades Club site.

**37.05 Property Committee report:**

Cllr Bale presented her report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collingbourne Air Scout Group:** Thanks from the Parish Council for their litter pick on 13 May.

**Re-cycling skip service:** This month's re-cycling skips will be located at Knapp Close between 8.00 am and 10.30 am on Monday 27 June and will be for garden and cardboard waste.

Next month garden and plastic waste skips will be at Saxon Rise on Monday, 25 July between 8.00 am and 10.30 am. A full list of the proposed dates and locations is available on the parish website:

collingbourne-ducis.com and details will be posted on the parish noticeboard on a monthly basis.

**Recreation Ground trees:** Cllr Bale will be obtaining quotations for felling the leylandii trees by the tennis court after the end of July.

**Recreation facilities:** Cllr Cox reported on the meeting of the Recreation Grounds sub-committee that was held on 4 May at which there was discussion on how to bring income and expenditure more into line. Also the Bye Laws need revision. The sub-committee's recommendation is to ban dogs from the recreation ground. A plan of the recreation ground has been circulated to councillors. This matter will be on the Agenda for the next full parish council meeting.

**Burial Ground:** Cllr Shields gave an update on the current situation regarding the work which is to be undertaken by WCC's contractors Mouchel Parkman. WCC is now well in breach of the terms of the previous Lease and if nothing is heard from them in the near future the parish council will consider imposing financial penalties.

8. **38.05 Highway matters:**

**WCC Highways Meeting on 23 May 2005:**

Cllr Shields reported on the meeting which he attended with Cllr Bale. None of the planned work is going to occur in this parish. Cllr Shields had raised the issue of the dual-use footpath cycleway beside the A338 and been assured that work will be under way soon.

**Collingbourne 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge repairs:** There is some confusion as to the work start date. WCC have informed Cllr Shields that work will not start until the winter but their contractors Mouchel Parkman are anticipating a start date of 20 June 2005. Cllr Shields to follow up.

9. **39.05 General matters:**

**The Great Mere:** Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is very enthusiastic in its support of the project. They are making a public presentation at the Village Hall on 23 June at 7.00 pm.

The Governing Document of the Great Mere Community Conservation Group was approved.

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

10. **Date of next meeting:** 7 July 2005 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.