

## COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2007

Present: Cllr M Cox (Chairman)

Cllrs P Carter, G Chandler, P Cogdell, C Price, J Robinson, A Still, A Stone, A Weeks  
CCllr R Hall and PC Mark Randle

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs B Bale and N Whinton
2. **Chairman's announcements:**

**Proposed Local Government Re-organisation in Wiltshire:** Kennet District Council has written to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government indicating its unanimous belief that re-organisation of local government in Wiltshire would not be in the interest of local people.

**South-East Kennet Councillors' Forum:** A meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Ludgershall Scout Hall. Any councillor wishing to attend to advise the Clerk.

**Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members:** Details have been circulated to councillors and may be accessed online at [www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?=-1505696](http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?=-1505696) . Councillors to let the Chairman have their views as soon as possible as the closing date for comments is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

**Freedom of Information Act Publication Schemes:** These have been extended to the end of 2008 to allow the Information Commissioners Office to give more time to consider what it will be looking for in the next round of approvals. Details of this initiative can be found at [www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedomofinformation/practicalapplication/publication/schemedevelopmentmaintenanceinitiative.pdf](http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedomofinformation/practicalapplication/publication/schemedevelopmentmaintenanceinitiative.pdf)

**Parish Elections:** Polling Day is 3<sup>rd</sup> May and anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Parish Clerk. Nominations close at noon on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**KDC Local Development Framework:** A series of planning documents entitled "Shaping the Future" has been received seeking the Parish Council's view on how future planning policy should now be developed. Cllr Price to complete questionnaire.

**Provision for teenagers:** Cllr Cox reported that Paul Corkill and Paul Risborough were taking this forward.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Price seconded by Cllr Carter. Vote 6 for 3 abstentions. Carried.

**12.07 Matters arising:** None.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
5. **13.07 Policing Issues:**

PC Mark Randle reported four crimes in the parish during the past month. Travelling distraction burglars gained access to a house and stole money, a quad bike was stolen but has now been recovered, one domestic violence incident and one 999 call by a child. During the half-term holiday the police had occasion to speak to groups of children about their behaviour.

Plans are under way to run Bluz 'n Zuz Disco (non-alcoholic) on the first and last Tuesdays of each month downstairs at The Crown at Everleigh. Over the second Bank Holiday in May a Family Weekend will take place there with a Pop Idol Contest, hog roast and oral history. PC Randle then answered questions from those present. He can be contacted on 07017 962999 and requested that callers leave a message and a contact telephone number. For urgent calls dial 999.
6. **Adjournment for public comments/questions 7.52 pm.**

County Cllr Robert Hall reported that street lighting in Church Street will be provided during the coming financial year. He will pursue the fact that School Crossing Patrol lights have only been installed on the northern side of the A338 and are still awaited on the southern side.

County Cllr Hall reported on the situation relating to the WCC proposal for one Council for Wiltshire saying he was one of ten county councillors who voted against the motion. 25 authorities applied for unitary status and in March they will be advised by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government which applicants are to be assessed. District Cllr A Still expressed his concerns about the proposed new unitary authority saying KDC's revenue reserves would become accessible to a unitary authority and he feared for the future of parish councils.

KDC's council tax for 2007/8 is to be increased to 4.9% and he was one of three councillors who voted against the motion.

He urged parish councillor candidates not to miss the nomination deadline of noon on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

The meeting reconvened at 8.18 pm.

7. **14.07 Finance Committee Report:**

Cllr Robinson presented the Financial Report for February 2007.

**Letters of thanks:** These have been received from Collingbourne Ducis & Everleigh PCC St Andrews Church for £100 and Splash 2007 for £50.

**Request for donation:** Councillors wished to ascertain whether Dragonflies Pre-school was run on a charitable or commercial basis before a decision is taken regarding its request for funding support. Clerk to investigate and report back at the next PC meeting.

**Appointment of external auditor for 2006/7:** Cllr Robinson gave details of a proposal from the Audit Commission to extend the appointment of Mazars as auditor to the PC for the financial year 2006/07. The meeting was content with this proposal.

**Appointment of internal auditor:** Mrs Denise Gilford has indicated that she is prepared to take on the position of Internal Auditor and was appointed

Proposed by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Still. Agreed nem con. Clerk to write informing Mrs Gilford of her appointment.

**15.07 Planning Committee Report:**

Cllr Price presented the report for February 2007. To be displayed upon the noticeboard and the parish website: [www.collingbourne-ducis.com](http://www.collingbourne-ducis.com).

**16.07 Property Committee Report:**

**Recreation ground:** The two dog refuse bins have been removed and the PC will liaise with the Village Hall Management Committee about removing the remaining post. Cllr Bale to deal with this.

The Property Committee to meet when the three quotations for signs at each entrance to the Recreation Ground have been received. Also to discuss the issue of dogs being kept on leads. This matter to be on the agenda of the April PC meeting.

**Village War Memorial:** Clerk to obtain three quotations for repairs to the lettering.

**Knapp Close Play Park:** Chairman to provide telephone number to Clerk so she can obtain quotation for ownership signs in accordance with the agreed wording.

**Parish Notice Board:** Clerk to proceed with order when she is provided with details of the agreed quotation.

**Bus Shelter:** Cllr Chandler to research prices and funding which might be obtained.

**Saunders Meadow Play Area:**

After discussion it was agreed in principle that the Parish Council takes responsibility for the play area subject to the following three conditions:

1. The Play Area meets the standards of the current RoSPA report commissioned by Persimmon Homes and the PC has sight of this report.
2. The Parish Council is made aware of the amount of the commuted sum to be provided by KDC to cover maintenance for the next 10 to 15 years.
3. KDC to be referred to the compliance conditions included in its Notice of Full Planning Permission granted to Berkeley Homes on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1998 for development of Land off Cadley Road, Collingbourne Ducis. (Planning reference K/035527). Condition No 11 relates to the provision children's play equipment.

Proposed by Cllr Cox seconded by Cllr Price. Vote 8 for 1 against. Carried.

**17.07 Highway matters:** Cllr Cox to investigate re-aligning the junction at Cadley Road/A338 which was a condition for granting planning permission for the residential development at land to rear of 106-108 Cadley Road for Sarsen Housing and Westbury Homes Ltd.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 5 April 2007 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.